

**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 Public Schools Annex Building of said county on Thursday, February 9, 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, was absent.

Mr. Lee and Dr. Westbrook called the meeting to order.

**BUDGET CONSIDERATION**

Ms. Whitney Barrack, Finance Director for Lancaster Public Schools, stated that she wanted to go over some budget highlights. She referred to the expenditure side and stated that they wanted to give a 1.5 percent increase plus a step for all teachers and a three percent increase for all other staff. She stated that VRS has an increase of 1.66% and the Regional SPED tuition has been reduced by \$150,000. She stated that there is an increase in the dual enrollment tuition as well. She stated that, overall, the expenditures have been decreased by \$275,756.

Mr. Steve Parker, School Superintendent for Lancaster County, stated that an early college academy will allow high school students to take dual enrollment classes while attending Lancaster High School. He stated that the goal is for the class of 2019 to have 20 students receive their Associate's Degree before they graduate high school or shortly thereafter. He stated that this has been approved by the Department of Education.

He stated that another reason for the Dual Enrollment tuition increase is because Rappahannock Community College has raised its tuition.

Ms. Barrack referred to the revenue side of the school budget and stated that there is a projected decrease in state funding of \$73,322 and a projected decrease in federal funding of \$79,739. She stated that the decrease in other funding included the programs of Kids First and E-rate, which continue to shrink every year.

There was discussion about the percentage of state lottery funds going towards public education.

Ms. Barrack referred to teacher salaries and stated that her graph showed current salaries, proposed salaries and what other surrounding localities' salaries were.

**CLOSED SESSION**

Motion was made by Mrs. Gravatt for the School Board to enter into closed session. Mr. Palin made a motion to enter into closed session to discuss matters exempt from the open meeting requirements of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act. The subject matters to be discussed were Acquisition of Real Property, § 2.2-3711.A.3 and Potential Award of Public Contract, § 2.2-3711.A.29 of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended. The subject and purpose falls within the following exemptions under § 2.2-3711.A.3 (discussion or acquisition of real property for a public purpose where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the School Board) and § 2.2-3711.A.29 (discussion of the award of a public contract involving the expenditure of public funds, including interviews of bidders or offerors, and discussion of the terms or scope of such contract, where discussion in an open session would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the School Board.)

VOTE:	Robert Westbrook	Aye
	Audrey Thomasson	Aye
	Joan Gravatt	Aye
	Robert Smart	Aye
VOTE:	William R. Lee	Aye
	Ernest W. Palin, Jr.	Aye
	F. W. Jenkins, Jr.	Aye
	Jason D. Bellows	Aye

B. Wally Beauchamp            Aye

**RECONVENE**

Motion was made by Mrs. Gravatt to reconvene the open meeting for the School Board. Mr. Palin made a motion to reconvene the open meeting for the Board of Supervisors.

VOTE:	Robert Westbrook	Aye
	Audrey Thomasson	Aye
	Joan Gravatt	Aye
	Robert Smart	Aye
VOTE:	William R. Lee	Aye
	Ernest W. Palin, Jr.	Aye
	F. W. Jenkins, Jr.	Aye
	Jason D. Bellows	Aye
	B. Wally Beauchamp	Aye

**CERTIFICATION**

**WHEREAS**, the Lancaster County School Board and the Lancaster County Board of Supervisors convened in a joint closed meeting on February 9, 2017 pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote on the motion to close the meeting to discuss Acquisition of Real Property, § 2.2-3711.A. 3 and Potential Award of Public Contract, § 2.2-3711.A.29 of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act;

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

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Lancaster County School Board and the Lancaster County Board of Supervisors hereby certifies that, to the best of each member’s knowledge, (1) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act were heard, discussed or considered in the closed meeting to which this certification applies and (2) only such public business matters as were identified in the motions by which the closed

meeting was convened were heard, discussed or considered in the meeting to which this certification applies.

Motions were made by Mrs. Gravatt and Mr. Palin to certify the closed meeting.

Before a vote is taken on this resolution, is there any member who believes that there was a departure from the requirements of number 1 and number 2 above? If so, identify yourself and state the substance of the matter and why in your judgment it was a departure. There was no comment.

A roll call vote was taken:

**ROLL CALL**

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

**ROLL CALL**

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

This certification resolution is adopted.

No action taken on the closed meeting matters.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion was made by Mr. Jenkins 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 Mrs. Gravatt and seconded by Mr. Smart to adjourn the School Board meeting.

VOTE:                      Robert Westbrook                      Aye

Audrey Thomasson                      Aye

Joan Gravatt                      Aye

Robert Smart                      Aye