A budget work session meeting of the Gloucester County School Board was held on Tuesday, January 22, 2015, in the Thomas Calhoun Walker Education Center Walker Education Center Auditorium at 5:30 pm. Following the budget work session meeting, a joint meeting of the Gloucester County School Board and the Gloucester County Board of Supervisors was held at 7:00 pm in the Thomas Calhoun Walker Education Center auditorium.

I. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL -- The Chairperson of the School Board, called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm. Roll call was taken by the Deputy Clerk, and the following persons were recorded as present: Troy M. Andersen, Chairperson, George R. (Randy) Burak, Carla B. Hook, Anita F. Parker, Charles B. Records, and Kevin M. Smith, Members. Kimberly (Kim) E. Hensley, Member, was absent.

A copy of the agenda for the School Board work session and joint session is attached to the minutes.

II. MOMENT OF SILENCE AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE -- Mr. Andersen led those present in a moment of silence followed by Pledge of Allegiance to the United States Flag.

III. BUDGET OVERVIEW – Dr. Walter R. Clemons, Ph.D., Superintendent of Schools, provided an overview of considerations for the FY 2016 Operating Budget. Mr. John Hutchinson, Assistant Superintendent for Administration, gave a report on capital needs. (Copy of presentation attached to minutes) After discussion, it was the consensus of Board members to focus budget priorities on the opening of the Page Middle School, increase staff compensation, and adding instructional days back into the school calendar.

RECESS – At 6:50 pm, Mr. Andersen declared a brief recess. The meeting resumed at 7:00 pm.

IV. CALL TO ORDER OF BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND ROLL CALL -- The Chairperson of the Board of Supervisors called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Present for the Board of Supervisors were: Ashley C. Chriscoe, Chairperson, Phillip N. Bazzani, Christopher A. Hutson, Andrew James, Jr., John C. Meyer, Jr., Robert J. Orth, and Michael R. Winebarger, Members.

V. CALL FOR PUBLIC INPUT ON BUDGET/COMMENTS

At 7:00 pm, Mr. Andersen issued a call for public input/comments on the school budget. Speakers were asked to state their name, the district in which they reside, and limit their remarks to 5 minutes or less. The following persons spoke:

Kim Ward (Abingdon) spoke regarding support for the Robotics team and other academic programs, the need to hire a grant writer to be shared with the county, and additional teaching days in the school calendar.

Roberta Shifflett (Abingdon) addressed the issues surrounding school funding and urged citizens to support the VEA/PTA rally on April 18 in support of public funding of education at the state level.
V. CALL FOR PUBLIC INPUT ON BUDGET/COMMENTS (continued)

Anne Lanan (Abingdon/Director of Transportation) asked the Board to consider including funds in the budget for installation of radio communications and cameras in school buses, as well as funding for new buses.

Howard Mowry (Gloucester Point) suggested that the Board consider changing the budget calendar dates. He also addressed financial implications of opening the new Page Middle School, declining populations, and consolidation of school and county services.

Ken Larson (Ware) addressed numbers of non-teaching staff in the schools, as well as personnel salaries.

At 7:27pm, the Chairperson declared the public comment period closed.

VI. GENERAL BUDGET OVERVIEW/DISCUSSION – Dr. Clemons reviewed the considerations for the Operating Budget and the Report of Capital Needs. Members of the Board of Supervisors were given an opportunity to ask questions regarding this information. Mr. Andersen summarized the School Board consensus of priorities which would be included in the FY 2016 Operating Fund budget.

VII. DISCUSSION OF OPENING OF MIDDLE SCHOOLS – Dr. Clemons and staff presented information on the projected costs associated with the opening of middle school in 2015-2016. (Copy of handout attached to minutes) An opportunity was given for members of the Board of Supervisors to ask questions regarding this data.

VIII. UPDATE ON FUNDING CAPITAL PROJECTS – Mr. Hutchinson reviewed the capital fund FY 2016 requests. (Copy of Capital Fund FY 2016 Requests attached to minutes)

IX. DISCUSSION OF TRANSPORTATION FACILITY – A discussion was held regarding the proposal to fund a feasibility study on the transportation facility needs and the potential future use of the old Page Middle School property. No action was taken on this matter.

Members of both Boards expressed a desire to schedule an additional joint meeting during the budget process. School and county administrators will coordinate the scheduling of this meeting.

X. PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Andersen made the following announcements:
A. Last Day of Second Quarter/First Semester – Friday, January 23, 2015
B. Professional Days (No Students) – Monday-Tuesday, January 26-27, 2015
C. Guest Teacher/Guest Paraprofessional Professional Development Workshop – January 27, 2015 (TCWEC Cafeteria 8 – 12 noon)
D. First Day of Third Quarter/Second Semester – Wednesday, January 28, 2015
E. Guest Teacher Training for Non-degreed Applicants – January 29 & 30, 2015 (TCWEC 9:00 am – 3:30 pm)
F. Report Cards Issued – Wednesday, February 4, 2015
G. Next Monthly School Board Meeting – Tuesday, February 10, 2015, 7:00 pm, Thomas Calhoun Walker Education Center
XI. **CALL FOR ADJOURNMENT** -- The meeting of the Board of Supervisors was adjourned at 9:10 pm.

**CALL FOR CLOSED MEETING** -- At 9:10 pm, a motion was made by Mr. Burak, seconded by Mr. Records, and unanimously approved to adjourn for a closed session, pursuant to Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, Section 2.1-3711 (A), Subsection 1, for the discussion of personnel matters. **Note:** Mr. Hutchinson, Acting Clerk, recorded the remainder of the meeting.

**RETURN TO OPEN MEETING/CERTIFICATION**

At 9:30 pm, a motion was made by Mr. Records, seconded by Mr. Smith, and unanimously approved to reconvene the meeting into open session. A motion was made by Mr. Burak and seconded by Mrs. Hook to certify that the Gloucester County School Board, while in closed session, discussed only public matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements provided in Subsection A of Section 2.2-3711 and that only public business matters that were identified in the motion convening the closed session were heard, discussed or considered. The motion was approved as follows by a roll call vote:

- Mr. Burak: **Aye**
- Ms. Hensley: **Absent**
- Mrs. Hook: **Aye**
- Ms. Parker: **Aye**
- Mr. Records: **Aye**
- Mr. Smith: **Aye**
- Mr. Andersen: **Aye**
- Mrs. Hook: **Aye**

At 9:31 pm, there being no further business, a motion was made by Mr. Burak, seconded by Mr. Records, and unanimously approved to adjourn the work session meeting of the School Board until the next monthly School Board meeting on Tuesday, February 10, 2015, 7:00 pm @ the Thomas Calhoun Walker Education Center (Auditorium).

By: 

Troy M. Andersen, Chairperson

John E. Hutchinson, Acting Clerk

Betty Jane Duncan, Deputy Clerk

**ATTACHMENTS (5)**

2. Presentation – Considerations for Operating Budget and Report of Capital Needs
3. Projected Costs Associated with Opening Middle Schools in 2015-2016
4. Capital Fund FY 2016 Requests
5. Approved Personnel Actions

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