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12. Bills were examined and authority to pay them from School funds was given by Checks Nos. 725-884 in the amount of \$29,546.52
Payroll Checks Nos. 501-4591 in the amount of \$83,556.17 and
Capital Outlay Checks Nos. 5020-5400 9649-9655 in the amount of \$3,965.39.

No other business was transacted and on motion the Board adjourned.

Henry F. Rolston Wilbur S. Pence
Chairman Clerk

Harrisonburg, Va., April 12, 1955.

The School Board of Rockingham County met in the Division Superintendent's office at 9:30 a. m. The following members were present: Henry F. Rolston, Chairman, Frank R. Coffman, I. L. Flory, Jr., Elmer A. Jordan, Carl G. Showalter and Superintendent Wilbur S. Pence.

The minutes of the regular meeting were read and approved.

The following items were taken up and acted on by the Board:

1. The Board unanimously approved the following resolution concerning the School Bond issue to be voted on May 10, 1955:
24)

WHEREAS, The County School Board of Rockingham County is of the opinion that the school improvements hereinafter described must be made in order to enable the County to maintain adequate public schools, and the County School Board desires to make available the funds needed to finance the cost of such school improvements; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED by the County School Board of Rockingham County, as follows:

(1) The County School Board of Rockingham County has ascertained and hereby determines that it is necessary that County of Rockingham shall provide \$1,700,000. in addition to other available moneys, to finance the cost of school improvements in such County, including the purchase of sites for school buildings or additions to school buildings, the construction of school buildings or additions to school buildings, the furnishing or equipping of school buildings or additions to school buildings, and the erection and equipping of buildings for the storage, care and repair of school buses.

(2) Provided the Board of Supervisors of the County of Rockingham and the Judge of the Circuit Court of said County shall approve, the County School Board of Rockingham County shall contract a loan for such purpose by issuing, on the credit of said County, bonds of the County of the aggregate principal amount of \$1,700,000. payable at such time, not exceeding thirty years after their date, as the County School Board shall prescribe.

(3) Said loan shall not be contracted and said bonds shall not be issued unless and until a majority of the qualified voters of said County, voting on the question, shall vote in favor of issuing said bonds at an election to be held in the manner prescribed by law.

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(4) The Board of Supervisors of the County of Rockingham is hereby requested to approve, by appropriate resolution, the contracting of such loan and the issuance of such bonds, and to certify the action taken to the Judge of the Circuit Court of Rockingham County.

(5) The Judge of the Circuit Court of the County of Rockingham is hereby requested to approve the contracting of such loan and the issuance of such bonds and to make an order requiring the Judge of Election of said County to open a poll, at a date to be fixed in such order, and to take the sense of the qualified voters of said County on the question whether said bonds shall be issued for such purposes.

(6) The Clerk of the County School Board is hereby directed to present certified copies of this resolution to said Board of Supervisors and to the Judge of said Circuit Court.

2. The Board authorized Superintendent Wilbur S. Pence to study the policy concerning sick leave for janitors and make recommendations concerning School Board policies.

3. A group of thirty-five citizens representing the Bridgewater High School attendance area appeared before the Board in the interest of the third consolidated high school. They assured the Board that they were 100% behind the action of the Board in their plan to build this high school and that they also plan to give their support to the school bond election to be held on May 10, 1955.

4. A motion was made and passed to reduce the size of the proposed auditorium for the Turner Ashby High School from 880 to approximately 600 seating capacity. They also recommended that reduction be made in the music area and the adjoining corridor to correspond with reduction to the size of the auditorium. The Board further agreed to substitute asphalt tile in place of terraza as planned in the present drawings.

5. The Board approved the salaries for the supervisors and office staff as follows:

Name	Salary	Travel
Joel T. Kidd	5500.	600.
R. B. Alexander	5350.	600.
Beatrice Bland	4600.	400.
Hannah D. Cox	4300.	400.
J. Owen Long, Jr.	4000.	7¢ per mile
Josephine Moore	4000.	
Joe Bennington	3300.	
Mattie M. Yancey	2450.	

6. The Board set the salary of Superintendent Wilbur S. Pence for the session 1955-1956 at \$7400.00 and \$500.00 for travel.

7. The Board discussed with Mr. H. W. McCary, Principal of the Bridgewater High School and Mrs. Genevieve M. Heltzel the reported lack of co-operation by Mr. McCary on the part of Mrs. Heltzel. After hearing Mr. McCary and Mrs. Heltzel present their side of the case individually, the Board agreed to return both of them to the Bridgewater School for the session 1955-1956.

** Except in the main entrances the terraza floor will be retained

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8. A motion was made and passed to name the third proposed consolidated high school the "Turner Ashby High School."

9. The Board decided not to rent the home economics cottage at the Elkton High School unless the home economics teacher was one of the individuals involved in the renting of the cottage.

10. Mr. John M. Kline, Jr., instructor at the Montevideo High School, appeared before the Board in the interest of moving the cannery from the present elementary school building to the abandoned agricultural shop at the Keezletown School. The Board agreed to install a concrete floor in the present shop if funds could be secured elsewhere to pay the cost of making the change.

11. The Board decided to give the State Highway Department all necessary right of ways in exchange for parking area and a suitable entrance at the Park View School.

12. The Board agreed to sell to the Steele Heirs a small triangular plot on the south side of the proposed relocated road at Park View School. The price for the land would be at the same ratio the Board originally paid the Steele Heirs when purchased.

13. The Board agreed to purchase a panel truck for the county school bus shop to be used in connection with repairs to school buses away from the shop.

14. The Board authorized the Broadway High School to use a bus for the transportation of high school pupils to the University of Virginia on April 16, 1955, to attend a science meeting and exhibit. They also authorized the use of one school bus for the Bridgewater High School for the transportation of high school pupils to the Westinghouse Plant at Verona on May 5, 1955.

15. The Board reaffirmed their decision of the last meeting concerning the request of a group of citizens of the Bridgewater community concerning the allocation of a part of the school bond issue money for the building of new high school facilities at Bridgewater.

16. The Board authorized Trustee Carl G. Showalter to purchase a reel type lawn mower for the Tenth Legion School.

17. Bills were examined and authority to pay them from school funds was given by Checks Nos. 885-1081 a total of \$44,259.76.
Payroll Checks Nos. ⁴⁵⁹²⁻⁵⁰⁰⁰5401-5473 in the amount of \$84,177.19.
Capital Outlay Checks Nos. 9656-9664 in the amount of \$2,828.51.

No other business was transacted and on motion the Board adjourned.

Henry D. Polston Chairman Wilbur S. Reese Clerk