

The Powhatan County School Board met in an Information Workshop Session on December 8, 2009 at 5:00 p.m. at Powhatan High School.

Present: Debbie M. Jones, Vice-Chairman  
Valarie C. Ayers  
Timothy L. Gresham  
Jason Moore (Arrived at 5:12 p.m.)

Also Present: Margaret S. Meara, Division Superintendent  
Michele H. Wilson, School Board Clerk

Absent: Heinrich A. Gideons, Chairman

### Informational Workshop

#### Tiered Budget Planning

Mrs. Ayers stated that she had attended workshops at the NSBA and at a conference in Richmond regarding Tiered Budget Planning.

Dr. Meara stated that the stimulus money last year helped the School Board budget but the school division will not have that money this year. Dr. Meara indicated that we will not have information regarding the budget ready to discuss with the Board of Supervisors on January 6, 2010 and that we should share information with them as regularly scheduled in February.

Mrs. Ayers requested that Dr. Meara and her staff prioritize the 2010-2011 budget by showing what cuts will come first, second and so forth.

Dr. Meara informed the School Board in the current budget the substitute payroll will run out before the end of the year and that she and Mr. Imig are working on finding extra funds in the budget to cover this.

Dr. Meara stated that the School Board could request from the Board of Supervisors the remaining funds from the 2008-2009 budget that amounted to \$473,000.00. She reminded the board that the school board requested that these funds be deposited in the School Construction Account and that the Board of Supervisors declared these funds as surplus.

The School Board requested that the budget process be advertised so that parents, the community, and the media could be informed.

### Code of Ethics

The School Board decided to postpone the approval of the Code of Ethics document

and arrange for the School Board to attend a conference in Charlottesville regarding School Board's member's responsibilities.

Transportation Site

Dr. Meara informed the School Board that the County Administrator, Mrs. Bishop, had been in contact with her regarding touring joint transportation facilities. She stated that Mrs. Bishop recommended that two School Board members and two Board of Supervisors members tour Hanover, Henrico and Spotsylvania. Dr. Meara responded that she felt all board members should be invited as well as the press and that the county should be touring facilities that compare to Powhatan County.

Mr. Russell Wilson shared with Dr. Meara and the School Board final documentation of the Space Needs Assessment that was prepared for the County by Wiley/Wilson. It proposes that the Transportation Facility be a joint facility between the County and the School Division and that it be constructed on County-owned land near Fighting Creek. Also, proposed in this Assessment was a new facility to house both the School Administration Office and the County Administration Office and that this will be constructed in the Fighting Creek Park.

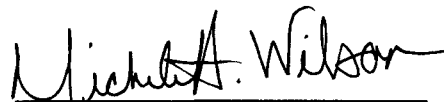
Mr. Moore stated that he would like to review supporting evidence on joint facilities.

The School Board recommended that a resolution be developed with stipulations that will need to be addressed regarding a Joint Transportation Facility and that all members of the two boards as well as the press be invited on a Joint Transportation Tour.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.



School Board Chairman



School Board Clerk