

VIRGINIA:

A meeting of the Lancaster County Board of Supervisors was held in the School Board Conference Room of said county on Friday, May 25, 2001.

Present: F. W. Jenkins, Jr., Chairman
Cundiff H. Simmons, Vice Chair
Patrick G. Frere, Board Member
B. Wally Beauchamp, Board Member
Donald O. Conaway, Board Member

William H. Pennell, Jr., County Administrator

Mr. Jenkins called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

FY02 SCHOOL BUDGET

Mr. Wiggins, Chairman, School Board, gave a summary of the budget process to date.

Mr. Pennell handed out budget synopsis, which included the approved FY01 amount and the appropriated FY01 amount.

Mr. Simmons stated that last year there were proposed appropriated amounts of \$200,000 for school buses and debt service reduction.

Mr. Chamberlain discussed the importance of teacher salaries. He said without the salary increase Lancaster County will go below Westmoreland.

Mr. Simmons stated there was 50 – 61 fewer students this school year and cost of loss of students. He asked why does Lancaster County spend more per student than other jurisdictions? He said York County spends \$6,250 per student verse the \$8,700 that Lancaster County spends per student.

Mr. Conaway arrived.

Mr. Latimore stated he could not answer that without knowing more about the York County School system.

Mr. Frere asked how does one measure “better education”.

Mr. Simmons said it was not necessarily test scores or higher education.

Mr. Chamberlain said that he agreed that funding was not the answer to “better education”.

Mr. Wiggins asked Mr. Jenkins to identify the Board of Supervisors’ goals for the schools in Lancaster County?

Mr. Jenkins said provide sufficient funding for the schools.

Mrs. Carter asked Mr. Jenkins what do his constituents say to him?

Mr. Jenkins stated he gets mixed messages from his constituents. He said he has more working people in his district than some of the other board members and also has some interested in paying more taxes if that would improve the schools. Constituents with suggestions typically do not bring them to the school board because of fear of retaliation.

Mr. Conaway asked if the purpose of this meeting was to finalize the budget?

Mr. Frere said the proposed budget approved last year \$11,672,605, local funds \$7,006,611, add loss of state funds \$198,342, subtract school buses minus \$202,000 with a total of \$6,992,833.

The total amount to implement new teacher salary scale would be \$235,607.

Mr. Beauchamp inquired about several line items that appear to have significant funding left in them.

\$7,006,611 local funds
+ 198,342 loss state funds
- 203,397 school buses
\$7,001,556

Mr. Frere made a motion to adopt the total school budget at \$11,469,208 with 7,001,556 local and \$203,397 to the capital improvement budget for buses as a “bottom line” budget.

VOTE: 5 – 0 Aye.

There was further discussion about tax increases necessary to fund the budget.

Mr. Jenkins asked to find economies for future years because of loss of funding.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Mr. Simmons to adjourn the meeting until May 31, 2001 at 7:00 p.m. at the General District Courtroom for Board of Supervisors regular session.

VOTE: 5 – 0 Aye.

Attest: _____
County Administrator