

**HENRY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
JOINT WORK SESSION
WITH THE SCHOOL BOARD
MINUTES
January 13, 2014 – 3:00 pm**

The Henry County Board of Supervisors and the Henry County School Board held a joint Work Session on January 13, 2014. The following Board members were present: Chairman H.G. Vaughn, Vice Chairman Tommy Slaughter, Jim Adams, Debra Buchanan, Joe Bryant, and Milton Kendall.

Staff members present were Tim Hall, County Administrator; Dale Wagoner, Deputy County Administrator; George Lyle, County Attorney; Susan Reynolds, Human Resources Director; Darrell Jones, Director of Finance; and Richard Stanfield, Deputy Director of Finance.

Members of the School Board present were Chairman Joseph DeVault, Vice Chairman Betsy Mattox, Terri Flanagan, Merris Stambaugh, Curtis Millner, and Francis Zehr.

Staff members present were Dr. Jared Cotton, School Superintendent; DeWitt House, Assistant Superintendent of Instruction/Accountability and Student Achievement; William Bullins, Assistant Superintendent of Administration and Human Resources; and Keith Scott, Supervisor of Facilities/Maintenance.

Officer Troy Easter of the Henry County Sheriff's Office was present.

Ben Williams of the Martinsville Bulletin was present.

Chairman DeVault called the School Board meeting to order at 5:20 pm and thanked the Board of Supervisors for attending the meeting.

Chairman Vaughn called the Board of Supervisors meeting to order at 5:20 pm and congratulated the new members of the School Board.

Dr. Cotton welcomed everyone in attendance and discussed the recent efforts of school administration to develop a long range facilities plan. Dr. Cotton introduced Jim McCalla with Moseley Architects to present the plan. A copy of the presentation is included in the file.

Mr. McCalla highlighted the various issues with each school and compared the student capacity needs to those recommended by the Virginia Board of Education. In general, the greatest facility needs exist at the elementary level, with the highest priority need being in the Collinsville area. Mr.

McCalla recommended a path forward that could eventually lead to five elementary zones with fewer schools. He indicated a logical first step to address the most imminent facility needs would be to build a new school to replace John Reed Smith and Collinsville Primary Schools or significantly renovate and add on to Collinsville Primary School.

Mr. Hall briefly discussed the projected impact on the real estate tax rates that will be necessary to fund debt service on new building projects. A copy of the handout is included in the file.

Following general discussion, members of both Boards asked Dr. Cotton and Mr. Hall to further explore potential site locations for a new school in the Collinsville area, acquire an sales appraisal of the John Redd Smith and Collinsville Primary Schools, and to investigate various debt service options for building a new school.

Dr. DeVault and Mr. Vaughn expressed their appreciation to everyone in attendance for their willingness to work together.

The meeting of the School Board adjourned.

On a motion by Ms. Buchanan, seconded by Mr. Slaughter, and unanimously affirmed, the meeting of the Board of Supervisors was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.