

COUNTY OF HENRICO, VIRGINIA  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
SPECIAL MEETING  
February 23, 2021

The Henrico County Board of Supervisors and School Board convened a special joint meeting on Tuesday, February 23, 2021, at 5:00 p.m., at the Henrico Training Center located at 7701 E. Parham Road, Henrico, Virginia 23294.

**Members of the Board Present:**

Daniel J. Schmitt, Chairman, Brookland District  
Patricia S. O'Bannon, Vice-Chairman, Tuckahoe District  
Thomas M. Branin, Three Chopt District  
Tyrone E. Nelson, Varina District

**Members of the Board Absent:**

Frank J. Thornton, Fairfield District

**Members of the School Board Present:**

Michelle F. Ogburn, Chairman, Three Chopt District  
Marcie F. Shea, Vice-Chairman, Tuckahoe District  
Alicia S. Atkins, Varina District  
Roscoe D. Cooper, III, Fairfield District  
Kristi B. Kinsella, Brookland District

**Other Officials Present:**

John A. Vithoukaskas, County Manager  
Dr. Amy Cashwell, Superintendent of Schools  
J. T. (Tom) Tokarz, County Attorney  
Tanya Brackett Harding, CMC, Assistant to the County Manager/Clerk to the Board  
Cari Tretina, Assistant to the County Manager/Chief of Staff  
Cathy Harris, Clerk to the School Board  
Tiffany Burton, Deputy Clerk to the School Board  
W. Brandon Hinton, Deputy County Manager for Administration  
Steven J. Yob, Deputy County Manager for Community Operations  
Meghan Coates, Director of Finance

Mr. Schmitt called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.

Mr. Vithoukaskas and Dr. Cashwell thanked the two boards for the opportunity to discuss several items of common interest.

Mrs. Ogburn expressed appreciation for the County's COVID-19 vaccination efforts at the Richmond Raceway and the compensation adjustments proposed for the FY 2021-22 budget. She proposed a joint committee to attend the grand openings of Holladay Elementary School and Tucker and Highland Springs High Schools, and she asked Mrs. Shea and Mrs. Atkins

to serve on the committee. Mr. Schmitt suggested that Mr. Nelson and Mr. Branin serve on the committee.

Justin Crawford, Budget Director, provided cost information about the Achievable Dream Academy at Highland Springs Elementary School. This program is a partnership with a private provider with different programming, expectations, and funding than other Henrico public schools. Ms. Atkins and Mr. Nelson discussed concerns about student performance in the program, the school's standards and expectations, and the need for meaningful ways to measure future performance. Mr. Branin and Mr. Nelson asked about the locations being considered for Achievable Dream students who will finish the fifth grade, and Dr. Cashwell stated that the school division is looking at several locations, including the Central Gardens campus and Highland Springs High School. Several members of the Board of Supervisors asked about the Achievable Dream memorandum of understanding, and Dr. Cashwell agreed to provide the MOU and regular updates to the Board of Supervisors.

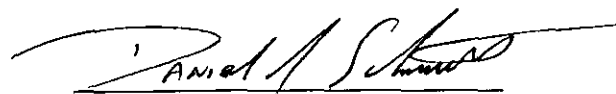
Brandon Hinton, Deputy County Manager for Administration, provided an overview of the proposed FY 2021-22 Capital Budget and noted the two new facilities nearing completion at Tucker High School and Highland Springs High School. Funding is proposed for the expansion of the ACE programs at Highland Springs and at Hermitage High Schools, book replacement, school technology infrastructure, land purchases, and school bus replacement. There was discussion about overcrowding at some schools and consensus to work on land acquisition in the Three Chopt district to address school overcrowding.

Meghan Coates, Director of Finance, discussed the proposed compensation adjustments in the FY 2021-22 budget and success in providing shared services for General Government and Schools in such areas as procurement, internal audit services, unified pay plans, and employee health services. Mr. Schmitt encouraged the County Manager and Superintendent to continue looking for ways to combine services.

Mr. Schmitt requested the Manager and Dr. Cashwell to look into a future bond referendum to address capital needs.

Several members of both boards expressed their appreciation for the opportunity for the two boards to meet together.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:38 p.m.

  
Chairman, Board of Supervisors  
Henrico County, Virginia