Minutes of March 20, 2014 Joint School Board Budget Meeting

The continued meeting of the Lunenburg County Board of Supervisors was held jointly with the Lunenburg County School Board on Thursday, March 20, 2014 at 7:00 pm at the Lunenburg Middle School, Tomlinson Road, Victoria, Virginia following a meal shared by both Boards.

The following Board of Supervisors members were present: Supervisors David Wingold, Alvestor Edmonds, Robert Zava, Edward Pennington, County Administrator Tracy M. Gee, and Assistant to the Administrator Nicole Clark. Supervisors Charles R. Slayton, Frank Bacon, and T. Wayne Hoover were not present.

School Board Vice-Chairman, Kathy Coffee, called the School Board meeting to order.

School Board members Kathy Coffee, James Duffy, Beverley Hawthorne, Ada Whitehead, Elizabeth Williams, and Amy McClure were all present. Chairman Barry Carnes was not present.

Chairman Pennington called the meeting to order.

Mrs. Myra Quicke and Mr. Douglas Jost presented the Year 1 Reconciliation Report for the TRANE energy performance saving contract for the Lunenburg County Public Schools. The TRANE contract accompanied the bond issued for the School Energy Efficiency Project. Mr. Jost reported that the program saved $92,308 in energy and water related reductions during the first annual reconciliation period of August 1, 2012 through July 31, 2013. The Schools also realized $57,495 of savings during the installation period, for a total energy saving to date of $149,803.

Mr. Tom Palmore, Director of Finance for Lunenburg Public Schools, delivered a presentation on the School Budget and asked that the Board to flat fund at an amount of $3,239,616. Their total budget increased to $16,789,553. Mr. Palmore noted the reasons for increases. They include VRS rates, GLI rates, RHCC, health insurance, fleet, property, & liability insurance, debit payments, salary increases (step only), two school buses, HVAC units, salary scales for nurses, and restoring a reading specialist position.

Mrs. Dora Wynn, School Superintendent, thanked Mr. Palmore for his presentation and noted that the school budget has been adopted by the school board. She added that the schools have many wants and needs and asked the Board of Supervisors to do the best they could for the schools.

Discussion followed concerning the budget Chairman Pennington noted that no decisions will be made as to the Budget allocation until the finance committee can meet and the Board of Supervisors have discussed the total County budget for FY2015.

The school board closed their meeting.
Supervisor Edmonds made motion, seconded by Supervisor Wingold and unanimously approved, to enter Closed Session citing Virginia Code Section §2.2-3711A7 Consultation with legal counsel and briefings by staff members or consultants pertaining to actual or probable litigation.

CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED SESSION MEETING

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Lunenburg County, Virginia (“Board”) convened a Closed Session Meeting on this date pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote in accordance with the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act; and

WHEREAS, Section §2.2-3712 of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, requires a certification by the Board that such Closed Meeting was conducted in conformity with Virginia law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board hereby certifies that, to the best of each member’s knowledge, (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from Open Meeting requirements by Virginia law were discussed in the Closed Meeting to which this certification resolution applies, and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion convening the Closed Meeting were heard, discussed or considered by the Board.

VOTING YES
Supervisor Edmonds
Supervisor Wingold
Supervisor Pennington
Supervisor Zava

VOTING NO
Supervisor Bacon
Supervisor Slayton
Supervisor Hoover

ABSENT
Supervisor Zava

Supervisor Wingold made motion, seconded by Supervisor Zava and unanimously approved, to return to Open Session.

Supervisor Zava made motion, seconded by Supervisor Edmonds and unanimously approved, to adjourn.

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Tracy M. Gee, Clerk  Edward W. Pennington, Chairman
County Administrator  Board of Supervisors