

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
ADJOURNED MEETING
JULY 25, 2013**

At an adjourned meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Floyd County, Virginia, held on Thursday, July, 25, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room of the County Administration Building, thereof;

PRESENT: Case C. Clinger, Chairman; Virgel H. Allen, Vice Chairman; J. Fred Gerald, Joe D. Turman, Lauren D. Yoder, Board Members; Daniel J. Campbell, County Administrator; Kayla W. Cox, Account/Finance Specialist.

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

The Chairman called for the Public Comment Period.

Ms. Becky Howell, Burks Fork District – During the joint budget session back in the spring, Dr. Harris requested that you raise taxes in order to fund the proposed school budget; fortunately you didn't have to do that. Tuesday, according to the Floyd Press who recorded the school's carry-over total as \$926,000, which includes \$676,000 which was previously not disclosed. It is unfortunate that every spring that the school employees are pitted against the tax payers in general. Floyd citizens do value education and want to provide the best they can for the students in our County. Unfortunately we face the traditional economic dilemma of unlimited wants, and limited resources. If the School Board would be transparent and request a reasonable amount to fund our schools, most tax payers would be in agreement. Now that the budget has been approved, I don't image you can reduce school funds by \$676,000, so the question is how that money will be spent? Dr. Harris, according to the Floyd Press, believes you are going beyond your stated constitutional authority by questioning how he plans to use the excess. I hope that you will be able to in some way influence that these funds can only be used for things that will not automatically inflate next years budget. If you choose for personnel, you will have to increase next years budget just to have level funding, and you already may need to come up with \$140,742 to cover the funds that the state contributed for the 2% raises this year because future state funding is not guaranteed. Transparency I believe is the worthy goal for both boards to work towards.

After no further comments, the Chairman declared the Public Comment Period closed.

Supervisor Allen stated his concerns from citizens regarding the irrigation system for the High School football.

Dr. Harris answered that Floyd County is the only school in the Three-Rivers District that doesn't have that. It is a luxury, but it will allow more groups to use the field more frequently and wouldn't have to ask people not to use the field. The school board would entertain ideas for better ways to use those funds.

Supervisor Yoder noted that in the past, he had been told that the band was not able to use the field for practices.

Dr. Harris responded that there were a lot of rules there over the years, about who could and couldn't use the football field. The Recreational Department was told this year they could only use the field once a day because of this concern. In the past, the band has been asked not to practice on the football field because of its conditions. If you have a healthy field, those excuses go away.

Supervisor Yoder asked if Dr. Harris sees this as a way to open some doors to expand the options to others people using the field.

Dr. Harris responded that we could use the field for other practices. The girl's soccer team could practice, the band could practice on the field, and I even think we could use the field for physical education class. What tears up fields primarily is football players in cleats on wet field, if the fields are healthy, kids in tennis shoes do not tear up fields as long as they are healthy. Keeping a healthy field allows more use of that one area, and we only have one area like that in the County.

Supervisor Yoder asks if there would be a savings from not using PSA water.

Dr. Harris noted that there would be a savings to the County, using portable water to pour on grass is not the best use of that resource. There would be a savings to the County because we would not be using drinking water to water our grass. It would free up that resource for more households.

Dr. Harris makes reference to the email he sent to the Board members showing the differences in budget years. I feel like we have accounted for where the money is going, except for about \$22,000, and we believe that is from not paying our workers compensation for FY13.

Supervisor Yoder stated that last year there was a considerable amount of money left over in instruction, I hate to not see that money spent on instruction. I think we need to live by the old saying, "Trust but verify". And I just wanted to make sure that I understood we were going to spend the money in the classroom.

Dr. Harris responded in reassuring the Board that Ms. Ryan and he are trying to identify the overages and identify what it costs to run the school system. We are trying to cut out those overages by have a different forecasting system, establishing cost centers and are tracking money month by month. Our next budget will reflect actual costs from FY14, the FY15 budget will reflect actual costs plus/minus things we need with justifiable reasons for increasing those costs. We are working toward the same thing, and that is transparency.

Ms. Ryan noted that there were some budget changes between categories that have affected the overall budget. They are trying to align job descriptions more to the correct category.

Dr. Harris reiterates that by end of Fy14 they should know where all of the funds are going. And the FY15 budget will not be a copy and paste; it will be based off of actual costs, plus or minus needs.

Ms. Ryan states that the State and Federal and Local funds are being tracked in a way that the expenditures that they are matched to the funding source.

Dr. Harris noted that State money is not audited. There is no tracking device to make sure it is spent correctly.

Supervisor Yoder states that his main concern was with the VRS 4% increase they were the ones that were going to get a 4% raise, instead of across the board. Essentially the newer member will be getting a net increase of 6% this year, and the older members will be getting a net increase of 2%. We would have actually saved a considerable amount of money by paying the 5% upfront.

Ms. Ryan stated that the School Board did not have the funding for that.

Chairman Clinger asked Ms. Ryan what her multiplier for retirement is.

Ms. Ryan stated 11.66%

Chairman Clinger noted there were a couple of lines in the given spreadsheet that the multiplier is off. There could possibly be a \$43,000 shortfall. We can speak about the specific lines after the meeting.

Supervisor Yoder the ADM number used this year was 2007, what is the possibility that we will have more revenue.

Dr. Harris responded that the School has used that figure conservatively as an estimate. We have used the state figure of 2007, but we expect to be at or about 2027. Dr. Harris reiterated to the Board that his job was to do the best job we can with what we have. A lot of things are beyond our ability to predict. So, if we have the money now, we need to help the students who need help now, I think we need to do what we can for them now. If we have to rethink this next year or reconfigure things next year, all of those are possible options should the worse possible scenario come to fruition. My goal is to do the best now with what we have, and consider next year when the time comes.

Mr. Campbell did note that there were certain guidelines associated with the redemption of the Trigon money, whether or not they are tracking it still, the allocation was supposed to be 50% for technology oriented activated and 50% to decrease the cost of health insurance to staff.

Dr. Harris reported that their healthcare is working wonderfully this year. They hope to be able to contribute \$25 per month to their employee's accounts that have HSA accounts. Currently they have 91 employees under the HSA policy.

Supervisor Allen wanted to ensure that this carry-over will hire the additional 4th grade teacher at Willis Elementary.

Dr. Harris reported that they have already hired the teacher as of July 25th. There are now 2 teachers in the 4th grade.

Supervisor Yoder encourages Dr. Harris as we go through the year and budget times come again remember the shortfall that we are going to be in in the upcoming year, and to keep the Board informed of revenue and expenditures. I don't like to see it when we have needs in our classrooms, and we have money left over in our budget.

On a motion of Supervisor Yoder, seconded by Supervisor Turman, it was resolved to bring the School Board carry-over request up for reconsideration.

Supervisor Yoder – aye
Supervisor Turman – aye
Supervisor Gerald – aye
Supervisor Allen – aye
Supervisor Clinger – aye

On a motion of Supervisor Yoder, seconded by Supervisor Turman, it was resolved to approve the carry-over request of the Floyd County School Board in the amount of \$676,425.00 from the FY13 budget to the FY14 budget.

Supervisor Gerald -- aye
Supervisor Allen -- aye
Supervisor Turman -- aye
Supervisor Yoder -- aye
Supervisor Clinger -- aye

Dr. Harris thanked the Board on behalf of the School Board, the teacher, and students of Floyd County.

On a motion of Supervisor Yoder, seconded by Supervisor Turman, and carried, it was resolved to go into closed session under Section 2.2-3711, Paragraph A.3, discussion, consideration of the acquisition of real property for a public purpose or of the disposition of publicly held real property, where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the public body.

Supervisor Yoder – aye
Supervisor Turman – aye
Supervisor Gerald – aye
Supervisor Allen – aye
Supervisor Clinger – aye

On a motion of Supervisor Yoder, seconded by Supervisor Allen, and carried, it was resolved to come out of closed session.

Supervisor Yoder – aye
Supervisor Turman – aye
Supervisor Gerald – aye
Supervisor Allen – aye
Supervisor Clinger – aye

On a motion of Supervisor Yoder, seconded by Supervisor Turman, and carried, it was resolved to adopt the following certification resolution:

**CERTIFICATION RESOLUTION
CLOSED SESSION**

WHEREAS, this Board convened in a closed meeting on this date pursuant to an affirmative recorded vote on the motion to close the meeting to discuss personnel in accordance with Section 2.2-3711, Paragraph A.1 of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act;

WHEREAS, Section 2.2-3712 of the Code of Virginia 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 (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.

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) or number (2)? If so, identify yourself and state the substance of the matter and why in your judgment it was a departure.

Hearing no statement, I call the question.

Supervisor Yoder – aye
Supervisor Turman – aye
Supervisor Gerald – aye
Supervisor Allen – aye
Supervisor Clinger – aye

This Certification Resolution was adopted.

On a motion of Supervisor Allen, seconded by Supervisor Turman, and unanimously carried, it was resolved to adjourn to Tuesday, August 13, 2013.

Supervisor Yoder – aye
Supervisor Turman – aye
Supervisor Gerald – aye
Supervisor Allen – aye
Supervisor Clinger – aye

Daniel J. Campbell, County Administrator

Case C. Clinger, Chairman, Board of Supervisors