

VIRGINIA: AT THE CONTINUATION MEETING OF THE DINWIDDIE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HELD IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE EASTSIDE COMMUNITY ENHANCEMENT CENTER IN DINWIDDIE COUNTY, VIRGINIA, ON THE 26TH DAY OF MAY, 2004, AT 2:30 P.M.

PRESENT: DONALD L. HARAWAY –CHAIRMAN ELECTION DISTRICT #2
Arrived 3:41 HARRISON A. MOODY - VICE CHAIR ELECTION DISTRICT #1
ROBERT L. BOWMAN IV ELECTION DISTRICT #3
DORETHA E. MOODY ELECTION DISTRICT #4
MICHAEL W. STONE ELECTION DISTRICT #5

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Mr. Donald L. Haraway, Chairman, called the regular meeting to order at 2:39 P.M. in the Board meeting room of the Pamplin Administration Building.

IN RE: REVIEW OF AMENDED SCHOOL BUDGET FY05

Dr. Jim Lanham, Assistant Superintendent, presented the following amended School FY05 budget to the Board and citizens:

FY2005 School Budget Update
Presented to the
Dinwiddie Board of Supervisors
May 26, 2004

Original state revenue for schools	4425 ADM	\$20,123,015
New revenue based on	4425 ADM	\$21,347,546
<u>This represented increase of</u> over original Schools budget		<u>\$1,224,531</u>

New revenue based on ADM increase to	4500	\$21,670,383
<u>Increasing our ADM by 75 students netted an additional</u>		<u>\$322,837</u>
<u>Total increase in revenue in amended budget is</u>		<u>\$1,547,368</u>

Very important points:

- This is not a "windfall"
- This is not "one-time" money
- This is not all "free money" – that is, some of these funds are tied to specific program expenditures (see Appendix A)

School Board's original budget would have required \$2.1 million in additional local funding.

School Board's adopted budget trimmed this request to \$1.98 million. Original discussions with the County indicated funding of \$1 million, a possible advance of \$325,000 in ADM, and would require an additional \$400,000 in cuts. Also reflected was anticipated additional state funding of \$250,000

Actual funding from county was \$800,000

To make this budget work, the school anticipated having to:

- Cover cut from \$1 million <\$200,000>
- Cover cut from original budget <\$400,000>
- Cover ADM funding agreement <\$325,000>

Thus, to make the original budget "work" would require a series of cuts, an "ADM deal" and anticipated state funding of \$250,000 to cover a shortfall of \$1,175,000.

These cuts would have led to a very stark school budget. Appendix B outlines the cuts that were being considered to meet the original \$400,000 in cuts to balance the budget.

The cuts that would have been needed to meet the next \$200,000 deficit are outlined in Appendix C.

Even after making those cuts, the only way we could have balanced the school system's budget for FY2005 would be to obtain \$325,000 either as an advance from Supervisors or increase ADM with assurance it would be covered. We also anticipated receiving an additional \$250,000, which was the difference between the Governor's proposed budget and the first version of the House of Delegates budget. We thought we would get at least the house version of funding.

The historic agreement by the General Assembly several weeks ago changed all of these scenarios, and brings us here today.

The new revenue from the state, combined with the \$800,000 in local revenue, has allowed the school division to address long standing needs, address several budget issues identified since the first draft, plan for increasing fuel and utilities, and find permanent solutions to lingering issues including technology funding.

The increased state revenue means that most of the cuts outlined in Appendices B and C will be covered.

The increased state revenue covers the \$250,000 anticipated in the House draft. The increased state revenue shown reflects the ADM increase requested by the Board of Supervisors of approximately \$325,000.

Some downward adjustments were kept:

- Decrease of most salary increases to 3.5%
- Decrease of 1 high school FTE
- Decrease of ½ of Meade's salary
- Decrease of several smaller line items

The School Board did not use these new funds as an opportunity to increase salaries. Salary scales reflect the same position taken during the budget discussions – complete scale adjustments to teachers, bus drivers, and cafeteria workers, and hold all other increases to 3.5%. Scales and rosters are available for your review (Appendix D).

After covering the budget adjustments, cuts, and anticipated revenues from our original negotiations, and after allocating the locked funds as outlined in Appendix A, a balance of \$693,459 remained to be allocated. The School Board proposes to allocate these monies as outlined in Appendix E.

As we give these proposals final consideration, we respectfully ask that the Board of Supervisors give careful consideration to several important points.

The adjustment in revenue we have received from the General Assembly is a "once in a decade" repositioning in the formula for school funding. These are permanent funds that are now a part of basic aide allocations. If state specific program funding goes, the program goes. We do not anticipate asking the locality to continue to fund state programs that are discontinued.

This new revenue allows us to finally place instructional technology in the budget and make certain other adjustments to work-study, Special Education tuition, and FLSA funding that have in the past been met by additional ADM funding or one-time federal grants. We need to recognize this permanent funding stream for technology.

This new revenue allows us to finally fund positions that have been cut from budgets for multiple years – elementary art teachers, elementary assistant principals, additional elementary paraprofessionals.

This new revenue recognizes that there is no additional ADM money anticipated, and builds some flexibility into each category (Instruction, Transportation, and Maintenance) to meet possible shortfalls. Most notable in this area are the additional monies allotted to gasoline and electricity and an additional FTE in instruction.

We recognize that this has been a challenging budget year, and that the Board of Supervisors has been more than generous in funding an additional \$50,000 in school capital expenses, \$500,000 for school bus purchases, and \$800,000 for operating expenses.

We also know that this is a once in our career opportunity to address long-identified school needs without raising property taxes. We recognize that the state has finally accepted a greater responsibility in funding of school needs, and we will work together to insure that they continue to meet their obligations. We will continue to maximize the use of grants, one-time funds, federal funds and program specific funds to their full capacity.

We will continue to see state funding increases as enrollment grows and the full impact of the General Assembly's changes are seen in the second year of the biennium. Our calculations indicate our state revenue for FY2006 should also increase.

We need to capitalize on this change in funding philosophy from the General Assembly and fund long-identified school needs with these state funds. We do this with the understanding that this is permanent funding due to changes in the basic aid formula and reflects state funding of the Tier 1 changes in the Standards of Quality.

Finally, allowing these funds to remain earmarked for schools will be even further evidence of our joint commitment to a quality school system, responsible budgeting, and cooperation between the School Board and County Administration to work together for the good of all citizens."

Dr. Lanham requested on behalf of the School Board that the Board of Supervisors allow them to keep the funds. He also stated it is time to send out teacher contracts and they did not want to lose them and requested that the Board approve the amended budget.

Mr. Haraway told Dr. Lanham they have done a great job improving the teacher's salaries to make them compatible with the surrounding jurisdictions. He stated the School Board could expect a decrease in funding from the Board in the future. Mr. Haraway commented he knew they had been in a catch-up period but it should be over now. Dr. Lanham stated after this year the School System would be on a level plane with other localities. Mr. Haraway stated this was a lot of information and the Board needed some time to go over it before taking any action.

IN RE: CLOSED SESSION

Mr. Bowman stated I move to close this meeting in order to discuss matters exempt under section:

§2.2-3711 (A)(1) of the Code of Virginia - Personnel

Mr. Stone seconded the motion. Ms. Moody, Mr. Bowman, Mr. Stone, Mr. Haraway, voting "Aye", the Board moved into the Closed Meeting at 3:26 P.M.

Mr. Harrison Moody arrived at 3:41 P.M.

A vote having been made and approved the meeting reconvened into Open Session at 4:45 P.M.

IN RE: CERTIFICATION

Whereas, this Board convened in a closed meeting under §2.2-3711 A. 1 Personnel;

And whereas, no member has made a statement that there was a departure from the lawful purpose of such closed meeting or the matters identified in the motion were discussed.

Now be it certified, that only those matters as were identified in the motion were heard, discussed or considered in the meeting.

Upon motion of Mr. Stone, Seconded by Mr. Bowman, Mr. Bowman, Ms. Moody, Mr. Stone, Mr. Moody, Mr. Haraway, voting "Aye", this Certification Resolution was adopted.

IN RE: WORK SHOP - - "MANAGING GROWTH"

The Board met with the School Board, Planning Commission, Industrial Development Authority, and Director of Dinwiddie County Water Authority for a work shop on "Managing Growth" in the County. The County Administrator introduced Mr. Michael Chandler, Chandler Planning, and Ms. Phyllis Katz, Attorney, Sands, Anderson, Marks and Miller, who presented the following topics:

4:30pm – Welcome and Introductions

4: 40pm - Managing Growth in Virginia: The Importance of the Comprehensive Plan, Zoning and Subdivision Ordinances, CIP, and the Roles of the Planning Commission and the Board – Michael Chandler

5:15 pm - Integrating these Tools in the Management of Growth – Phyllis Katz

5:45 pm - Dinner – Questions and Answers

6:15 pm - Paying for Growth: The Role of Proffers and Conditional Zoning – Michael Chandler

7:00 pm - Taxing Districts, Community Development Authorities, Land Use Taxation, Conservation Easements, and other vehicles for shaping growth – Phyllis Katz

7:30 pm - Planning Collaboratively - Setting the blueprint for the future, today: School Board, IDA, Planning Commission, and Board of Supervisors

7:50 pm - How to Make this Work

8:00 pm - Adjourn

IN RE: CLOSED SESSION

Mr. Moody stated I move to close this meeting in order to discuss matters exempt under section:

§2.2-3711 (A)(1) of the Code of Virginia - Personnel

Mr. Stone seconded the motion. Mr. Bowman, Ms. Moody, Mr. Stone, Mr. Moody, Mr. Haraway, voting "Aye", the Board moved into the Closed Meeting at 8:02 P.M.

A vote having been made and approved the meeting reconvened into Open Session at 9:36 P.M.

IN RE: CERTIFICATION

Whereas, this Board convened in a closed meeting under §2.2-3711 A. 1 Personnel;

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Now be it certified, that only those matters as were identified in the motion were heard, discussed or considered in the meeting.

Upon motion of Mr. Stone, Seconded by Ms. Moody, Mr. Bowman, Ms. Moody, Mr. Stone, Mr. Moody, Mr. Haraway, voting "Aye", this Certification Resolution was adopted.

IN RE: DISCUSSION OF AMENDED SCHOOL BUDGET FY05

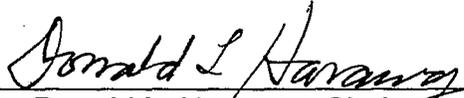
The Board stated they wanted to come in at 2:00 P.M. on June 1, 2004 for a workshop on the school budget.

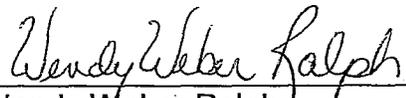
There was a short discussion between the Board members regarding the salary scales of the County employees, School System employees, Constitutional Officer's employees and those of the surrounding localities. They were concerned about the disparity between similar jobs. The Board instructed the County Administrator to contact Virginia Tech to see how quickly they could do a salary scale study and also get a quote on the costs. Mrs. Ralph stated the Board had taken action to bring the Constitutional Officer's employees under the County plan and this would be a good time to include them in the review.

The Board was also interested in what other localities were funding for contributions to the School System, in the future, and also wanted to know what new State funding was earmarked for particular programs. They were concerned about the future debt requirements for school construction and at what point the School Board would feel funds should be returned to the County.

RE: ADJOURNMENT

Upon Motion of Ms. Moody, Seconded by Mr. Stone, Mr. Stone, Mrs. Moody, Mr. Bowman, Mr. Moody, Mr. Haraway voting "Aye", the meeting adjourned at 9:56 P.M. to be continued to 2:00 P.M. June 1, 2004 for a work shop on the amended School budget for FY 05 in the Multi-purpose Room in the Pamplin Administration Building.


Donald L. Haraway, Chairman

ATTEST: 
Wendy Weber Ralph
County Administrator

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