

March 6, 2012

At the special meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Prince Edward County, held at the Prince Edward County Vo-Tech Center, 1419 Zion Hill Road, Farmville, Virginia, on Tuesday the 6st day of March, 2012; at 5:30 p.m., there were present:

Board of Supervisors

William G. Fore, Jr., Chairman
Howard F. Simpson, Vice Chairman
Howard M. Campbell
Pattie Cooper-Jones
Don C. Gantt
Robert M. Jones
Jim R. Wilck

School Board

Russell L. Dove, Chairman
Susan S. Lawman
Harriett Fentress
Linda L. Leatherwood
Dr. Ellery Sedgwick
Darin Thomas
Lawrence C. Varner

Absent: Charles W. McKay, Board of Supervisors; Osa Sue Dowdy, School Board

Also present: Wade Bartlett, County Administrator; Dr. K. David Smith, Superintendent; Cindy Wahrman, Division Director of Finance; and Angela Foster, Board Clerk.

Chairman Fore called the special meeting to order as a joint meeting with the Prince Edward County School Board.

Chairman Dove called the School Board meeting to order.

Ms. Nancy Grasso, President at Strategic Employee Benefit Services, reviewed the benefits and drawbacks of combining the insurance of the County offices and the County schools. She explained Self-Funded Plans for health insurance. Discussion followed on the process taken to switch to a Self Funded Plan.

Supervisor McKay entered the meeting during the presentation.

The Board concurred to have an evaluation done on the insurance claims to determine if the Self Funded Plan would be beneficial for the County.

Dr. Smith and Mrs. Wahrman discussed updates to the Legislative process and a comparison between the Governor's budget, the House budget and the Senate figure, even though the Senate has not passed a budget. He also reviewed the reductions that may have to be made in the school budget if additional funding does not become available. Mrs. Wahrman stated the Governor's budget presents a state revenue reduction of \$709,000; in addition,

\$904,000 will be lost from federal funding, which gives a total reduction of \$1.6 million. She said with the reduced revenues and increased expenditures, the school is facing a \$2.8 million loss.

Supervisor Wilck questioned the amount having been \$2.3 million; Mrs. Wahrman said it had been a \$3.1 million loss because of the health insurance increase. Further discussion followed.

Ms. Wahrman reviewed the financial and program reductions. Dr. Smith said the program reductions are based on an analysis of the effectiveness of that program and a lack of student achievement gains over time. Discussion of the ROTC program and budget cuts that were made over the past two years followed.

Discussion followed on VRS.

In Re: Closed Session

Supervisor Gantt made a motion that the Board convene in Closed Session for the purpose of discussing the acquisition of real property related to the Alternate Route 628 road project, pursuant to the exemption provided for in Section 2.2-3711(A)(3) of the *Code of Virginia*; the motion carried:

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

The Board returned to regular session by motion of Supervisor Gantt and adopted as follows:

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

On motion of Supervisor Simpson and carried by the following roll call vote:

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

The following Certification of Closed Meeting was adopted in accordance with the Virginia Freedom of Information Act:

WHEREAS, the Prince Edward County Board of Supervisors convened a closed meeting on this date pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote and in accordance with the provisions of The Virginia Freedom of Information Act; and

WHEREAS, Section 2.2-3712 of the *Code of Virginia* requires a certification by this Board of Supervisors that such closed meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Prince Edward County Board of Supervisors hereby certifies that to the best of each member's knowledge, (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the closed meeting to which this certification resolution applies, and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the closed meeting were heard, discussed, or considered by the Prince Edward County Board of Supervisors.

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

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

the meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.