

VIRGINIA:

At a recessed meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Northampton, Virginia, held in the Board Room of the County Administration Building, 16404 Courthouse Road, Eastville, Virginia, on the 5th day of June, 2012, at 5:00 p.m.

Present:

Oliver H. Bennett, Chairman	Laurence J. Trala
Richard L. Hubbard	Larry LeMond

Absent:

Willie C. Randall, Vice Chairman

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman.

The Board held continued discussions relative to the Fiscal Year 2013 county budget. The County Administrator presented correspondence received this date from the School Superintendent which proposed alternate funding ideas for the FY 13 local funds contribution to the school system, a projection of funds that will remain unspent at the end of the current fiscal year (\$450,000) and a request for how such unspent funds shall be treated. The letter stated in part, "if an additional contribution of \$542,763 was granted, the School Board would be able to repurpose the funds originally requested to pay a 2% bonus in 2012-2013 to instead fund the full 5% shift of the employer's share of VRS contributions and rehire the Kindergarten IA's that were not included in the 2012-2013 proposed budget. Below is a schedule showing the methodology of each approach with the result being that the revised approach reflects a county contribution that is \$110,868 lower than what has been advertised".

<u>Advertised Add't Co. Contribution</u>	<u>Alternate Approach Add'l Co. Contrib.</u>	<u>Contribution Variance</u>
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Base Funding – original	587,560	587,560	-
Reduction – state funding	(102,151)	(102,151)	-
Increase – rehire			
Kindergarten IAs	110,868	-	110,868
Bus Lease funding – orig.	62,363	62,363	-
<u>Bus Lease funding adjust.</u>	<u>(5,009)</u>	<u>(5,009)</u>	<u>-</u>
Total County Contribution	653,631	542,763	(110,868)

The letter continued by indicating that if estimates hold true, the School Bboard will consider a request to use a portion of the anticipated personnel surplus to pay a one-time bonus (1% - 1.5%). The balance of the surplus would be reserved to fund the Sick Leave Payout liability. Any unspent appropriations for FY 12 could be carried forward into the Fund Balance Reserved for Capital Improvements within the School Operating Fund.

The County Administrator discussed with the Board various expenditure request line items and requested the Board’s consensus on whether to include them in the proposed budget. Of these, the Board indicated its support for the increased jail contribution (\$77,305), increased school request (\$485,407), increased school bus lease request (\$57,354), and VRS increases for County Administration staff (\$401,196). Additionally, the Board indicated its support for additional contributions to the fire companies (\$10,000) and a lesser reduction in the fuel requests (\$-5,000). It was also the consensus of the Board to move the proposed contribution for the Tall Ships Initiative (\$45,000) to the Contingency line item for disbursement only after appropriate benchmarks and reporting criteria have been met.

Items not supported by the Board include ipads and agenda software for the Board (\$10,230), funding for school resource officer (\$46,000), grant software (\$11,000), Cape Charles fireworks (\$7,000) and instructional aides (\$110,868).

Funding support for the above referenced items would constitute a five-cent tax rate

increase, slightly lower than the six cents which had been advertised.

Mrs. Anne Sayers, Commissioner of the Revenue, was recognized and discussed with the Board the methodology used by her office in the computation of depreciation for machinery and tools.

It was the consensus of the Board that it supported proposed reductions in the personal property tax rate (from \$4.10 to \$3.85) and machinery & tools tax rate (\$2.25 to \$2.00) as well as a lower aircraft tax rate (from \$4.10 to \$3.85). Additionally, it was the consensus of the Board that the County Administrator be directed to include language in the FY 2013 appropriations resolution (to be considered by the Board at its regular June 12, 2012 meeting) for categorical appropriations to the School Board as has been done in the past rather than the requested lump sum appropriation method.

Motion was made by Mr. Hubbard, seconded by Mr. Trala, that the meeting be adjourned. All members were present with the exception of Mr. Randall and voted "yes." The motion was unanimously passed. The meeting was adjourned.

_____ CHAIRMAN

_____ COUNTY ADMINISTRATION