

COUNTY OF HENRICO, VIRGINIA
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
SPECIAL MEETING
September 20, 2018

The Henrico County Board of Supervisors convened a special joint meeting with the School Board on Thursday, September 20, 2018, at 2:00 p.m., at Victor W. Kreiter Stadium at Highland Springs High School, 15 S. Oak Avenue, Highland Springs, Virginia 23075.

Members of the Board Present:

Frank J. Thornton, Chairman, Fairfield District
Tyrone E. Nelson, Vice Chairman, Varina District
Harvey L. Hinson, Brookland District
Patricia S. O'Bannon, Tuckahoe District

Member of the Board Absent:

Thomas M. Branin, Three Chopt District

Members of the School Board Present:

Michelle F. "Micky" Ogburn, Chair, Three Chopt District
John W. Montgomery, Jr., Vice Chair, Varina District
Beverly L. Cocke, Brookland District
Roscoe D. Cooper III, Fairfield District

Other Officials Present:

John A. Vithoukaskas, County Manager
Barry R. Lawrence, CMC, Assistant to the County Manager/Clerk to the Board
W. Brandon Hinton, Deputy County Manager for Administration
Anthony J. Romanello, Deputy County Manager for Community Services
Randall R. Silber, Deputy County Manager for Community Development
Benjamin A. Sheppard, Director of Public Relations & Media Services
Amy E. Cashwell, Superintendent of Schools
Andy Jenks, Director of Public Relations and Communications, Henrico County Public Schools

Mr. Thornton and Ms. Ogburn called the meeting to order at 2:01 p.m. after a brief performance by the cheerleading squads of Highland Springs and J. R. Tucker High Schools. Mr. Sheppard welcomed everyone who was present and opened a press conference. He then recognized Mr. Vithoukaskas.

Mr. Vithoukaskas introduced Dr. Cashwell as Henrico's new Superintendent of Schools and then provided remarks. He noted Henrico voters overwhelmingly supported a bond referendum in 2016 to make a nearly \$420 million investment in public facilities. Bond projects that are currently underway include a new Fairfield Area Library, a new elementary school in the Brookland District, and a much-needed renovation at Tuckahoe Middle School. Mr. Vithoukaskas announced that the purpose of this press conference was to highlight two more projects that each represent an \$80 million, once-in-a-lifetime

reinvestment in Henrico's youth made possible by the 2016 bond referendum and by the meals tax approved by voters in 2013 that increased funding for schools' operating and capital needs.

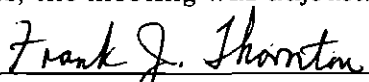
Mr. Vithoulkas recognized Ms. Ogburn, who pointed out J. R. Tucker High School opened in 1962 and today has significant physical needs. It is the only high school in Henrico that has received no renovations since it opened. Although the bond referendum included \$55 million to renovate Tucker, it was later realized a renovation might not give the community the school it needed. On behalf of the School Board, Ms. Ogburn announced plans to build a completely new Tucker High School that will open for the 2021-22 school year and be designed to meet the needs of current and future generations. She thanked the Board of Supervisors and Mr. Vithoulkas for bringing the plan forward and for partnering with the School Board to continue to meet the 21st century needs of the school system's students and staff.

Ms. Ogburn recognized Mr. Nelson, who noted the bond referendum included \$42 million for a business innovation center in the Varina District. As the County started planning this facility and looking more closely at its needs, there was a realization it had an opportunity to do something bigger for the east end. Mr. Nelson announced the County will be building a new Highland Springs High School on 15 acres of wooded property next to the current school. The new school will open at the same time as Tucker, in the fall of 2021. Highland Springs is Henrico's largest high school, with 1,800 students, and is also the oldest, having been built in 1952. The new school will present exciting opportunities for special programming. Mr. Nelson remarked he looks forward to working closely with the School Board, Dr. Cashwell, and the community to deliver a new Highland Springs High School that meets the needs of its students and the community.

Mr. Nelson recognized Dr. Cashwell, who stated the goals of the school system include preparing students to be "life ready," and to design learning programs around those goals. She further stated these two school projects will bring classrooms to the next level and great value to new learning centers that will serve as the centerpieces of the Tucker and Highland Springs communities. In the weeks and months to come, parents can look forward to additional information regarding these projects as well as opportunities to be part of the brainstorming process. Dr. Cashwell expressed pride in working with the School Board and Board of Supervisors to demonstrate that schools are a priority to meet the needs of 21st century, globally-competitive students.

Mr. Vithoulkas closed the press conference by thanking Mr. Sheppard and Mr. Jenks as well as the principals of Highland Springs and Tucker High Schools, Ken White and Arthur Raymond III, for their work in facilitating the press conference. He advised media representatives who were present that County officials would be available for one-on-one interviews upon request.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:12 p.m..



Chairman, Board of Supervisors
Henrico County, Virginia