

The Bath County School Board met in a Joint Work Session with the Board of Supervisors on Tuesday, February 21, 2017 at 6:30 P.M. at School Administration Building.

PRESENT:

Mr. Bryan J. Secoy, Board Chairman
 Mr. Eddie H. Ryder, Board Vice-Chairman
 Mr. Roy W. Burns, Board Member
 Mrs. Rhonda R. Grimm, Board Member
 Mrs. Carlyn Sue F. Hirsh, Division Superintendent & Clerk
 Mrs. Sharon P. Fry, School Board Deputy Clerk

Mr. Richard B. Byrd, Supervisors Chairman
 Mr. Edward T. Hicklin, Supervisors Vice-Chair
 Mrs. Claire A. Collins, Supervisors Member
 Mr. Stuart L. Hall, Supervisors Member
 Mr. Phillip B. Perdue, Supervisors Member
 Mr. Ashton N. Harrison, County Administrator

Mr. Secoy, Board Chairman, called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. with all members present except Mrs. Lowry. **16-17: 195
CALL TO ORDER**

On motion by Mr. Burns and seconded by Mrs. Grimm, the Board (4-0 vote) added *Item 5. A. - Closed Meeting to the agenda.* **16-17: 196
APPROVE OR
AMEND AGENDA**

There were none to be heard. **16-17: 197
PUBLIC COMMENTS**

FY2017-2018 Budget / CIP

Mr. Rider, Business Manager, provided an overview of the Budget Draft document. The powerpoint presentation included the following worksheets: Changes in Health Insurance Costs, Changes in Virginia Retirement System Costs, Current Budget Plan, Salary Improvement Options, Revenue and Expenditures. **16-17: 198
ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

Included in the Current Budget Plan:

- Governor's Introduced Biennial Budgeted Revenues based on ADM of 515.
- 2% salary increase.
- Health Insurance at projected enrollment and 10% increase.
- VRS and its associated benefits at projected rates.
- Scale development utilizing regionally comparative data as discussed in previous years (\$28,434 w/benefits).
- Central Office Secretary scale based on a Springsted study completed by the County in 2015 (\$21,575 w/benefits).

**16-17: 198 (Con't.)
ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

- Reclassification of employees across categories due to attrition.
- Addition of Custodian (\$37,507 w/benefits).
- One 77 Passenger School Bus - \$94,123.
- Door locks at both elementary schools and exterior doors at VES - \$68,899.
- 20 Year roof coating at Millboro Elementary School - \$46,550.

The budget draft totaled \$11,474,048 resulting in an overall increase of \$404,485 (3.65%) over the current year budget. Mrs. Hirsh said she expected cuts in federal funding.

Referencing the CIP, Mrs. Hirsh said the top three capital improvements requests are:

1. paving the parking lot at BCHS
2. elementary school door locks and exterior doors
3. roof coating at MES.

Due to safety concerns and faulty classroom door locks, Mrs. Hirsh referenced Agenda Item 4.C. – Revenue. Mrs. Hirsh said the schools are slated to receive an unexpected grant from FERC in the amount of \$47,533.44. Mrs. Hirsh plans to request an appropriation from the Board of Supervisors in order that these funds go toward completion of Item 2 – elementary school door locks and exterior doors. This item would then be removed from the FY2018 CIP. The difference between the total cost of \$68,899 and \$47,533.44 would remain in the FY2018 budget.

EMT Program

Mrs. Hirsh noted the EMT program is not included in the budget and she asked the Board of Supervisors for direction as no recent meetings have occurred. Mr. Byrd said he saw a budget of \$100,000 and thought it needed more information and study. Mr. Byrd said our state revenues are down; our federal revenues are down and our county revenue looks worse. Mr. Harrison said changes to the EMT licensure system could render a high school EMT program less practical as the intermediate level faces elimination. Mr. Byrd recommended keeping it in the book, keeping the page marked, and not moving forward at this time. School Board members and Board of Supervisors agreed a proposed EMT program at BCHS should not move forward at this time.

Revenue**National Forest Receipts Distributed Pursuant to the Federal Power Act (FERC)
Federal Fiscal Year 2016**

Mrs. Hirsh reported an unexpected grant award for FERC Hydro Power Act in the amount of \$47,533.44. Referencing previous CIP discussion, Mrs. Hirsh asked to remove \$68,899 from the FY2018 CIP as the grant award for FERC would be used for elementary school door locks.

Joint School-County Projects

1. Grounds Maintenance

Mrs. Hirsh said an additional custodian is included in the budget to mow grass and perform outside work such as snow removal. Mrs. Hirsh said outdoor work keeps custodians from completing their duties inside the buildings. She asked the supervisors if this is a position we could look at as a joint position between County and Schools?

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ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

Mrs. Hirsh referenced an earlier efficiency study indicating the high school custodial department was understaffed. With the additional eight-acre county visitor center, Mr. Harrison said the Parks & Recreation Department could benefit by having a third employee to assist with programs and maintenance. Mr. Byrd suggested the hiring of a county employee to perform outside maintenance at the schools and Parks & Recreation maintenance. He suggested the employee be supervised by Parks & Recreation Director. Mr. Byrd asked Mrs. Harrison to work with Mark Nelson, Parks & Recreation Director, to develop a proposal for a full time Parks & Recreation maintenance employee to be shared with the schools.

Mrs. Hirsh and Mr. Harrison plan to discuss possible dates for the next Joint Work Session.

**16-17: 199
FUTURE MEETING
DATES**

On motion by Mrs. Grimm and seconded by Mr. Ryder, the Board (4-0 vote) convened in a closed meeting at 8:01 p.m. to consider a student and staff discipline matter.

**16-17: 200
CLOSED MEETING**

On motion by Mrs. Grimm and seconded by Mr. Burns at 8:50 p.m., the Board came out of the closed meeting and certified (4-0 vote-roll call) that, to the best of each member's knowledge, only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed; and only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened were heard, discussed, or considered.

**16-17: 201
CERTIFICATION OF
CLOSED MEETING**

No action was taken.

**16-17: 202
ACTION FOLLOWING
CLOSED MEETING**

On motion by Mrs. Grimm, the Board (4-0 vote) adjourned the meeting at 8:51 p.m.

**16-17: 203
ADJOURNMENT**


BRYAN J. SECOY, CHAIRMAN


CARLYN SUE F. HIRSH, CLERK