

April 27, 2010

At a special meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Prince Edward County, held at the Court House, thereof, on Tuesday the 27th day of April, 2010; at 4:00 p.m., there were present:

Howard M. Campbell

William G. Fore, Jr.

Don C. Gantt, Jr.

Robert M. Jones

Charles W. McKay

Howard F. Simpson

Jim R. Wilck

Mattie P. Wiley

Also present: Wade Bartlett, County Administrator; and Mable Shanaberger, Treasurer.

Chairman Fore called the reconvened meeting to order, stating its purpose was regarding the Prince Edward County School Budget and for a budget work session.

In Re: FY11 Prince Edward County School Budget

Supervisor Simpson made a motion to approve the Prince Edward County FY11 School Budget in the amount of \$26,698,807 as presented with the caveat that any carry-over funds be kept in the General Fund until the School Board presents a plan for how the funds will be spent on the athletic fields. The local contribution to the schools for FY 11 is \$7,913,044.

Discussion followed on how the funds are appropriated to the schools. Mr. Bartlett said it is appropriated annually by category, on motion of the approval of the school budget. Discussion followed.

Chairman Fore then asked for the vote on Supervisor Simpson's motion to approve the Prince Edward County FY 11 School budget as presented; the motion carried:

Aye: Howard M. Campbell
William G. Fore, Jr.
Don C. Gantt, Jr.
Robert M. Jones
Charles W. McKay
Howard F. Simpson
Jim R. Wilck
Mattie P. Wiley

Nay: None

Supervisor Wilck asked for clarification on what the School Board is required to present regarding their plans for the athletic fields; Supervisor Simpson said the School Board is to bring estimates for the restoration of the fields to the Board of Supervisors.

In Re: War Memorial Addition

Chairman Fore said that because of the publicity, another person has come forward with a name they would like added to the memorial.

Mr. Bartlett said Kenneth Clarke is a native of Prince Edward County, born in 1948, and was killed in hostile fire zone in Viet Nam in 1969. He said Mr. Clarke's home of record is Richmond, but he was named as Platoon Leader of Recruits from Farmville, VA. He grew up near Moore's Ordinary Road on the Prince Edward County side of the road.

Supervisor Gantt made a motion to add the name of Kenneth Clarke to the War Memorial plaque; the motion carried:

Aye: Howard M. Campbell
William G. Fore, Jr.
Don C. Gantt, Jr.
Robert M. Jones
Charles W. McKay
Howard F. Simpson
Jim R. Wilck
Mattie P. Wiley

Nay: None

In Re: Work Session

Supervisor Gantt said he will work during the coming year to see improvements made in the budget for next year. He added there must be accountability from the School Board.

Supervisor Simpson made a motion to hold a joint meeting with the Prince Edward County School Board on a quarterly basis beginning June 2010, to discuss budget items and any other school concerns; the motion carried:

Aye:	Howard M. Campbell William G. Fore, Jr. Don C. Gantt, Jr. Robert M. Jones Charles W. McKay Howard F. Simpson Jim R. Wilck Mattie P. Wiley	Nay: None
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Supervisor Campbell asked another Board member to attend a meeting at the Pamplin Fire Department with the Prince Edward Firefighters Association to discuss possible fire department funding changes; Chairman Fore and Mr. Bartlett agreed to attend.

Supervisor Wiley said constituents expressed their support of a two-cent to four-cent increase in the real estate tax rate provided the schools remain level-funded.

Supervisor Jones suggested a two-cent increase in property taxes and a \$10 increase in the Motor Vehicle License Tax, which would raise \$190,000. Mr. Bartlett said that would leave a deficit of \$110,000 from what the four cent tax increase would raise, but there is a \$180,000 balance in the recommended budget and the budget could absorb that amount.

Supervisor Gantt asked about transferring accounts from a bank with higher charges to one that has lower fees. Mrs. Mable Shanaberger, Treasurer, said she is waiting for a proposal to come from BB&T to determine which financial institution can offer the best service and best price to the County. Further discussion followed.

Ms. Cindy Wahrman, Finance Director for Prince Edward County Schools, asked for clarification on what information the Board of Supervisors will require at the quarterly meetings.

Supervisor McKay said the Board would like reports on the progress the school is making; he said the Board would be glad to help in any way it can. Supervisor Wilck added he would like to know how the state mandates are working. Mr. Bartlett asked the School Board to share any information and requirements received from the state.

Mr. Stanley Jones, Interim Acting Superintendent, thanked the Board of Supervisors for supporting the school system.

On motion of Supervisor Wilck and adopted by the following vote:

Aye:	Howard M. Campbell	Nay: None
	William G. Fore, Jr.	
	Don C. Gantt, Jr.	
	Robert M. Jones	
	Charles W. McKay	
	Howard F. Simpson	
	Jim R. Wilck	
	Mattie P. Wiley	

the meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.