

VIRGINIA:

A FY 2017-18 Joint Budget Work Session of the Lancaster County Board of Supervisors and the Lancaster County School Board was held in the Administrative Building Board/Commission Meeting Room of said county on Thursday, March 30, 2017.

Board of
Supervisors

Members Present:

William R. Lee, Chair

Ernest W. Palin, Jr., Vice Chair

F. W. Jenkins, Jr., Board Member

Jason D. Bellows, Board Member

B. Wally Beauchamp, Board Member

School Board

Members Present:

Dr. Robert Westbrook, Chair

Audrey Thomasson, Vice Chair

Robert Smart, Board Member

Joan Gravatt, Board Member

Kenya Moody, Board Member

Mr. Lee and Dr. Westbrook called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

BUDGET CONSIDERATION

Ms. Whitney Barrack, Finance Director for Lancaster Public Schools, stated that not much had changed since the last meeting, except that they had received the Governor's approved budget and the revenues and expenditures have been changed. She stated that they are still asking for a decrease in local funding of \$12,736 and an overall decrease in expenditures of \$282,442. She stated that everything else is basically the same.

Mr. Steve Parker, Superintendent for Lancaster Public Schools, stated that this budget was about as lean as they could get. He stated that the way school budgets work is that eighty percent is personnel, fifteen percent is non-discretionary and that leaves about five percent to work with. He stated that he cannot guarantee that they can continue to cut

the budget or keep it level. He stated that Whitney Barrack and John Mann had done incredible work with the budget and finding the savings.

Mr. Parker stated that he wanted to address the salary increase for teachers. He stated that they have worked to try to catch up with the regional levels for teacher salaries. He stated that he knew that Northumberland and Essex counties had proposed increases this year as well.

Mr. Parker referred to the current administration and stated that they will probably see their Medicaid reimbursements dry up.

Ms. Barrack stated that the reimbursements had been declining.

Mr. Lee referred to the salaries and asked if the gap between the other localities was staying the same or getting wider.

Mr. Bellows replied that it depends on where a teacher is on the scale.

Ms. Barrack stated that a first year teacher is at the top of the lower half, but as a teacher goes up in the salary scale, Lancaster is near the top in salaries.

Dr. Westbrook stated that it is critical to have an approved budget early for better teacher selection.

Mr. Parker stated that he could not recall what meeting last year the schools asked if the Board would approve the instructional category, so they were able to offer positions to candidates. He stated that they would like to get a blessing to offer contracts.

Mr. Pleva stated that the language should be “approve contracts subject to appropriation”.

Mr. Lee stated that they could do that, like last year.

There was discussion on when to hold the public hearing on the school budget.

Mr. Palin made a motion to schedule the Public Hearing on the FY 2017-18 School Budget on Thursday, April 20, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

VOTE:	William R. Lee	Aye
	Ernest W. Palin, Jr.	Aye
	F. W. Jenkins, Jr.	Aye
	Jason D. Bellows	Aye

B. Wally Beauchamp Aye

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Mr. Beauchamp to adjourn the Board of Supervisors' meeting.

VOTE:	William R. Lee	Aye
	Ernest W. Palin, Jr.	Aye
	F. W. Jenkins, Jr.	Aye
	Jason D. Bellows	Aye
	B. Wally Beauchamp	Aye

Motion was made by Ms. Thomasson and seconded by Mrs. Gravatt to adjourn the School Board meeting.

VOTE:	Robert Westbrook	Aye
	Audrey Thomasson	Aye
	Joan Gravatt	Aye
	Robert Smart	Aye
	Kenya Moody	Aye