

VIRGINIA:

A Public Hearing on the proposed FY05 Lancaster County School Board Budget held by the Lancaster County Board of Supervisors was held in the courthouse of said county on Wednesday, April 21, 2004.

Present: Patrick G. Frere, Chair
B. Wally Beauchamp, Vice Chair
Peter N. Geilich, Board Member
Ernest W. Palin, Jr., Board Member
William H. Pennell, Jr., County Administrator

Others

Present: Randolph Latimore, School Board; Robb Hoff, Rappahannock Record

Mr. Frere called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

PUBLIC HEARING

FY05 School Board Budget

Dr. Latimore provided a summary of the school board budget and said the school board adopted the salary scales recommended by the Board of Supervisors.

Dr. Latimore stated the school attributes its recent successes to low pupil/teacher ratios.

George Simmons stated he was concerned about increased taxes to community. It is getting more difficult for long-term property owners to continue ownership of family lands in the face of increasing real estate taxes.

Cundiff Simmons said he thinks last year's formula accommodated school funded needs. There need to be comparison of 2004 verses 2005. Mr. Simmons provided a spreadsheet for the members of the Board of Supervisors demonstrating his perspective on the increased request for funding by the School Board.

Bruce King stated he was concerned with ensuring that a consolidated purchasing system was in place to ensure the lowest price possible is being paid for by the schools.

The public hearing was closed.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Mr. Pennell asked the board to agree to the establishment of a ListServ on which Lancaster County citizens may enroll and receive periodic news reports from the county administration. The Board of Supervisors agreed by consensus that Mr. Pennell may continue with his plans to establish the ListServ.

Mr. Pennell reported that Mr. Frere and he will attend the opening session of the Virginia State Chamber of Commerce annual meeting to be held on May 6, 2004 at the Tides Inn. Mr. Frere will give a welcoming address to the attendees.

Mr. Pennell reported that new rules from the Virginia Department of Health require a licenses waterworks operator collect the monthly water samples from all public water supplies. The Health Department/Social Services building qualifies for needing a licenses waterworks operator. Mr. Pennell has negotiated with Mr. Lee Capps, Town Manager, Town of Kilmarnock, to have one of their licensed operators collect and submit the monthly samples. The town will charge \$75 per month for this service and will agree to provide additional technical assistance for a rate of \$50 per hour whenever requested by the county.

Mr. Geilich made a motion to approve the agreement with the Town of Kilmarnock for the required monthly water testing at the Health Department and Social Services.

VOTE: Patrick G. Frere Aye
 B. Wally Beauchamp Aye
 Peter N. Geilich Aye
 Ernest W. Palin, Jr. Aye

CLOSED MEETING

Motion was made by Mr. Frere to enter into a closed meeting to discuss matters exempt from the open meeting requirements of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act. The subject matter to be discussed in the closed meeting is Acquisition of Real Property. The purpose of the closed meeting is to discuss the acquisition of Real Property, §2.2-3711.A.3 of the Code of Virginia. The subject and purpose falls within the following exemptions under §2.2-3711.A of the Code of Virginia.

VOTE: Patrick G. Frere Aye
 B. Wally Beauchamp Aye
 Peter N. Geilich Aye
 Ernest W. Palin, Jr. Aye

RECONVENE

Motion was made by Mr. Frere to reconvene in open session.

VOTE: Patrick G. Frere Aye
 B. Wally Beauchamp Aye
 Peter N. Geilich Aye
 Ernest W. Palin, Jr. Aye

CERTIFICATION

WHEREAS, the Lancaster County Board of Supervisors convened in a closed meeting on this date, pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote on the motion to close the meeting to discuss Real Property, §2.2-3711.A.3 of the Code of Virginia, the Virginia Freedom of Information Act;

WHEREAS, Section 2.2-3711.1 of the Code of Virginia requires a certification by the board of supervisors that such closed meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia law;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that 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 motion by which the closed meeting was convened were heard, discussed or considered in the meeting to which this certification applies.

Motion was made by Mr. Frere to certify the closed meeting. A roll call vote was taken:

VOTE: Patrick G. Frere Aye
 B. Wally Beauchamp Aye
 Peter N. Geilich Aye
 Ernest W. Palin, Jr. Aye

This certification resolution is adopted.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Mr. Geilich to adjourn.

VOTE:	Patrick G. Frere	Aye
	B. Wally Beauchamp	Aye
	Peter N. Geilich	Aye
	Ernest W. Palin, Jr.	Aye