

November 2, 2010

At a special 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, the 2nd day of November, 2010; at 6:00 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
Mattie P. Wiley

School Board

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

Not present: Jim R. Wilck, Harriett Fentress

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

Chairman Dove called the School Board to order. Mr. Tillerson offered the invocation.

Chairman Fore called the Board of Supervisors to order at 6:05 p.m. stating the purpose is to meet jointly with the Prince Edward County School Board.

Following dinner, the School Board recognized the students involved with the dinner.

In Re: Traffic Safety Improvements

Dr. Smith asked for Board support to build Alternate Route 628 to improve the Routes 628/15/460 intersection. He also asked the Board to request VDOT update the 1999 study and include the traffic impact on the Route 460 ramp. Mr. Bartlett gave an update on Granite Falls and the Alternate Route 628 project. He said the final design for the Alternate 628 project is \$65,000; this is eligible for the Revenue Sharing Grant. This would allow for advertisement for construction bids in February 2011; the bid package will be an additional \$15,000.

Supervisor Simpson made a motion to authorize the County Administrator to complete the engineering with Hurt & Proffitt on Alternate Route 628 and appropriate the funds to complete the engineering, up to \$65,000.

Supervisor Jones asked if the plans are good indefinitely; Mr. Bartlett said the Board could consider a special service district to fund Alternate 628 construction. The assessment applies only to the area that would see an immediate benefit.

Supervisor Campbell asked if Mr. [Robert] Fowler is paying \$50,000; Mr. Bartlett said the County paid that but if he goes forward with the project, he will pay the portion of the Revenue Sharing that would normally be paid by the County.

Chairman Fore returned to Supervisor Simpson's motion, to authorize the County Administrator to complete the engineering with Hurt & Proffitt on Alternate Route 628 and appropriate the funds to complete the engineering, up to \$65,000; the motion carried:

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

In Re: Resolution in Support of Mathews County

After some discussion, Supervisor Gantt made a motion to approve the resolution in support of Mathews County regarding K-12 educational mandates; the motion carried:

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

In Re: Declining State Revenue – Loss of Stimulus Funds

Ms. Wahrman said there is a \$242,000 anticipated shortfall due to the reduced ADM. Enrollment on March 31 determines the final FY11 budget figures; for FY 12, there is an anticipated revenue shortfall of \$407,136.00. Federal ARRA funds were not used for positions, but for programs and training, technology and ten special education tutors as temporary positions. Ms. Wahrman said in FY12, the state and ARRA revenue reduction is \$1,044,164.

Mr. Bartlett asked if the reductions will affect employees; Ms. Wahrman said the federal cuts will not, but it is not yet clear if the state funding cuts will affect the employees.

In Re: Education Jobs Fund – Short-Term Hiring

Dr. Smith reported several positions will be filled using Jobs Funds money to secure targeted specialized positions in areas of known weakness within the schools. These are short term, grant-funded positions that are not intended to be continuing after the Jobs Fund money timeframe runs out. Ms. Wahrman said the schools received a \$698,370 total award. Discussion followed regarding positions to be hired and/or supplemented. These are restricted funds for salaries and benefits only and cannot be used for any position within the school.

In Re: Capital Improvement Projects

Dr. Smith presented a review of the priorities and past expenditures.

In Re: Carryover – FY 2009 Unspent Funds/Escrow

Ms. Wahrman reported carryover funds for FY 2009 of \$377,413 (verified), and for FY 2010 of \$61,034 (unverified). Chairman Fore stated everyone else that had money left over turned it over to the County. Mr. Dove said the School Board requests the Board of Supervisors consideration to re-appropriate the carry-over to the schools.

Supervisor Jones asked how it would be spent and asked for a submission to the Board of Supervisors. Discussion followed.

Supervisor Gantt requested a copy of recommendations from Cambridge, specifically which were implemented, and why were the others not implemented. Dr. Smith said he will share the findings when complete.

In Re: School Turnaround Update

Ms. Wahrman said the funding for the high school falls under the School Improvement Grant, which is a three year funded program (FY 2011-FY 2013); the amount changes each year. These are restricted funds and must be used to pay Cambridge, personnel benefits, purchased services, travel to conferences and meetings to learn to do to work with Cambridge and their materials. The personnel and benefits are not for teachers' salaries; they are for what is used in conjunction with Cambridge.

Dr. Smith said three years of grant funding have prevented the burden falling on the local taxpayers for the turnaround efforts. Through the partnership of Cambridge and the use of the additional funds, significant strides in the quality of the educational services provided can be made in the high school which will also spill over into the middle and elementary schools. He then discussed the current "S.O.A.R. to Success" program at the high school. Discussion followed.

Mr. Bartlett said the Cambridge program has brought about more parental and community support for the schools. "The schools cannot do it alone; no matter how good a teacher is, there's got to be parental assistance. Without that, it's going to fail." Discussion followed.

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

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

the meeting was adjourned at 8:39 p.m.