

Minutes
Board of Supervisors
Budget Work Session
March 27, 2019

Members Present: Morgan Phenix, Chairman At-Large
D. Keith Guzy, Jr., District 1
David Wiatrowski, District 2
Mark Stroupe, District 3
Larry Foltz, District 4
Jeff Vaughan, District 5

Staff Present: Amity Moler, County Administrator
Regina Miller, Assistant County Administrator
Dennis Click, Director of Finance

Call to Order:

Chairman Morgan Phenix called to order the budget work session of the Page County Board of Supervisors on March 27, 2019, at 7:00 p.m., in the Board of Supervisors Room located in the Page County Government Center, 103 South Court Street, Luray. The Call to order was followed by a Moment of Silence and the *Pledge of Allegiance*.

(Clerk's Note: Supervisor Wiatrowski arrived at 7:04 p.m.)

School Budget Presentation:

Dr. Wendy Gonzalez, School Division Superintendent, presented the proposed school budget for fiscal year 2020. Michele Mines, Director of Finance, highlighted that the amended FY 2019 budget projects their state revenues at \$21,685,252, which is a decrease of \$97,148 from the current FY 2019 approved budget. The average daily membership (ADM) is projected at 3,175 for 2020, which is down slightly from this year's ADM of 3,205. She continued and said the FY 2020 proposal includes a one-time compensation supplement of a 3% raise from the total 5% required for this year and next year for SOQ positions; projected decrease of \$63,772 in other revenues; decrease in federal funding of \$57,806 due mainly to the loss of Title V; and, decrease in state funding of \$7,634. The net impact to their biennium budget is a total decrease in state funding of \$104,781. It is projected that state funding for FY2020 will be \$22,314,726, based on an ADM of 3,175. The total decrease in state funding over the FY2018-20 biennium budget is \$104,781. Regarding Federal funds, it is projected that they will be level, with the exception of Title V funding, which will not be funded. Other revenues are projected to be \$1,547,000, which reflects a decrease mainly due to the Medicaid funding. The total requested budget for FY2020 is \$40,638,473.

Dr. Gonzalez outlined the expenditure mandates:

- Salary Increases - \$672,000 (Raises for all staff including the mandated 3% of the total 5% biennium requirement for SOQ positions)
- English Teachers - \$115,000 (SOQ Requirement – 24:1 student/teacher ratio; 13 sections out of compliance)
- IT Technicians - \$130,000 (SOQ Requirement – 1 per every 1,000 students; 1.5 positions out of compliance)
- Computer Science - \$60,000 (SOQ Requirement – New graduation requirement for all students)

She reviewed the expenditure needs:

- Kindergarten Aides - \$65,000 (LES K enrollment approaching SOQ violation)
- Health Insurance - \$240,000 (Claims exceeding premium income)
- SRO-PCTC - \$15,000 (Joint grant with Page County Sheriff's Department)
- Social Worker - \$30,000
- Student Drug Testing and Counseling - \$11,000

She reviewed the expenditure wants:

- Elementary Encore (1 Art, 1 Music) - \$115,000 (Move from 6 day to 4 day schedule; Afford division wide joint planning; Eliminate shared positions to minimize travel)
- Secondary Math Teacher - \$55,000 (Lost advanced Math offerings)
- Middle School Tutorial Program - \$4,200
- Elementary Instructional Coach & Reorganization - \$80,000
- Central Office Reorganization - \$22,300
- Content Lead Teacher Stipends - \$24,000

She highlighted a savings of \$287,009:

- Reorganization of positions through retirement (4)
- Reorganization of positions through reduction in force (3.5)
- Repurpose of current positions (2)
- Use of Federal program funds
- Master schedule changes

Dr. Gonzalez then discussed the investment in infrastructure. The school system is not supposed to have any buses over 15 years old and most of theirs are over 20 years. They need to get on a system where they request two buses a year. The cost for new two buses, with air conditioning will cost \$210,000. The technology upgrades request was at \$106,000, communications upgrades at \$33,000, and capital improvements at \$566,000. She proposed that the school system needs to maintain an updated 10-year Capital Improvement Plan that is regularly shared with the Board of Supervisors with: current building(s) footage and age; upgrades with life expectancies, age, and costs estimates; projects mapped out by years with same information; preventative

maintenance rotated on regular basis; and, include classifications of need as safety, operations, and aesthetics. In addition, she proposed that there should be a separate operational budget from the capital improvement budget and that that the Board of Supervisors allow a carryover of local funds to go directly in the Capital Improvement Budget to continue the work. Lastly, she highlighted the total budget request in the amount of \$1,617,384.

Recess: The Board took a brief recess at 8:53 p.m.

Reconvene: Chairman Phenix reconvened the meeting at 9:04 p.m.

Budget Discussion:

The Board discussed the proposed budget for FY 2019-2020

(Clerk's Note: Supervisor Wiatrowski left the meeting at 9:38 p.m.)


Motion: Supervisor Guzy moved to cancel the budget meeting scheduled for March 28, 2019. Supervisor Stroupe seconded and the motion carried by a vote of 5-0. Aye: Guzy, Stroupe, Foltz, Vaughan, Phenix. Nay: None. Absent: Wiatrowski.

Adjourn: 10:08 p.m.

With no further business, Chairman Phenix adjourned the meeting.



Morgan Phenix, Chairman



Amity Moler, County Administrator