

CULPEPER COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD
Minutes
January 13, 2014

The School Board of Culpeper County held a Talk about Budget Meeting on January 13, 2014 at the Board of Supervisors Meeting Room at 302 N. Main Street, Culpeper, VA. Present were Robert Beard (East Fairfax District); Robert Houck (West Fairfax District); Elizabeth Hutchins (Stevensburg District); Anne Luckinbill (Salem District); Michelle North (Jefferson District); Elizabeth “Betsy” Smith (Cedar Mountain District); Superintendent Dr. Bobbi Johnson, Executive Director of Human Resources Dr. Stacey Timmons, Executive Director of Finance/Clerk Jeff Shomo, Budget Analyst Lauren Thomas, Executive Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Technology Rob Hauman, Executive Director of Special Education Angela Neely and Deputy Clerk Pearl Jamison. Russell E. Jenkins (Catalpa District) was absent.

Others Present: Rhonda Simmons with the Culpeper Star-Exponent, Alice Felts with the Culpeper Times, AJ & Allie Beck, Richard Goff, Joyce Tyree, Barbara Brown, and Charles Duncan

Mr. Houck called the meeting to order at 6 p.m. He said the purpose of the meeting is to allow the community an opportunity to share their thoughts about the budget with the School Board. He noted the budget is approximately \$75M including food service.

Dr. Johnson said we have received the Governor’s proposed budget. She noted that she has collected and examined the school/department needs and on Tuesday, January 21st at 6 p.m. she will present the needs of the division to the School Board based on the items submitted. She said the division continues to grow and the composite index has gone down.

The School Board fielded the following questions/comments from those present:

- Allie Beck (teacher at AGRES) – Ms. Beck said she anticipates a class of 30 students next year. She said it is very hard to provide good instruction to 30 students when they require differentiated instruction.

Dr. Johnson said over the years we have been forced to increase class size in the upper elementary grades. She said at each elementary school there is at least one grade level pushing 30.

Ms. Hutchins said the Governor's proposed budget does have a raise with the state carrying their portion; however, we have to wait until it is finalized to know if there are further strings attached.

Dr. Johnson said the division is facing a significant increase in VRS on the employer side.

The meeting adjourned at 6:11 p.m.

JEFFREY R. SHOMO, CLERK

ROBERT A. HOUCK, CHAIR