

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
ADJOURNED MEETING
FEBRUARY 26, 2014**

At an adjourned meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Floyd County, Virginia, held on Wednesday, February 26, 2014 at 4:00 p.m. at the Floyd County School Board Office, 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; Terri W. Morris, Assistant County Administrator.

The Chairman called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

A joint meeting was held with the Floyd County School Board. All School Board members, Dr. Kevin Harris, Superintendent, and Ms. Janet Harris, School Board Clerk, were present.

Ms. Harris, Clerk, led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Dr. Harris provided a presentation on the proposed FY15 school budget and outlined their requests. He noted that this is a starting point for discussion. There are still some items that are unknown, for example, the final State number. This draft will give the Board of Supervisors some idea of what the School Board feels is important. The purpose of the School Board is to try to provide facilities and infrastructure to operate the schools and request funds to do so. Then it falls on the Board of Supervisors to fund what they see as appropriate.

Highlights of presentation included:

- Accomplishments: 1 of 36 divisions in the State in which all schools in division were accredited – out of 132 divisions; during 2013 assessment students scored above State average on 75% of SOL tests; pass rates high for PALS tests; all 9th graders have laptops for classes; increased growth in the BETA club, welding program and CNA certification; new opportunities coming with the establishment of the school farm; individual and team successes in spelling, sports, performing arts.
- Challenges: declining enrollment; lack of career and technical courses that prepare students to be job ready; increasing costs in fringe benefit rates, utilities, materials and supplies; losing staff because of salary scales that are competitive in beginning of career but are not competitive in middle/late years of career; aging infrastructure with buildings, equipment, buses and vehicles.
- Budget requests made by the public and staff: Instruction category – maintain small class sizes at elementary level; reduce class size at high school level; increase career and technical education offerings; continue to fund Reading Recovery program; index/correct inequitable salary schedules. Transportation category – Four new school buses; four used vehicles to replace those with over 200,000 miles; increase substitute rate of pay from \$48 to \$50/day to attract/keep substitutes; index/correct inequitable salary schedules. Maintenance category – one new additional employee to keep up aging buildings/equipment; improve security at schools by taking advantage of a matching

grant if available in FY15; expected AEP rate increase and additional purchased services and additional maintenance supplies; index/correct inequitable salary schedules.

Technology category – add back second instructional technology resource teacher cut in FY14 budget; have scheduled replacement cycle for technology; continue laptops for 9th graders program; sufficient funding for software for classroom instruction and administrative service needs; index/correct inequitable salary schedules.

- Goals: Prepare students for college and careers; recruit/develop/retain highly qualified personnel; maintain an effective transportation system; maintain infrastructure of buildings and equipment.
- Effect on local funding from upcoming VRS changes indicate an additional cost to the locality of \$2,349,581.58 over the next five years.
- Effect on category from purchase requests and rate changes: Instruction - \$105,000 – increase in textbooks and classroom materials, Coordinator of Testing being moved into category; Administration - \$14,600 – increase in potential legal fees and other services; Transportation - \$ 318,090 – Difference between 4 buses and 4 vehicles requested for FY15 and 1 bus and 1 vehicle purchased in FY14; Operation/Maintenance – (\$55,150) – expected AEP rate increase; increased costs for purchased services and materials; no capital outlay budgeted; decrease because will only pay 1 year instead of 2 of insurance premiums; Technology - \$0 change – decrease because of Coordinator of Testing moved to Instruction; increase for 9th grader laptop program; increase in purchased services and software; School Food - \$ 0 – no budget effect, self-supported. Total effect - \$382,540.
- Six new positions and associated salary are requested for FY15: PE teacher - \$ 56,500; Secondary math teacher - \$ 56,500; Building Trades teacher - \$56,500; Instructional Technical Resource teacher - \$ 59,000; ELL Instructional Assistant - \$ 25,800; Maintenance worker - \$ 54,000. Total \$308,300.
- Effect on categories from indexing/compressing every salary scale: Instruction - \$353,180; Administration - \$ 25,460; Transportation - \$31,940; Operation/Maintenance - \$ 42,940; Technology - \$ 27,250; School Food - \$0. Total \$480,770.
- Recommended school budget for FY15 based on identified goals is \$22,354,643.59 with a \$2,027,700.35 increase in local funds.
- No projections for carry-over funds for the FY14 budget. FY15 budget is based on actual costs. At this point in budget year, within \$36,000 of what was budgeted.
- State revenue projections are based on a budget of 1972 students for FY15.

Dr. Harris presented a copy of the proposed FY15 budget to the Board of Supervisors and also a copy of the proposed salary scales.

After general discussion between the two boards, the meeting adjourned at 5:07 p.m. to the Board of Supervisors next meeting at 7:00 p.m. on March 4, 2014 in the Board Room at the County Administration Building.

Daniel J. Campbell, County Administrator

Case C. Clinger, Chairman, Board of Supervisors