

The Bath County School Board met in a Joint Budget Work Session with the Board of Supervisors on Wednesday, March 31, 2106 at 5:30 P.M. at Bath County High School – Mertz Career & Technical Center.

PRESENT:

**Mr. Roy Burns, Board Chair
Mrs. Rhonda R. Grimm, Board Member
Mr. Eddie H. Ryder, Board Member
Mr. Bryan Secoy, Board Member**

**Mrs. Claire Collins, Board of Supervisors Chair
Mr. Richard Byrd, Board of Supervisors Vice-Chair
Mr. Stuart Hall, Board of Supervisors Member
Mr. Eddie Hicklin, Board of Supervisors Member
Mr. Matthew Ratcliffe, Board of Supervisors Member
Mr. Ashton Harrison, County Administrator**

**Mrs. Carlyn Sue F. Hirsh, Division Superintendent & Clerk
Mrs. Sharon P. Fry, School Board Deputy Clerk**

The meeting was called to order at 4:33 p.m. with all School Board members present except Mrs. Grimm who arrived at 4:46 p.m. Mrs. Lowry was unable to attend due to a medical conflict. **15-16: 257
CALL TO ORDER**

On motion by Mr. Stuart Hall, the Board of Supervisors called the meeting to order at 4:33 p.m. (4-0 vote, Mrs. Collins arrived at 6:35 p.m.)

Refreshments were provided by Mrs. Adaline Hodge’s Culinary Art Program. Mr. Burns thanked Mrs. Hodge and students for the delicious refreshments.

On motion by Mr. Ryder and seconded by Mr. Secoy, the Board (3-0 vote) approved the Agenda as presented. **15-16: 258
APPROVE OR
AMEND AGENDA**

There were no comments to be heard. **15-16: 259
PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mrs. Hirsh invited individuals to visit the newly designed Bath County Schools facebook page. She shared information on the following successes in all three schools: **15-16: 260
BCPS SUCCESSES**

1. VES Destination Imagination (DI) team moving on to further challenges
2. BCHS KidWind program moving to national competition in New Orleans
3. MES participated in the Children’s Engineering Project at Hotel Roanoke

Mr. Ed Ozols (Technology), Mr. Larry Grubbs (Electricity), Mr. Joey Altizer (Carpentry), and Mrs. Jane McMullen (Business) provided a tour and KidWind presentation to both Boards.

**15-16: 261
KIDWIND PROGRAM
PRESENTATIONS**

CIP Projects (\$166,000)

Mrs. Hirsh provided an update on funds provided by the Board of Supervisors to complete capital projects items.

**15-16: 262
CAPITAL PROJECTS
UPDATE**

- Band uniform payment to be made in the near future
- BCHS parking lot recently surveyed
- New carpet installed in the BCHS auditorium
- Stage curtains to be installed later this month (school budget paid for stage inspection and new rigging)
- VES restroom partitions are being installed
- Joint fuel station hardware ordered

Mr. Burns opened the budget discussion and asked the Board of Supervisors if they had any questions regarding the school budget. The following two questions were asked by Board of Supervisors members.

**15-16: 263
BUDGET 2016-17
DISCUSSION**

1. Mr. Ratcliffe noted the budget included a HVAC technician and he asked how repairs and maintenance were taken care of now.

Mrs. Hirsh and Board members responded saying the schools have a maintenance contract with Valley Boiler. Dependent upon the problem, different people are contacted. Mr. Burns said a technician would provide continuity and become familiar with facilities. According to Mrs. Hirsh, having a technician would allow our Maintenance Director to take care of other items that need attention/repair more quickly. Mr. Ryder suggested the county use the technician as well.

2. Mr. Hicklin asked the School Board if they could prioritize their needs.

Mr. Burns responded saying he felt positively about all the requests in the budget, but the Board could prioritize.

Once funds are appropriated, Mrs. Collins said it is up to the School Board to determine where funds will be spent.

Board member discussion included, but was not limited to:

- Health insurance premium costs
- Benefits of hiring a HVAC electrical
- Full time CTE Director position
- 2016-17 school budget based on 530 students
- Revenue
- Composite index

Mr. Harrison said expenses for the county are about \$1 million more than the county will receive in revenue. He said it is not looking good on the revenue side.

**15-16: 263 (Con't.)
BUDGET 2016-17
DISCUSSION**

Mr. Burns said he wanted to be sure the Board of Supervisors understood the thought process behind requests in the school budget. Mr. Byrd said the Board of Supervisors had not met with the County Administrator regarding the school budget and he was not going to ask his Board to speak yet.

Non-resident Students

2016-17 budget is based on 530 students (45 are non-resident). School Board has pledged that non-resident fees be waived for SY2016-17.

**15-16: 264
OTHER**

Milestone Communications (cell tower revenue)

Not close to making a decision at this time.

EMT Program

A committee meeting date of April 20th had been suggested, but Mrs. Hirsh said a conflict would require an alternate meeting date. DSLCC would like to be included in the meeting.

Revenue Received

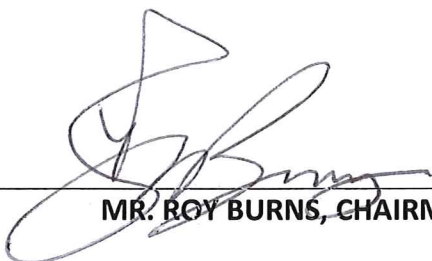
Approximately \$88,000 has been received in unanticipated Forest Reserve funds.

BCHS Football/Soccer Field

Mrs. Hirsh said the School Board plans to ask the supervisors for a supplemental appropriation since that money can only be spent on schools.

On motion by Mr. Ryder and seconded by Mr. Secoy, the Board (4-0 vote) adjourned the meeting at 6:19 p.m.

**15-16: 265
ADJOURNMENT**



MR. ROY BURNS, CHAIRMAN



CARLYN SUE F. HIRSH, CLERK