

Public Hearing on Budget Minutes

King and Queen County School Board
King & Queen Courts and Administration Building Court Room
King & Queen Court House, Virginia 23085
Tuesday, March 22, 2016

The Public Hearing on the Superintendent's Budget was called to order by Board Chair, Stephanie Sears, on Tuesday, March 22, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. in the King and Queen County Administration Building, Court Room.

The following members were present as indicated by a roll call:

Celestine Gaines, Board Member
Howard Hill, Board Member, joined by phone by 8:45 p.m.
Brenda Lee, Vice Chair
Stephanie Sears, Board Chair

Also present:

Anne Kennedy, Board Clerk
Dr. Carol B. Carter, District Superintendent

Members absent:

Shannon Amos, Board Member

Mrs. Sears asked Dr. Carter to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comments:

There were two speakers for public comments:

Ms. Julie Carter, King and Queen Education Association President, addressed the Board and thanked the Board for supporting employee salaries and benefits in the past. She asked that the Board provide as much funding as possible for employee salaries and benefits in the FY 2016-2017 budget.

Mr. Franklin Massey, Buena Vista District, leader of a group of volunteers who provide services on buildings, grounds and technology, addressed the Board. He said he felt that maintenance and technology had been underfunded and understaffed in the past. He feels that this budget supports maintenance and technology and recommends that the Board adopt the present proposed budget. He recommended to the Board and to Mr. Jim Burns, Supervisor, who was in the audience, that if additional money is needed to fund the present proposed budget, it should come out of the money that had been returned to the county in 2015.

Overview Presentation of Budget-Dr. Carter and Ms. Wright

Dr. Carter shared with the Board three options for daily rates paid to car drivers and showed how each would impact the proposed budget. Dr. Carter and Ms. Wright recommended that the Board approve Option 3, which would pay \$50/day for a local run (5 drivers) and \$70/day for a run to Richmond or Newport News (3 drivers). Option 3 recognizes the difference in the distance and time involved for a run.

Ms. Wright handed out information sheets on Revenue and Expenditures. She pointed out all changes that had been made since the last meeting. She explained the expenditures by category and asked the Board if there were any questions.

Food Services category, there were no questions from the Board.

Operating Fund-General Assembly changes in funding explained, and Ms. Wright pointed out the amount of money that King and Queen is expected to receive. No questions.

Instruction-proposed budget is an attempt to start aligning salaries with the correct step that matches years of service. No questions.

Administration, Attendance and Health-there were no questions from the Board.

Pupil Transportation-Ms. Lee questioned the proposed salary for car drivers. Ms. Lee wants drivers to be paid \$72 as day across the board.

Operations and Maintenance-no questions

Capital Lease/Fund Transfer-no questions

Technology-Ms. Lee asked questions about the Backpack Initiative.

Ms. Wright and Dr. Carter referenced the sheet titled "Other FY 2016-2017 Considerations". They stated that if needed, the options could be considered:

French could be taught as a virtual class.

The elementary schools can share a librarian with the library being open on off-weeks with coverage from other personnel.

A part-time clerical can be removed and another clerical can be reassigned to the School Board office. Ms. Lee questioned if this person would be full-time at the School Board. Dr. Carter explained that it may be part-time at School Board and part-time at a school.

A mechanic's assistant can be added. Ms. Gaines questioned if he would only work at the garage. Dr. Carter stated that he could also help with maintenance and grounds.

A full-time technology teacher can be changed to part-time.

An ELL teacher can be changed from full-time to part-time.

An LMES interventionist can be changed to part-time.

A bus assistant can be removed.

Each of these considerations would impact the budget and the impact was explained to the Board.

Discussion:

Ms. Gaines suggested that the bus assistant might be part-time if needed for the afternoon.

Ms. Lee expressed concern about salaries for car drivers.

Action Item: Approval of the FY 2016-2017 Budget

Mrs. Sears called for a motion to approve the FY 2016-2017 Budget. Ms. Gaines entered a motion to approve the Budget. The motion failed to receive a second.

Mrs. Sears suggested that members vote on each category and called for a motion to approve the Capital Lease/Fund Transfer category. Ms. Gaines so moved and Ms. Lee seconded. The vote carried as indicated by Roll Call vote; 3 ayes, 0 nays.

Shannon Amos; absent

Celestine Gaines; aye

Howard Hill; absent

Brenda Lee; aye

Stephanie Sears; aye

Mrs. Sears called for a motion to approve the Technology Category. Ms. Gaines so moved and Ms. Lee seconded. The vote carried as indicated by Roll Call vote; 3 ayes, 0 nays.

Shannon Amos; absent

Celestine Gaines; aye

Howard Hill; absent

Brenda Lee; aye

Stephanie Sears; aye

Mrs. Sears called for a motion to approve each category. Ms. Gaines moved to approve, but no other category received a second. At 8:30 p.m., Mrs. Sears stated that the Board would take a

break. The Board members who were absent were phoned. Mr. Hill said that he would be able to join the meeting by phone. Mrs. Amos could not be reached.

Mrs. Sears called for a motion to reconvene the meeting at 8:45 p.m. Ms. Gaines so moved and Ms. Lee seconded the motion. Ms. Gaines and Ms. Lee agreed that the members who were absent could join by phone. Mr. Hill joined the meeting by phone at 8:46 p.m.

Mrs. Sears called for a motion to approve the Instruction category. Ms. Gaines so moved and Mr. Hill seconded the motion. The vote carried as indicated by Roll Call vote; 3 ayes, 1 nay (Lee)

Shannon Amos; absent

Celestine Gaines; aye

Howard Hill; aye

Brenda Lee; nay

Stephanie Sears; aye

Mrs. Sears called for a motion to approve the Administration, Attendance, and Health category. Mr. Hill so moved and Ms. Gaines seconded the motion. The vote carried as indicated by Roll Call vote; 3 ayes, 1 nay (Lee)

Shannon Amos; absent

Celestine Gaines; aye

Howard Hill; aye

Brenda Lee; nay

Stephanie Sears; aye

Mrs. Sears called for a motion to approve the Pupil Transportation category. Mr. Hill so moved and Ms. Lee seconded the motion. The vote carried as indicated by Roll Call vote; 4 ayes, 0 nays.

Shannon Amos; absent

Celestine Gaines; aye

Howard Hill; aye

Brenda Lee; aye

Stephanie Sears; aye

Mrs. Sears called for a motion to approve the Operation and Maintenance category and switch the \$9,135 to Pupil Transportation. Ms. Gaines so moved and Mr. Hill seconded the motion. The vote carried as indicated by Roll Call vote; 4 ayes, 0 nays.

Shannon Amos; absent

Celestine Gaines; aye

Howard Hill; aye

Brenda Lee; aye

Stephanie Sears; aye

Mrs. Sears called for a motion to approve the Food Services category. Mr. Hill so moved and Ms. Gaines seconded the motion. The vote carried as indicated by Roll Call vote; 4 ayes, 0 nays.

Shannon Amos; absent

Celestine Gaines; aye

Howard Hill; aye

Brenda Lee; aye

Stephanie Sears; aye

Mrs. Sears announced that the Superintendent's Proposed Budget for FY 2016-2017 has passed.

Board Member Comments:

Ms. Gaines thanked the citizens for coming to the meeting. She asked everyone to have patience and reminded everyone that she is working for the welfare of our children.

Ms. Lee shared this quote, "Children are great imitators. Give them something great to imitate."

Mrs. Sears thanked the citizens for attending the meeting and those who spoke.

Superintendent Comments:

Dr. Carter stated that she and the Board are working to give the best for the students of King and Queen County.

Adjournment:

Mrs. Sears called for a motion to adjourn. Ms. Gaines so moved and Ms. Lee seconded the motion. The unanimous affirmative voice vote carried and the meeting was adjourned at 9:02 p.m.

Stephanie Sears, Board Chair

Anne Kennedy, Board Clerk

There were 9 community members who attended the meeting.