

AGENDA
BEDFORD COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
JOINT MEETING WITH BEDFORD COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD
BEDFORD SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY CENTER
DECEMBER 1, 2005

1. Opening Items

- 1.01 Call to Order
- 1.02 Pledge of Allegiance

2. Action Items

- 2.01 Approval of the Agenda

3. Informational Items

- 3.01 Accomplishments of the School System - Dr. Bobbi Johnson
- 3.02 Agreement to Create a Budget Committee - Dr. Blevins and Mrs. Guzi
- 3.03 Update on the PPEA Progress - Warren Walker, Construction Dynamic Group

4. Matters from the Board

- 4.01 Comments and Concerns from Board Members

Board of Supervisors:

Mr. Roger W. Cheek, Chairman - District 3, Mr. Dale C. Wheeler - District 1, Mr. Charles Neudorfer - District 2, Dr. Robert L. Bashore - District 4, Mr. Steve Arrington - District 5 and Mr. Bobby G. Pollard - District 6

Absent:

Mr. Gary M. Lowry, Vice-Chairman - District 7

Staff Present:

Kathleen Guzi, Frank Rogers, Carl Boggess, Susan Crawford, Tommy Mason and Brigitte Petersen

School Board Members:

Mr. D. S. Black, Chairman - District 3, Mrs. J. W. Wright - District 1, Mr. T. S. Huff - District 2, Mr. J. M. Fields - District 4, Mr. Keith Jones - District 5, Mrs. S. B. McCabe - District 6, Mrs. D. S. Hoback - District 7

Absent:

Mrs. A.M. VanDerwerker, Vice-Chairman – City

Staff Present:

Dr. J. G. Blevins, Dr. B. F. Johnson, Mrs. B. A. Padgett, Mr. G. W. Davis, Mr. V. M. Gosnell, Mr. R. L. Edwards, Mr. D. W. Overstreet, Mr. W. C. Peterson, Mrs. K. S. Foutz - Clerk

(1.01) Chairman Black called the School Board to order.

(1.02) Chairman Cheek called the Board of Supervisors to order.

(1.03) Chairman Black led the Pledge of Allegiance.

(2.01) Ms. Wright made a motion to approve the agenda with Mrs. Hoback seconding. The motion carried unanimously.

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A motion was made by Mr. Pollard to approve the agenda.

Voting yes: Mr. Wheeler, Mr. Neudorfer, Dr. Bashore, Mr. Cheek, Mr. Arrington  
and Mr. Pollard

Voting no: None

Absent: Mr. Lowry

Motion passed.

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(3.01) Chairman Black gave a short introduction, followed by Dr. Bobbi Johnson, who gave a PowerPoint presentation on the accomplishments of the school system over the past two years. Topics included academic performance; English instruction; math, science and social studies instruction; EMT classes; distance learning; virtual AP class; expanded Gifted Summer Extension sessions; revised Gifted Plan; new classes being offered, etc. After her presentation, Dr. Johnson reminded both Boards that all Bedford County Schools are fully accredited.

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(3.02) Chairman Black stated that the schools were now entering their budget process and turned the meeting over to Mrs. Kathleen D. Guzi, County Administrator, and Dr. Jim Blevins, Superintendent of Schools, to discuss the possibility of creating a new Budget Committee. Mrs. Guzi stated that she and Dr Blevins have been discussing how to build on the success of the School Construction Committee, and one of the options they've discussed is utilizing a Joint Budget

Committee. The idea is to have this new committee work through the funding requirements for the upcoming year and prepare a draft to present to the Board. Mrs. Guzi stated that, hopefully, this will improve communication in what can be a very complicated process for both the School Board and the Board of Supervisors. Dr. Blevins concurred.

Chairman Cheek commented that from the Board of Supervisors standpoint, he has not yet found anyone on the Board interested in serving.

Chairman Black stated that from the School Board's standpoint, they are very happy with the progress of the School Construction Committee; but when you start talking about budgets, there are very diverse opinions all the way across the board. He stated that while he is sure everyone is interested in the budget, he is not sure anyone on the School Board is really interested in serving on such a committee, either.

Supervisor Neudorfer suggested that the proposed committee is an opportunity to participate jointly, and he believes this would be a positive thing. There is no guarantee it would be successful, but it will definitely not be successful if it is not tried.

Supervisor Pollard stated he believes the school budget should be presented to the Board of Supervisors the same way all other County budgets are.

The followed a brief discussion between members of both Boards regarding the merits of forming such a committee. The School Board will most likely discuss this further at a later time.

(3.03) Mr. Warren Walker, from Construction Dynamic Group, appeared before the Boards with an update on the PPEA Progress. He stated they are moving quickly through this process, and are evaluating the two proposals that were received, with the goal of having a comprehensive agreement signed by mid-March.

Mr. Walker stated the next Construction Committee meeting to share notes on how the evaluations went will be held on Wednesday, December 7th. The goal is to have a list of clarifications for the two proposers by mid-December. He stated they hope to have detailed proposals in-hand by mid-January, with public presentations held on January 19. By mid-February, the School Board will decide which firm will move forward into negotiations.

Mr. Walker reiterated he is confident they will have a comprehensive agreement by mid-March.

(4.) Chairman Black thanked Dr. Bashore and Mr. Fields on behalf of the School Board for their many years of hard work on their respective Boards. Chairman Black also welcomed Mr. Sharp and Mr. Hostetler to their new Board positions.

Chairman Cheek thanked the School Board for their hospitality this evening.

After a few other brief comments from members of both Board, Chairman Cheek asked for the motion to adjourn tonight's meeting.

Supervisor Pollard made a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Voting yes: Mr. Wheeler, Mr. Neudorfer, Dr. Bashore, Mr. Cheek, Mr. Arrington and Mr. Pollard

Voting no: None

Absent: Mr. Lowry

Motion passed.

Chairman Black then called for a motion to adjourn.

Mr. Wright made a motion to adjourn; Mrs. Hoback seconded his motion.

The motion carried unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:34 p.m.

Chairman
