

BUENA VISTA CITY PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARD
BUENA VISTA, VIRGINIA
Budget Work Session
6:00 P.M.
March 9, 2023

W. P. Ramsey Education Center

ATTENDANCE: School Board Members – Present: Teresa Ellison, John Rice, Mac Felts. Lisa Kerr and John Roberts. Absent: Wayne Flint – illness and Roy Mohler. Also attending were Dr. Tony Francis, Gennifer Miller, and Sandra Mohler.

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm. Pledge of Allegiance and a Moment of Silence were observed.

Mac Felts made the motion to approve the Agenda. It was seconded by Lisa Kerr and passed by a 5-0 vote.

Mac Felts made the motion to enter into Closed Session for the Consideration and discussion of Student Matters as it relates to enrollment according to {State Law § 2.2-3711 (A) (2)}. It was seconded by John Rice and passed by a 5-0 vote.

Mac Felts made the motion to adjourn Closed Session. It was seconded by John Rice and passed by a 5-0 vote.

The Certification was read and the Board was polled:

Mr. Felts – yes

Mr. Roberts – yes

Mrs. Kerr – yes

Mr. Rice – yes

Ms. Ellison – yes

Mac Felts made the motion to modify the Superintendent’s recommendation and require student 3923 complete the 22-23 school year virtually with an academic plan developed by the high school administration and Superintendent. Failure to meet all requirements of this plan would result in the student being dismissed from Buena Vista City Public Schools. The return to the high school is contingent on completion of this plan successfully with probation. The Student will be on probation until graduation. It was seconded by Lisa Kerr and passed by 5-0 vote.

Welcome of Visitors – no one was present.

Budget Work Session

You have in your packet the proposed budget. I want to start off with the handout that has the 3 budgets proposed from the Governor, Senate and the House. The Budget was based on the Governor’s Budget, which requires a 5% raise for teachers. The House and Senate require a 7% raise for Teachers. The Senate budget is the most favorable. The Governor’s budget is \$9,817,593, Senate budget is

\$10,275,802 and House budget is \$9,767,565. The Senate budget would be golden but we would most likely get a budget somewhere in the middle. In this proposed budget we have the following: 5% increase for health care, increase fuel (transportation) by 10%, increased Dominion and Columbia gas by 10%, increased instructional supplies by 7%, increased the division paper by 15%, and maintenance lines by 10%. Trying to keep up with inflation as best as we can.

Included two positions in this budget – nurse (\$70,000) and guidance (\$55,000). We did not include a media specialist position for the elementary schools. It would cost between \$60,000 to \$70,000. Right now we have aides covering the library. Need to have a certified person. If we have to go to 7% pay increase for teachers, I have included what the pay scales would look like for teachers. My feeling is that the compromised budget will include a 7% raise for teachers instead of 5%. Some money will come from the State. If we get additional funding from the State, we could give everyone a 7% raise, which would be an additional cost of around \$110,000. State funding does not cover everyone. Some divisions are giving 7% to teachers and 5% to everyone else. We could get the \$110,000 from the state or the City. If the state puts support cap funding back into the budget, that would help cover the additional cost. We will not know until the General Assembly approves the compromised budget in June.

Mac Felts – Should you not included the 7% increase for all and the media specialist position into the budget you give to the City?

Dr. Francis – That is what we need to know. What the Board wants to do. Right now the revenues include receiving \$2,300,00 million from the City. This is an increase of \$7,000 from last year. We would have to add the cost for the raise and the media position. We would have to request \$200,000 additional revenue from the City. That would require the City to give us \$2,500,000.

Mac Felts – That is what you need to ask for.

Dr. Francis – The Support staff, custodians, transportation, paraprofessional and administrators would be affected. In the budget you have, we have put in red the increases made, so you can see. We will go back and calculate what the 7% increase for everyone and adding the media position to see what it will cost. Add the additional cost to the City's funding. We will submit a new draft for your review at the public hearing on March 28, 2023. I feel pretty good about the budget.

Mac Felts made the motion to go into Closed Session for the consideration and discussion of personnel matters as it relates to performance, appointments, new hires, resignations and retirements according to {State Law § 2.2-3711 (A) (1)} It was seconded by John Rice and passed by a 5-0 vote.

Mac Felts made the motion to adjourn Closed Session. It was seconded by Lisa Kerr and passed by a 5-0 vote.

The Certification was read and the Board was polled:

Mr. Felts – yes

Mr. Roberts – yes

Mrs. Kerr – yes

Mr. Rice – yes

Ms. Ellison – yes

Lisa Kerr made the motion that we hire James Macauley as a Substitute in Buena Vista City Public Schools effective March 10, 2023 pending satisfactory background check. It was seconded by Mac Felts and passed by a 5-0 vote.

Mac Felts made the motion that we appoint Jenny Bingham, Substitute in the Buena Vista City Public School System effective March 10, 2023. It was seconded by John Rice and passed by a 5-0 vote.

Mac Felts made the motion to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by Lisa Kerr and passed by a 5-0 vote.

Teresa Ellison

Teresa Ellison, Chairman

3-28-2023

Date

Sandra Mohler

Sandra Mohler, Clerk

3/28/2023

Date