

**Joint Meeting of the
Pittsylvania County Board of Supervisors
and the
Pittsylvania County School Board
Tuesday, February 18, 2020**

VIRGINIA: The Joint Meeting of the Pittsylvania County Board of Supervisors and the Pittsylvania County School Board was held on Tuesday, February 18, 2020, in the Main Conference Room of the County Administration Building in Chatham, Virginia 24531. Robert W. Warren, Chairman, called the Meeting to Order at 3:30 p.m. The following Board Members were present:

Joe B. Davis
Timothy W. Dudley
Ben L. Farmer
William "Vic" Ingram
Charles H. Miller, Jr.
Ronald S. Scarce
Robert W. Warren

The following School Board Members were present:

J. Samuel Burton
Calvin D. Doss
George V. Henderson
Don C. Moon
Cassandra F. Crump
Raymond C. Ramsey
Kevin W. Mills

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Dr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Scarce, to approve Agenda, which was unanimously approved by Board Members present.

New Business

(a) Review of School Division's Budget Requests

Dr. Mark Jones, Superintendent of Pittsylvania County Schools, presented to the Board the School's Budget Requests for the upcoming year. Dr. Jones highlighted some information about the School Division. There are twenty (20) schools with approximately 9,000 students. There are 1,537 part-time and full-time employees and 200 buses that travel approximately 2 million miles annually. The County Schools have eighteen (18) of eighteen (18) schools meeting full accreditation requirements, which gives them 100% compared to the State average of 92%. He also highlighted the Nationally Recognized Schools of Mt. Airy Elementary, Tunstall High, and Union Hall Elementary as being Blue Ribbon Schools. There were eight (8) divisions and 175 schools who earned the Board of Education Distinguished Achievement Award and three (3) were in the County's School Division. They were John L. Hurt Elementary, Tunstall High, and Union Hall Elementary.

Mt. Airy Elementary and Union Hall Elementary also earned the 2019 Board of Education Continuous Improvement Award. Dr. Jones also spoke on their STAR Program that is located inside of Chatham Elementary and Chatham Middle Schools. There was a total CSA savings of \$1,183,747 in 2019-2020 due to this Program. Their Ready for Success Program has two (2) teachers, two (2) aides, two (2) child specific assistants, and one (1) therapeutic counselor. This Program has had a CSA funding savings of \$3,010,000.

Ms. Worley presented the School's Budget information and stated the additional anticipated State revenues from the Governor's proposed FY20 - 21 Budget is \$3,485,14.02. The Schools total proposed operating Budget for FY20-20 is \$94,637,567.84. The desired priorities for the FY20 - 21 Budget are the final phase implementation of the Compensation Study and a step for June 20, 2019 and 2020, two (2) licensed clinical social workers, two (2) attendance clerks, non-SOL tutoring, two (2) teaching positions, one (1) PCTC teaching position, replace computers in School Administrative Offices, upgrade and replace security cameras throughout the division, maintenance operating expenses, school security administration fee increase (10.5%), and PCTC clerical assistance. These priorities total \$4,080,584.02. The additional local funds needed to meet the School Board priorities is \$1,337,500. Ms. Worley also stated HB 395 and SB 7 propose an increase to the minimum wage to \$10 per hour effective July 1, 2020, with a phase-in to \$15 per hour by July 1, 2025. This could cause a potential cost to PCS in FY20-21 of \$337,800 that is not included in the priorities.

Dr. Jones also stated that Kentuck Elementary School has mobile units and many students receive their daily instruction there. Some students are not able to use Chromebooks to do a varied number of activities like their other peers inside the building, because there is currently no Wifi in those units. Dr. Jones also stated the High School ball fields need new upgraded lighting and poles to meet the current recommended standards and this would come at a cost of \$1,436,000. Mr. Warren asked if the Schools had reached out to DRF to see if they would be willing to help fund this project. Dr. Jones stated they had not, but they would reach out to see what the possibilities are. There was consensus of both Boards for Mr. Smitherman and Dr. Jones to get together and investigate those possibilities.

Adjournment

Mr. Warren adjourned the Meeting at 4:17 PM.