

PITTSYLVANIA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
JOINT MEETING WITH PITTSYLVANIA COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

February 1, 2022

VIRGINIA: The Pittsylvania County Board of Supervisors' Joint Meeting with the Pittsylvania County School Board was held on February 1, 2022, in the Board Meeting Room, 39 Bank Street, SE, Chatham, Virginia 24531.

CALL TO ORDER (5:00 PM)

Ingram called the Meeting to Order at 5:00 PM. The following Board of Supervisors' ("BOS") Members were present:

Attendee Name	Title	Status
William V. ("Vic") Ingram	Chairman - Tunstall District	Present
Jessie L. Barksdale	Vice Chairman - Banister District	Present
Tim Chesher	Supervisor - Dan River District	Remote
Darrell Dalton	Supervisor - Callands-Gretna District	Present
Timothy W. Dudley	Supervisor - Staunton River District	Present
Ronald S. Scarce	Supervisor - Westover District	Present
Robert ("Bob") W. Warren	Supervisor - Chatham-Blairs District	Present

The following School Board Members were present:

J. Samuel Burton
George V. Henderson
Kelly H. Merricks
Kevin W. Mills
Don C. Moon
Calvin D. Doss

AGENDA ITEMS TO BE ADDED

None.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Burton, second by Moon, to approve Agenda.

Unanimous.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [UNANIMOUS]
AYES:	Ingram, Barksdale, Chesher, Dalton, Dudley, Scarce, Warren

NEW BUSINESS

a. School Division's Budget Request Presentation (Contact: Dr. Mark Jones)

Dr. Jones and Ms. Worley provided the Schools Budget needs to the Board. Pittsylvania County Schools has twenty (20) schools, 1,537 part-time and full-time employees, and 200 buses. They

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also have the Career and Technical Center, the STAR Program, and the Victory Academy. There are three (3) schools that are recognized as National Blue-Ribbon Schools, and eighteen (18) of eighteen (18) schools meeting full accreditation requirements. This makes 100% for PCS, with the State average being 92%.

Ms. Worley stated that Governor Northam's outgoing budget proposal provides an additional \$9.2 million in revenues for Pittsylvania County Schools for FY 2023. This proposal also includes an increased LCI of 25.11%, which equates to an additional \$394,321.00 in local funding to maintain the Minimum Required Local Effort. The BOS has worked hard over the past few years to begin increasing funding to the Schools above the minimum. It is the School Board's desire to not fall below this amount. At the current 12.7% above the minimum, PCS ranks 125 out of 132 school divisions in local funding. To maintain this level, the BOS would need to contribute an additional \$2,556,641.00 for FY 2023. Over \$5.2 million of the additional funding in the Governor's Budget is designated for specific programs. \$4 million of these designated funds are for School Construction and will be used for one-time building maintenance and technology needs. The proposed Budget also includes a 5% salary increase for employees. Their goal is to apply an 8% COLA increase to their Salary Scales. Their new compensation plan was implemented in FY 2017-2018 and they have not been able to place a COLA on the new salary scales since that time. Even though the Division has suffered enrollment loss during the past 2 years, the COVID Pandemic has brought with it new challenges and obligations that continue to require significant funding.

Their priorities for FY2023 are as follows: Provide a COLA for all employees, Attendance Clerk for SMES, Provide additional instructional positions, Assistant principal – CES Autism Program, Increase substitute rates to \$12/hour, Additional IT Technician, Employee stipends and supplemental pay increase, Routing software for transportation, Annual vehicle replacement (2 trucks, 3 vans), Maintain google enterprise for division, increase for maintenance operating expenses, Asset management software, PowerSchool Online, and GoGuardian Software. These priorities total \$6,977,256.00. After the required minimum is met, this request requires an additional \$2,607,966.00 in local funding.

The complete presentation can be found on the County's website at www.pittsylvaniacountyva.gov.

QUESTIONS / OPEN DISCUSSION

Mr. Doss asked the BOS to really look at their requests. He stated there is nothing on the list that isn't something that isn't needed to keep the schools running as they should.

ADJOURNMENT

Ingram adjourned the Meeting at 5:45 PM.