

Minutes
Board of Supervisors
Joint Meeting with the School Board
March 21, 2016

Members Present: Johnny Woodward, Chairman At-Large
D. Keith Guzy, District 1
David Wiatrowski, District 2
Mark Stroupe, District 3
Larry Foltz, District 4
Dorothy Pendley, District 5 (Arrived at 7:00 p.m.)

School Board
& Staff Present: Dr. Morgan Phenix, Chairman At-Large
Randy Bailey, District 1
Rolf Gubler, District 2
Sharon Lucas, District 3
Shawn D. Printz, District 4
Jackie Sullivan-Smoot, District 5
Donna Whitley-Smith, Superintendent
Linda Breeden-Wallace, Clerk

Staff Present: Amity Moler, County Administrator
Regina Miller, Assistant to the County Administrator

Call to Order:

Chairman Johnny Woodward called to order the meeting of the Page County Board of Supervisors 5:30 p.m. in the Conference Room located in the Page County Government Center, 103 South Court Street, Luray. A quorum of the Board was present.

Closed Session: 5:35 p.m.

Motion: Supervisor Guzy moved that the Page County Board of Supervisors convene in closed session under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act: for discussion of the award of a public contract involving the expenditure of public funds to the RSW Regional Jail Authority, and discussion of the terms or scope of such contract, where discussion in an open session would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the Authority, pursuant to Section 2.2-3711(A)(29) of the Code of Virginia. Supervisor Stroupe seconded and the motion carried by a vote of 4-0. Aye: Woodward, Guzy, Stroupe, Foltz. Nay: None. Absent: Wiatrowski, Pendley.

(Clerks note: Supervisor Wiatrowski arrived at 5:35 p.m.)

Exit Closed Session: 6:26 p.m.

Motion: Supervisor Guzy moved the closed meeting be adjourned and the Page County Board of Supervisors reconvene in open session. Supervisor Foltz seconded

and the motion carried by a vote of 5-0. Aye: Guzy, Wiatrowski, Stroupe, Foltz, Woodward. Nay: None. Absent: Pendley.

Recess: 6:30 p.m.

Chairman Woodward recessed the meeting until the joint meeting with the School Board scheduled for 7:00 p.m.

Reconvene: 7:00 p.m.

Chairman Woodward reconvened the meeting in the Board of Supervisors Room located in the Government Center, 103 South Court Street, Luray, Virginia.

Certification of Closed Meeting:

To the best of my knowledge (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under Section 2.2-3711 (A) of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened were heard discussed or considered in the meeting.

Recorded Roll Call Vote:

	<u>AYE</u>	<u>NAY</u>	<u>ABSENT</u>	<u>ABSTAIN</u>
D. Keith Guzy, Jr.	X			
David Wiatrowski	X			
Mark Stroupe	X			
Larry Foltz	X			
Dorothy Pendley			X	
Johnny Woodward	X			

Chairman Woodward asked all to stand for the *Pledge of Allegiance* and the Invocation was given by Supervisor Wiatrowski.

Call to Order – School Board:

School Board Chairman Phenix called to order the joint meeting of the School Board and Board of Supervisors on behalf of the School Board. He noted all School Board members were present and asked for all to participate in a moment of silence followed by the *Pledge of Allegiance*.

Chairman Phenix thanked the Board of Supervisors for having this meeting to discuss the Schools Budget. He said in the coming days a document will be presented that will be a reflection of their strategic plan.

Donna Whitley- Smith, School Superintendent, said the School Board and the Board of Supervisors have similar challenges that include debt service, maintenance and replacement obligations and fair compensation for their employees. Presenting a deeper understanding of how they have created a budget based on mandates and needs will help develop a partnership that moves forward.

Quality Indicators

Mrs. Whitley-Smith said the quality indicators are how the systems describes its success. They are as follows:

- Achieve full accreditation at all schools.
- Provide meaningful opportunities to ensure career and college readiness.
- Maintain safe, secure learning environments.

Strategic Plan Goals:

She then reviewed the Strategic Plan Goals:

- Competitive Compensation for Employees.
- Competitive Academic Opportunity for Students.
- Common Sense Investment in Infrastructure (Transportation, Mechanical, Building).

What's New – Since 2005:

She also reviewed the following:

- Security Challenges.
- Higher standards in academic achievement.
- High intensity, high needs students.
- Data collection, management, analysis, reporting.
- Technology.
- Connectivity.
- Workforce demands are different.

Mrs. Whitley-Smith then presented a spreadsheet with the Valley budget comparisons, which showed the surrounding counties percentage of local funding, as well as the per student local contributions. She broke down the three strategic plan goals by current reality and FY2017 priority.

School Board Member Shawn Printz explained the community budget survey which was a survey done in Page County by the citizens. The survey asked several questions to determine what the citizens felt was the most important areas to fund. He also talked about the staff turnover in the past few years, and salary and health insurance cost per teacher. He compared Page County salary and benefits with surrounding counties. Mr. Printz also discussed the retirement cost as well as state funding.

School Board Member Jackie Sullivan-Smoot spoke about division staffing ratio and proposed reductions. She explained that the number of students in each class is mandated by the state, which determines the number of teachers hired. Also, the state mandates course requirements that have to be taught. She continued to say that student numbers are not in stone, they come and go, which affects state funding, as well as number of teachers needed. She also showed the programming losses at the middle schools.

School Board Member Sharon Lucas said that the bus fleet is aging and provided a graph to show the age and the year each bus was purchased. Mrs. Lucas explained the ten year transportation procurement plan.

Realities & Mandates:

Mrs. Whitley-Smith said these items are realities and mandates and will impact the FY 2017 budget request:

- VRS Increase – additional cost of (\$97,606)
- Federal Revenue Adjustment – loss of (\$65,622)
- State SOQ Support - \$159,730
- Projected decline in ADM – 40 X \$6,198 per pupil = (\$247,920)
- 15 staff reductions to reflect ADM loss - \$673,195
- Assuming cost of ASC – additional cost of (\$20,000)
- Decline in E-rate Funding – (\$40,000)

Mrs. Whitley-Smith confirmed the full budget will be presented to the Board of Supervisors on March 24, 2016.

(Clerks note: Supervisor Wiatrowski left at 8:59 p.m.)

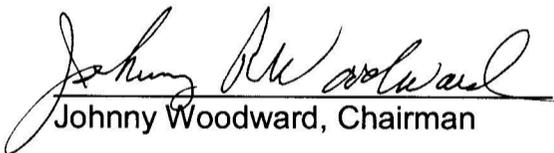
Dr. Phenix indicated that he would like to have a liaison committee, with two members from each Board and to schedule meeting dates.

Chairman Woodward said that the discussion of the liaison committee would be put on the Board's next work session agenda.

Adjourn: 9:23 p.m.

Dr. Phenix adjourned the School Board.

With no further business, Chairman Woodward adjourned the Board of Supervisors meeting.


Johnny Woodward, Chairman


Amity Moler, County Administrator