

AT A CONTINUED MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF ROCKBRIDGE COUNTY VIRGINIA, HELD WITH THE ROCKBRIDGE COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD AT THE ROCKBRIDGE COUNTY SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE AT 1927 BIG SPRING ROAD, LEXINGTON, VIRGINIA ON THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2014, AT 5:30 P.M.

PRESENT: CHAIRMAN J.M. HIGGINS,
MEMBERS: R.R. CAMPBELL, R.S. FORD,
D.W. HINTY, JR., A.W. LEWIS, JR.

COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR
AND CLERK TO BOARD: SPENCER H. SUTER
FISCAL SERVICES
DIRECTOR: STEVEN J. BOLSTER

ALSO PRESENT: CHAIRMAN A.W. LEWIS, II
SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS: K. BROOKS, L.C. HOOFNAGLE, L. STRONG
ABSENT MEMBER: D.B. MCDANIEL
RCS SUPERINTENDENT: DR. JACK DONALD
ASST. SUPERINTENDENT: PHILLIP THOMPSON
FINANCE DIRECTOR: RICHARD PATTERSON
CLERK TO THE BOARD: RHONDA HUMPHRIES

Call to Order:

School Board Chairman Lewis called the meeting of the School Board to order at 5:35 PM. Chairman Higgins called the continued meeting to order at 5:35 PM and thanked the Rockbridge County School Board for hosting the meeting.

Assistant Superintendent Thompson provided information on considerations for fiscal year 2014-15 budget planning for Rockbridge County Public Schools. Discussion included the Virginia Retirement System (VRS) rate increases, health care costs, proposed salary increases, property and casualty insurance, staffing needs, textbook replacement cost projections, transportation needs, maintenance needs including

needed security measures, school repairs, and the estimated cost of the move of the Rockbridge County School Division administrative offices to Effinger Elementary School.

County Administrator Suter provided information on budget projections for the County of Rockbridge. Discussion included education, public safety (including the radio system upgrade project), control over the County's waste stream, economic development, potential compensation increases, VRS increases, group life insurance increases, health-care cost projections, the upcoming real-property reassessment, fire and EMS services and volunteer incentives, anticipation of higher landfill tipping fees, ensuring County facilities are compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act, general health and welfare costs, repairs to the Lake Robertson pool, and the Rockbridge Area Recreational Organization's capital improvement requests.

Chairman John Higgins addressed the issue of the debt associated with Effinger Elementary School. Mr. Suter also referred to the topic and relayed the advisement of Carolyn Perry, Rockbridge County Bond Counsel, as to the allowable uses for the building. The building must be utilized for purposes related to education. The local Comprehensive Services Act (CSA) Administration is currently housed at the Rockbridge County School Board Office, but Ms. Perry could not legally justify the CSA Administration's being housed at the Effinger

Elementary School building in light of the utilization requirements associated with the Virginia Public School Authority General Obligation School Bonds - Series 2005. Supervisor Ford asked whether the county's preschool program could be housed in the building as well as occasional training classes for the Effinger Volunteer Fire Department. Dr. Donald replied that both activities could be accommodated in the building, so long as provisions were made for afterhours security. He added that, unfortunately, space requirements would not allow the gymnasium to be made available to the public.

Supervisor Hinty made a motion to recommend that the Rockbridge County School Division move their administrative offices from Highland Belle to Effinger Elementary School as soon as possible. Supervisor Lewis provided the second. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Hinty, Lewis, Campbell, Ford, Higgins
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

Trustee Hoofnagle made a motion that the School Board move ahead with the relocation of the Rockbridge County School

Division administrative offices from Highland Belle to Effinger Elementary School. Trustee Brooks provided the second. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Hoofnagle, Brooks, Lewis, Strong
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: McDaniel

Trustee Brooks made a motion to approve the disposal of obsolete or surplus materials and equipment no longer in use at Effinger Elementary School. Trustee Hoofnagle provided the second. The motion carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: Brooks, Hoofnagle, Strong, Lewis
NAYS: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: McDaniel

Trustee Hoofnagle made the motion to adjourn at 7:19 PM. Trustee Brooks seconded the motion and the School Board meeting was adjourned with a unanimous vote.

Supervisor Campbell made the motion to adjourn at 7:20 PM. Supervisor Hinty provided the 2nd and the Board of Supervisors meeting was adjourned with a unanimous vote.