

AT A JOINT RETREAT OF THE JAMES CITY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, THE WILLIAMSBURG CITY COUNCIL, AND THE WILLIAMSBURG-JAMES CITY COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD, HELD ON THE 14TH DAY OF FEBRUARY 2006, AT **8:43** A.M. AT THE WILLIAMSBURG COMMUNITY CENTER, 401 NORTH BOUNDARY STREET, WILLIAMSBURG, VIRGINIA.

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A. ROLL CALL

Bruce C. Goodson, Chairman, Roberts District  
John J. McGlennon, Vice Chairman, Jamestown District  
Jay T. Harrison, Sr., Berkeley District, Absent  
James O. Icenhour, Jr., Powhatan District  
M. Anderson Bradshaw, Stonehouse District

Sanford B. Wanner, County Administrator

B. CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN AND GROWTH

Mr. Bob Becker, Assistant Superintendent for Operations, reviewed the School Board's proposed Capital Improvement Plan for FY 2007-2011. The presentation included the following: committee membership; how projects qualify for inclusion in the CIP; explanation of the new Tier categories; future plans for facilities and fields upgrades; and division growth.

There are four tiers: Tier I – Health and Safety issues; Tier II – Growth and maintenance; Tier III – Projects that support and/or enhance the learning process; and, Tier IV – Other projects important to the mission of our schools. It was noted that the committee decided to rank Tiers I and II in priority order, but to not rank Tiers III and IV.

Mr. Becker noted that additional physical education space and gymnasium space will not be seen in this year's CIP, as the Joint Use Committee felt these needed to be looked at as County/City/School needs.

The group discussed the bus loop construction at Rawls Byrd; the accuracy of the estimates provided to the School Board for construction projects; and, time frames for building schools (depending upon the square footage, elementary – 13 months, middle – 15 months, high school – 17-18 months.)

It was noted that the Joint Use of Facilities agreement was being reviewed for renewal. This is a three-way agreement for use of facilities in the City and County.

The issue of the lack of parking spaces at schools was discussed. Mr. Becker explained that this was a long-term need not only for students **driving** to school, but also for parking for parents and the community at the school for special events. The possibility of using non playing fields for parking during special events and high traffic times was discussed.

The rapid growth in the Williamsburg area was discussed. Mr. McGlennon stated the need to communicate to the citizens the expectations of projected growth and how (the local governing bodies) plan to address it.

Mr. Goodson asked that the cost of **sitework** be in the construction cost for new facilities. If **unknown**, a placeholder amount could be put in with "estimate" behind it.

Mr. McGlennon expressed his appreciation for the prioritization in the **CIP**. He applauded the schools for making a process that is transparent and understandable. He further stated it was helpful for developing good relationships.

## **C. SCHOOL REDISTRICTING**

Mr. Bob Becker, Assistant Superintendent for Operations, reviewed the redistricting process as follows: explanation of the criteria used in setting new attendance zones; process used in soliciting community input; dates, times, and locations of community **information** sessions; and, plans and **timeline** for bringing the recommendation to the School Board.

Mr. Becker noted that the Citizens Task Force for Redistricting (CTFR) would be holding community meetings and gave the **dates/times** for the upcoming meetings. There was discussion on when the governing bodies would receive copies of the proposed redistricting options; the fact that free **and/or** reduced lunch information could not be used by **DeJong** to develop **socio/economic** data; the cooperation from the City and County staffs in providing housing values to develop the **socio/economic** data; how future growth will be addressed; and a **timeline** for the next redistricting.

Definitions for some of the criteria were discussed: Neighborhood schools were defined as the school closest to the neighborhood; minimal bus travel was defined as time spent on the bus as no more than 30 minutes. It is not considered a priority to have the middle schools feed to high schools, since the fourth

elementary school will be coming on line within the next few years. DeJong could be hired to review the continued growth at regular intervals and make adjustments to the redistricting.

#### **D. DISCUSSION, QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**

Mr. Scruggs asked where the cost for additional buses due to growth was in the budget. Mr. Burckbuchler responded that WJCC does not have sufficient funds for the replacement of buses in this budget cycle. The School Division has not been replacing buses the past year. The Division is now on a 14-year replacement cycle.

The funding of the CIP was discussed – how projects are first put in the CIP and move up from Tiers 3 & 4 to Tiers 1 & 2. Mr. Wanner noted that the City and the County also have CIPs that require funding. Additional buses are considered growth and replacement of buses is funded in the operational budget.

Mr. McGlennon noted that [we] are in an extraordinary period of growth and in need of new facilities. He encouraged the schools to make energy a high priority – alternate fuel vehicles, geothermal, or other energy systems.

Mr. Chohany suggested that PPEA partnerships be explored, if applicable. Mr. Goodson noted that PPEA was used for the third high school access.

The effect growth will have on the need for more buses was discussed. Ms. Emanuel suggested that the regional transportation system be explored to see if it could be used. The need of buses for the new high school and elementary school were discussed. Mr. Becker was asked to research these needs.

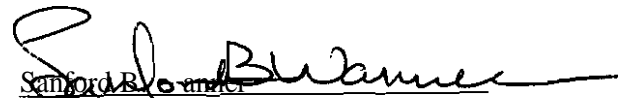
Mr. Goodson stated that the meeting was helpful for the Board of Supervisors, a good way to move forward together, and appreciated the discussion regarding redistricting.

#### **E. RECESS**

Mr. McGlennon made a motion to recess to 7 p.m.

On a roll call vote, the vote was AYE: Icenhour, McGlennon, Bradshaw, Goodson (4). NAY: (0).  
ABSENT: Harrison.

At 10:35 p.m. Mr. Goodson recessed the Board to 7 p.m.

  
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