

March 15, 2018

At the special meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Prince Edward County, held at the Prince Edward County High School Library, 1482 Zion Hill Road, Farmville, VA, thereof, on Thursday, the 15th day of March, 2018; at 5:30 p.m., there were present:

Board of Supervisors

Pattie Cooper-Jones, Chair
David Emert
Robert M. Jones
Odessa H. Pride
C. Robert Timmons, Jr.
Jerry R. Townsend
Jim R. Wilck

School Board

Beulah M. Womack, Chair
Dr. Peter Gur
Lucy B. Carson
Dr. Timothy W. Corbett, Sr.
Elzora Glenice Stiff
Cainan D. Townsend

Also present: Wade Bartlett, County Administrator; Dr. Barbara A. Johnson, Superintendent; and Cindy Wahrman, Division Director of Finance.

Chairman Cooper-Jones called the special meeting to order as the Joint Meeting with Prince Edward County School Board.

Dr. Barbara Johnson, Superintendent, presented a review of the proposed School Budget for 2018-2019. She said this is a culmination of everything we see for the strategic plan for the children in Prince Edward County. Dr. Johnson reviewed successes, following are just a few of the many accomplishments at the schools: developed a division-wide vision (United In Excellence) and mission (“We are an inclusive student centered community that is focused on aspiring confident, knowledgeable and productive citizens who are empowered to lead”); implemented breakfast in the classroom; earned over \$10,000 in grant money for STEM; students have revived a drama club and won a Region Two Theater Competition and the History Olympiad two years in a row.

Dr. Johnson stated there are several things that while she wouldn’t change steps taken to get to this point, there are steps to take in moving forward, such as reviewing instructional outcome data before implementing division wide programs; focus on changing the culture of the division; and focus on strategic professional development.

Dr. Johnson then reviewed the Executive Summary, Budget Development, and Strategic Priorities. She discussed teacher retention, workplace skills, and long term instructional and operational

goals. She said since the House and Senate have not met to come up with a budget, the schools have not been able to budget but have prepared three budget highlights.

Dr. Johnson then reviewed proposed budget comparisons; she said there are significant cuts in the state and federal funding. She said in order for the schools to get to the proposed budget, it will require an increase from the County. The Governor's budget provides the best scenario and the Senate provides the worst.

Cindy Wahrman, Director of Finance, stated as with any year, state budgets are going to take away funds from one area to add it to another area. She pointed out areas where the House, Senate and Governor's office have provided different amounts in funding in different areas of the budget.

Discussion followed regarding ADM and how it is computed by the State.

Dr. Johnson said they are changing to block scheduling and anticipate the need for a math teacher and a foreign language teacher. At the elementary level, it is anticipated there will be a need for Special education teacher. A technology technician and growing the [Technology] department must wait for another year. She reviewed further staffing needs and the teacher's salary scale in comparison to others in the region.

Dr. Johnson said the health insurance cost increased by 25% this year. Mrs. Wahrman said the Schools pay 80% of the single and 20% for each dependent, with the 250, 500 and the "High Deductible" Plans. Discussion followed on the health insurance offered by Prince Edward County Schools and possible reductions available.

Dr. Johnson said the school staff is working hard for the children. She stated that their purpose is to improve instruction and their mission is for the children to graduate and have choice.

On motion of Supervisor Townsend, seconded by Supervisor Pride, and adopted by the following vote:

Aye:	Pattie Cooper-Jones	Nay:	None
	J. David Emert		
	Robert M. Jones		
	Odessa H. Pride		
	C. Robert Timmons, Jr.		
	Jerry R. Townsend		
	Jim R. Wilck		

the meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.