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// A special joint meeting of the Council of the City of Lynchburg and Lynchburg City School Board was held on the 4th day of November, 2014, at 7:00 P.M. in the School Administration Building Board Room, Michael Gillette, President, presiding. The following Members were present:

Present: Foster, Helgeson, Johnson, Nelson, Perrow, Tweedy, Gillette

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Absent:

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// Mayor Michael Gillette and School Board Chair Regina Dolan-Sewell welcomed everyone to the City Council and Lynchburg City School Board joint meeting.

// Dr. Scott Brabrand, School Superintendent, provided an update on the Lynchburg City Schools Comprehensive Plan. The report included information on how the schools are progressing. Dr. Brabrand explained the indicator and strategies on the following: Graduation Rate, Advance/AP/Dual Enrollment Classes, Reading Proficiency, SOL Scores, Student Attendance Record, Students Suspension, Staff Attendance and Parent Involvement.

// Assistant Superintendent of Operations and Administration Ben Copeland presented the Lynchburg City Schools Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) Projects FY 2015-2016. Mr. Copeland gave an overview of the renovation/replacement projects for the different Schools.

Anthony Beckles, Lynchburg City Schools Chief Financial Officer, reviewed the Budget Requests FY 2014 Fund Balance. Mr. Beckles stated that the FY 2014 Fund Balance is \$2,948,287.

// Director of Special Education Wyllys VanDerwerker provided information on the School Summit which focused on Lynchburg's Youth. The School Summit was designed to create a foundation for success through interagency collaboration with public and private service providers. Lynchburg's history of interagency collaboration seemed to be the foundation for success. In June 2014 the first School Summit which included Court Services, Lynchburg City Schools, Horizon Behavioral Health, and Lynchburg Human Services presented trends specific to Lynchburg's youth. The School Summit listed Three Top Challenges:

- Poverty: Home, School and Community
- Mental Health: Earlier and More Severe Issues
- Parental Engagement

The School Summit participants:

- Reviewed trends specific to Lynchburg's youth
- Identified service gaps
- Celebrated what is working
- Provide a structured opportunity for success through interagency collaboration

The School Summit work is not complete and will continue to develop a common understanding of the public and private services available in Lynchburg, while identifying shared professional development activities. The plan of action will focus on addressing the needs of Lynchburg's youth through interagency collaboration and building a foundation for grant opportunities. Plans are underway for future School Summit Sessions which are November 6, 2014, January 22, 2015 and April 2, 2015.

// Assistant Superintendent of Operations and Administration Ben Copeland provided information on the City/Schools Collaboration. Mr. Copeland stated that City/Schools collaboration in the Procurement Department was working very well and thanked the Staff of the Procurement Department for all their guidance and support. The other collaboration effort with City/Schools is in the area of Benefits which is underway. The Health Management Clinic is shared by both the City and Schools which seems to be working very well.

// Assistant Superintendent of Operations and Administration Ben Copeland gave an update on Heritage High School. He explained that Phase I and Phase II of the school project is going well and still on target.

Mr. Copeland went on to say that on November 11, 2014, at 1:00 P.M., Council, School Board Members and Staff will tour the new structure and fields at the new Heritage High School site.

// Mayor Michael Gillette and School Board Chair Regina Dolan-Sewell thanked everyone for attending the joint meeting.

// The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 P.M.

Clerk of Council