

AT A JOINT MEETING OF THE JAMES CITY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, THE WILLIAMSBURG CITY COUNCIL, AND THE WILLIAMSBURG-JAMES CITY COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD, HELD ON THE 26TH DAY OF FEBRUARY, 2004, AT 8:33 A.M. IN THE MEDIA CENTER AT JAMESTOWN HIGH SCHOOL, 3751 JOHN TYLER HIGHWAY, JAMES CITY COUNTY, VIRGINIA.

A. ROLL CALL

Bruce C. Goodson, Chairman, Roberts District
Michael J. Brown, Vice Chairman, Powhatan District
John J. McGlennon, Jamestown District
M. Anderson Bradshaw, Stonehouse District
Jay T. Harrison, Sr., Chairman, Berkeley District

Sanford B. Wanner, County Administrator

The meeting was facilitated by Ms. Faye Wampler and Mr. Bob Garrity, from FSR Associates.

B. DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Overview and Tour of Current Career and Technical Classes

Dr. Karen Kolet, Supervisor, Guidance/Career and Technical, provided brief overviews of the current enrollment in Career and Technical Education (CTE) courses at both high schools.

At 8:45 a.m., the Boards and City Council members went on a tour of the CTE in Jamestown High School to view the learning, instruction, and delivery of the courses; and returned at 9:50 a.m.

The Boards, City Council, and staff discussed the collection of data on those students that complete the CTE courses; class availability when offered at only one high school; transportation issues; percentage of minority students taking CTE classes; integration of schedules between the high schools; and the sharing of labs and equipment with Thomas Nelson Community College (TNCC) and Sentara Hospital at the third high school.

Dr. Kolet continued the presentation on CTE courses including information on those that completed the CTE courses; TNCC dual enrollment requirements information; and articulation requirements information.

2. Third High School Programming

Mr. Michael Thornton, Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Administrative Services, provided an overview of the student population enrollment trends.

The Boards, City Council, and staff discussed the Cohort Survival Method and DeJong's enrollment figures. There was consensus that the DeJong projections were more accurate.

Mr. Michael Brown stated that **Jamestown** High School reached its program capacity in four years and suggested that the third high school should be sized to handle ten years of projected high school growth. Mr. Brown offered a high school student extrapolation that indicated a need for a third high school in the 1,400 to 1,450 range. He further suggested that it would be better to program school facility capital investments to that so they would not all be built at the same time.

Discussion followed on how the decision was reached to **build** a 1,250 student size high school and the advantages/disadvantages of a larger high school.

Mr. John **McGlennon** stated that they all needed to recognize that the Cohort Survival Method projections are wrong and they are historically under the numbers they should be. He stated that it needs to be clarified for the community that the **DeJong** numbers represent a better reflection in the school population. There was general consensus in the group on this issue.

The group discussed the possible need for multiple high schools or elementary schools and the necessity of having to **make** decisions regarding the size of the third high school now, rather than wait for the facilities study. There was a lengthy discussion on the documented advantages of smaller high schools and whether there could be a larger school capacity with smaller class sizes, program capacity versus building capacity, the need for program flexibility, and the advantages that smaller schools allow for more student participation in extracurricular activities.

A presentation was given on the processes used for the planning of the third high school, which included the Blue Ribbon Committee, Programming Committee Phase I, and Programming Committee Phase II. The objectives and recommendations from these groups were reviewed.

Mr. **McGlennon** stated that the career proposal was a well thought out plan that ties together the needs of the community and students, and inquired if the Schools has considered a possible partnership with TNCC for the Head Start Program.

Discussion was held regarding TNCC's experience with early child care and the proposal to move the program to TNCC's new location by the third high school to give students the ability to take advantage of this opportunity, which would eliminate the issue of square footage usage at the Schools for the program.

It was confirmed that the intention for the three high schools was to have specialized centers at each school as magnets with an enrollment similar to James River for the International Baccalaureate Primary Years Programme (**IBPYP**).

The group recessed from **11:48** a.m. to **12:03** p.m. for lunch.

Dr. Pete Spina, Acting President of TNCC, stated TNCC was looking forward with anticipation to building their campus on the **Warhill** tract. Dr. Spina reviewed TNCC's construction schedule and the advantages to TNCC for colocating and **partnering** with WJCC including the retention of teachers, certification of teachers to **teach TNCC courses**, joint appointments of teachers, and a community technology center that could be jointly shared.

3. **Project Design and Development**

Mr. Jim **McCalla**, Vice President of Moseley Architects, gave a presentation on the design process and proposed third high school design.

Mr. Brown inquired if the design contained any flexibility in the footprint.

Mr. McCalla replied that due to the restrictions from the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) for setbacks, the building could not be moved closer to the road. Excluding furnishings for the school, the project budget for the high school is 31.8 million dollars; and if the project were to be delayed, construction costs would rise at an average of 4.8 percent per year or more.

Mr. McCalla was asked if the site could handle an increase in design space from 1,250 students to 1,450 students. He responded that the core facilities could probably handle the increase, but an additional estimated 30,000 square feet would be needed at a cost of \$140/square foot or approximately 4.2 million dollars.

Discussion was held on the potential of the Williamsburg Area Performing Arts Center auditorium enhancements, and Mr. McCalla stated that if these enhancements were desired, he needed to know now.

Mr. McGlennon clarified that the groups had reached consensus that the population enrollment projections supported a comprehensive third high school. There was consensus among the Boards and City Council on this issue.

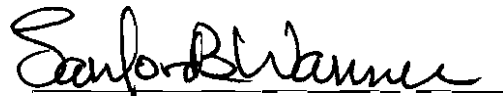
Mr. McGlennon asked if the groups agreed they are generally satisfied with the programming concept presented for the third high school. There was general consensus by the group supporting the programming, and concurred that while they agree there are a number of opportunities to think about programming and facilities, they need to stay engaged in ongoing discussions regarding future school needs in the community.

C. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Harrison made a motion to **adjourn**.

On a roll call vote, the vote was: **AYE**:Bradshaw, Harrison, Brown, McGlennon, Goodson (5).
NAY:(0).

A 1:04 p.m., Mr. Goodson adjourned the Board until 7 p.m. on March 9,2004,



Sanford B. Wanner
Clerk to the Board