

# AGENDA

## BEDFORD COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND BEDFORD COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD JOINT MEETING

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2001  
GROUND FLOOR TRAINING ROOM  
COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

7:30 P.M.      WELCOME

- a. Call to Order
  - b. Moment of Silence
  - c. Pledge of Allegiance
- (1) APPROVAL OF AGENDA
  - (2) OVERVIEW OF COUNTY SPENDING
  - (3) SCHOOL FUNDING AND EXPENDITURES
    - a. ADM 1994-2002
    - b. School Debt 1992-2001
    - c. County And State Funding FY 1995-96 to FY 2000-01
    - d. School Expenditures FY 1995-96 to FY 2001-02
    - e. Graph – ADM, Local Funding & State Funding FY 1996-97 to FY 2000-01
    - f. Graph – Where The Local Funding Comes From FY 2000-01
  - (4) PROPOSED FY 2001-02 SCHOOL BUDGET
    - a. School Board's Proposed Budgets
    - b. School Board's Proposed Budgets Combined
    - c. Graph – ADM, Local Funding & State Funding FY 1996-97 to FY 2001-02
    - d. Proposed Local Funding Increase Restated
    - e. Where The Local Funding Comes From FY 2001-02
  - (5) INFORMATION REQUESTED BY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND SUBMITTED BY DR. BLEVINS
  - (6) WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?

Board of Supervisors:

Lucille H. Boggess, Chair - Dist. 7, Kirby E. Richardson, Vice-Chair - Dist. 2, Roger W. Cheek - Dist. 3, Robert L. Bashore - Dist. 4, E. Anthony Ware, II, - Dist. 5 and Bobby G. Pollard - Dist. 6

: Absent :

Dale C. Wheeler - Dist. 1

Staff Present: William C. Rolfe, Kathleen D. Guzi, Michael T. Dorsey, Susan L. Crawford and Bill Hoy

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School Board:

Wesley P. Gordon, Jr. - Dist. 1, Kevin Mele - Dist. 2, Mark B. Goode - Dist. 3, Jim Fields Dist. 4, Betty L. Earle - Dist. 5, Shirley B. McCabe - Dist. 6 and Mickey VanDerwerker – City

: Absent :

Stanley W. Butler - Dist. 7

Staff Present: Dr. James G. Blevins, Beverly Padgett, Bobbi Johnson, Gary Davis, Sara Staton, Victor Gosnell, Harold Jones, Dennis Overstreet, Brenda Edson and Karen Bryant

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Chair Boggess called the Board of Supervisors to order; Chairman Fields called the School Board to order. Chair Boggess welcomed everyone. Chairman Fields led everyone in a moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance.

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**(1) APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

**Supervisor Bashore made a motion to approve the agenda as presented.**

**Voting yes: Mr. Richardson, Mr. Cheek, Mr. Bashore, Mr. Ware, Mr. Pollard and Mrs. Boggess**

**Voting no: None.**

**Absent: Mr. Wheeler**

**Adopted Unanimously.**

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**School Board member VanDerwerker moved to approve the agenda as presented. School Board member Gordon seconded the motion.**

**Voting yes: Mr. Gordon, Mr. Mele, Mr. Goode, Mr. Fields, Mrs. Earle, Mrs. McCabe and Mrs. VanDerwerker**

**Voting no: None.**

**Absent: Mr. Butler**

**Adopted Unanimously.**

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William C. Rolfe, County Administrator, stated that during the process of preparing the County's FY 2001-2002 proposed budget, education was made a top priority. The Board of Supervisors issued budget guidelines to all departments, with the exception of schools and fire and rescue, to submit two budgets, one with a 5% decrease in operations and one at level funding. The Board of Supervisors Budget Committees spent seven full days reviewing budget requests and making recommendations to level fund or decrease funding wherever possible. As a result, the FY 2001-2002 proposed budget represents a 1.06% increase over last fiscal year's budget. This includes merit pay increases for all County employees. Mr. Rolfe then provided statistics showing the following:

- Average Daily Membership (ADM) 1994-2002
- School Debt 1992-2001
- County and State Funding FY 1995-96 to FY 2000-01
- School Expenditures FY 1995-96 to FY 2001-02
- Graph – ADM, Local Funding & State Funding FY 1996-97 to FY 2000-01
- Graph – Where The Local Funding Comes From FY 2000-01

- School Board's Proposed Budgets
- School Board's Proposed Budgets Combined
- Graph – ADM, Local Funding & State Funding FY 1996-97 to FY 2001-02
- Proposed Local Funding Increase Restated
- Where the Local Funding Comes From FY 2001-02

Dr. Blevins asked the Boards to make teacher salaries the Number 1 priority this budget year in order to maintain the best teachers for the students. Attention should also be directed to salary increases for custodians, clerical, aides, bus drivers, etc. He added that portions of the CIP could be spread over a period of time while others need immediate attention.

Chair Boggess told the School Board that increasing teacher salaries was the Supervisors' Number 1 concern as well. School Board member Goode reminded both Boards that this budget had not been voted on as yet. Mrs. Padgett agreed, noting that this was a proposed budget, not an adopted one.

Discussion ensued on the virtues of combining the operating budget and the CIP budget. School Board member Mele was of the opinion that it was not productive to combine them as they were two separate budgets; the operating budget addresses current needs and the CIP addresses long-term needs. Mr. Rolfe responded that funding for the CIP still must be accounted for. Dr. Blevins told Board members he felt there was enough money in the CIP to get started; however, in reality it may need to be reprioritized. He suggested the two construction committees meet to work on this. Mr. Rolfe added that \$1,888,327 in new money would be needed to fund a CIP budget of \$4,328,311. This amount does not include \$2 million for technology or \$200,000 for bus leases.

Supervisor Cheek initiated discussion regarding administrators' salaries. Dr. Blevins responded that with the increase in teachers' salaries, administrators must be compensated as well. Previous increases have only been budgeted at 2 to 3%. He said that our administrators are being recruited from other districts with the promise of more lucrative offers. School Board member Mele added that the salary increases are defined by market pressure, and we have a difficult time competing with surrounding localities. Mr. Cheek then asked how he could be assured the money would go for teacher salaries. Mrs. Padgett directed him to the categorical breakdown of the proposed budget.

Supervisor Bashore asked Mrs. Padgett to explain the increases requested by the School Board. It was noted that the greatest increase was due to salary increases, additional personnel, and technology. There was discussion regarding the way eleven-month salaries were figured. Responding to a question by Chair Boggess, Mrs. Padgett said school divisions have been instructed to use the allotment figure for the second year of the biennium for state funding, which is about \$200,000 less than the budget reflects. Board members also discussed the number of new positions and the number required to be in compliance with state requirements. Dr. Blevins reiterated that the state is not picking up its fair share of funding for mandated programs.

Dr. Blevins provided a packet of information, at the request of Mrs. Guzi, that included teacher and administrative salary scales, staffing charts, student membership and central office information for the last five years. Supervisor Bashore requested staffing information for the proposed 2001-2002 school year. Board members also asked for the total number of central office staff since only administrators were included in the information provided. Dr. Blevins agreed to fax the additional information as soon as it could be compiled.

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**ADJOURNMENT:**

**Chair Boggess adjourned the meeting at 8:50 p.m.**

**Voting yes: Mr. Richardson, Mr. Cheek, Mr. Bashore, Mr. Ware, Mr. Pollard and Mrs. Boggess**

**Voting no: None.**

**Absent: Mr. Wheeler**

**Adopted Unanimously.**

**School Board member VanDerwerker made a motion to adjourn the School Board.  
School Board member McCabe seconded the motion.**

**Voting yes: Mr. Gordon, Mr. Mele, Mr. Goode, Mr. Fields, Mrs. Earle, Mrs. McCabe and Mrs. VanDerwerker**

**Voting no: None.**

**Absent: Mr. Butler**

**Adopted Unanimously.**

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Chairman