

March 15, 2011

At a reconvened meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Prince Edward County, held jointly with the School Board of Prince Edward County, in the Prince Edward County Schools Career and Technical Center, Eagle Drive, Farmville, Virginia, on Tuesday, March 15, 2011 at 5:00 p.m., there were present:

Board of Supervisors

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

School Board

Russell L. Dove, Chairman  
Susan S. Lawman  
Linda L. Leatherwood  
Lawrence C. Varner  
Harriett Fentress  
Ellery Sedgwick  
Osa Sue Dowdy  
Thomas M. Tillerson

Also present: Wade Bartlett, County Administrator; Sarah Elam Puckett, Assistant County Administrator; Stanley Jones, Division Superintendent; Dr. K. David Smith, Superintendent; and Cindy Wahrman, Division Director of Finance.

Chairman Dove called the School Board to order.

Chairman Fore called the Board of Supervisors to order at 5:00 p.m., as a reconvened meeting in order to meet with the Prince Edward County School Board to discuss the school budget.

Supervisor McKay offered the invocation.

Following dinner, Dr. Smith thanked the Board for its support and the level funding; Ms. Cindy Wahrman gave an overview of the budget proposed for FY 2011-2012.

Ms. Wahrman said state revenues are down \$615,485, and federal funding has a net increase of \$122,286. She stated Virginia Retirement System payments will increase \$310,340 and Health Insurance costs will rise \$56,800. Overall the school will have a FY12 funding reduction of \$860,339.

Actions required to absorb this reduction included:

- Not filling five unfilled positions saving \$253,820
- Eliminate four part-time and two full-time positions, saving \$140,360
- Eliminating one-time ARRA expenditures, saving \$350,655

These actions will save \$744,835. She reviewed additional reductions totaling \$487,250 and additional funding for \$70,500. Taken together those actions produced \$301,246 in funds that would be available in FY12.

Supervisor Wiley inquired about the cost of a 2% pay increase; Dr. Smith said the 2% increase in pay with the benefits attached would cost \$333,700. Discussion followed on the forecast for the 2012-2013 budget year.

Discussion followed on an article stating the school needed \$5-10 million for the athletic department; Supervisor Jones said the article referred to Dr. Smith meeting with the Planning Commission on the capital needs for the school. Dr. Smith said \$5 million was for the athletic complex; he added the critical needs are related to the roof repair or replacement and the HVAC replacement. He then discussed improvements made in the athletic complex to date.

Discussion followed on various ways to conserve energy and expenses.

Dr. Smith responded to a question regarding Cambridge; he said there has been a positive difference and they are providing targeted professional development, coaching and support. The representative is present almost full-time.

Dr. Smith said that the proposed budget allows the support that they need to make the improvements necessary while not allowing the extravagance to lose focus or lose sight of priorities on increasing student achievement and improving the programs offered to the children. He added that they are appreciative of the funding the Board is providing and the ability to have open dialog with the Board of Supervisors.

In Re: Adjournment

Chairman Fore thanked Chairman Dove, Dr. Smith and the members of the School Board for dinner.

Discussion followed on student attendance.

Supervisor Gantt made a motion that the County provides \$1,600 for four game systems for attendance prizes to be divided among the four buildings, with funding to be provided from the Recreation Fund. Following some discussion, the motion carried:

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

Nay: None

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

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

Nay: None

the meeting was recessed at 6:25 p.m. until Thursday, March 17, 2011 at 6:00 p.m.