

MINUTES
Amherst County Board of Supervisors
Special Meeting
June 23, 2015 – 9:00 a.m.

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- I. Call to Order
- II. Approval of Agenda
- III. Board Appointments – School Board
- IV. Adjourn

MINUTES

At a special meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Amherst County and held at the Administration building thereof on Tuesday, the 23rd day of June, 2015, at 9:00 a.m. at which the following members were present:

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

PRESENT:	Mr. David W. Pugh, Chairman	ABSENT: None
	Mrs. Claudia D. Tucker, Vice-Chairman	
	Mr. Robert M. Curd, Supervisor	
	Mr. John A. Marks, Jr.	
	Mr. Donald W. Kidd, Supervisor	

STAFF PRESENT: Dean Rodgers, County Administrator, David Proffitt, Deputy County Administrator, Ellen Bowyer, County Attorney, and Regina Rice, Executive Administrative Assistant.

I. Call to Order

Chairman Pugh called meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

II. Approval of Agenda

Ms. Bowyer requested the Board add a closed session to the Agenda pursuant to § 2.2-3711 (A)(7) of the Code of Virginia, to discuss pending litigation involving Sweet Briar College.

By motion of Supervisor Kidd and with the following vote, the Board approved the Agenda as amended for June 23, 2015.

AYE:	Mr. Pugh, Mrs. Tucker, Mr. Curd, Mr. Marks and Mr. Kidd
NAY:	None

ABSENT: None

III. Board Appointments – School Board

Chairman Pugh stated the Board convened in a special meeting, seven days after the public hearing on June 16, 2015, to appoint two candidates to the School Board for District 2 and District 4.

By motion of Supervisor Tucker and with the following vote, the Board voted to appoint Jennifer Cumby to the District 2 seat on the Amherst County School Board and to reappoint Priscilla Ligon to the District 4 seat on the Amherst County School Board.

AYE: Mr. Pugh, Mrs. Tucker, Mr. Curd, Mr. Marks and Mr. Kidd
 NAY: None
 ABSENT: None

Chairman Pugh expressed congratulations to both appointees.

IV. Closed Session

Supervisor Kidd moved that the Amherst County Board of Supervisors convene in closed session pursuant to § 2.2-3711 (A)(7) of the Code of Virginia, to consult with the County Attorney regarding actual litigation involving Sweet Briar College.

AYE: Mr. Pugh, Mrs. Tucker, Mr. Curd, Mr. Marks and Mr. Kidd
 NAY: None
 ABSENT: None

Supervisor Kidd motioned to come out of closed session and was approved with the following vote:

AYE: Mr. Pugh, Mrs. Tucker, Mr. Curd, Mr. Marks and Mr. Kidd
 NAY: None
 ABSENT: None

CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED MEETING

Supervisor Kidd moved that the Amherst County Board of Supervisors certify by a recorded vote that, to the best of each Board member's knowledge, only public business matters lawfully exempted from the open meeting requirements of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act and identified in the motion authorizing the closed session were heard, discussed, or considered in the closed session.

Mr. Pugh	AYE
Mrs. Tucker	AYE
Mr. Curd	AYE
Mr. Marks	AYE
Mr. Kidd	AYE

Chairman Pugh commenced the reading of Resolution 2015-0011-R, expressing the congratulations of the Board of Supervisors of Amherst County to Sweet Briar College on the occasion of the confirmation of its continued operation, establishing June 23rd as Sweet Briar College Day, and expressing the County's desire for future collaborative involvement in Sweet Briar College's continuing operation.

Ms. Bowyer stated she has made several minor technical changes to the resolution and will provide a corrected copy for the Chairman to sign.

Chairman Pugh stated this resolution is to congratulate Sweet Briar College on staying open and that the Board of Supervisors expresses its desire to consider ways in which the County can work collaboratively with the College to develop mutually beneficial strategies designed to help Amherst County and Sweet Briar College best meet the needs of the communities they serve.

Ms. Bowyer stated she has heard many expressions of interest and excitement about having a closer relation between the College and the County. This resolution is a means to reflect this.

By motion of Supervisor Tucker and with the following vote, the Board adopted Resolution 2015-0011-R with the changes as noted by Ms. Bowyer. (Attachment 1)

AYE: Mr. Pugh, Mrs. Tucker, Mr. Curd, Mr. Marks and Mr. Kidd
 NAY: None
 ABSENT: None

Supervisor Tucker thanked Ms. Bowyer and truly appreciated all she did and her tenacity.

Chairman Pugh thanked Ms. Bowyer for all the work she has done and expressed his gratitude.

All Board members applauded Ms. Bowyer.

Supervisor Kidd expressed how great it was to be a part of this.

Supervisor Marks expressed how glad he was to be in the Courtroom yesterday and said the Judge was very lenient with the celebration.

Supervisor Curd expressed that her work was a job well done.

Chairman Pugh expressed how happy all are regarding this outcome.

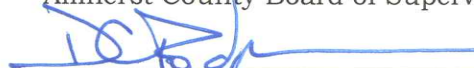
V. Adjourn

On motion by Supervisor Marks and with the following vote, the Board moved to adjourn.

AYE: Mr. Pugh, Mrs. Tucker, Mr. Curd, Mr. Marks and Mr. Kidd
 NAY: None
 ABSENT: None



David W. Pugh, Jr., Chairman
 Amherst County Board of Supervisors



Dean C. Rodgers, Clerk

ATTACHMENT 1



Amherst County Board of Supervisors
County Resolution No. 2015-0011-R

For consideration on June 23, 2015

A RESOLUTION, NO. 2015-0011-R

A resolution, expressing the congratulations of the Board of Supervisors of Amherst County to Sweet Briar College on the occasion of the confirmation of its continued operation, establishing June 23rd as Sweet Briar College Day, and expressing the County's desire for future collaborative involvement in Sweet Briar College's continuing operation.

Approved as to form by the County Attorney

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF AMHERST, VIRGINIA:

I. That the Board of Supervisors of Amherst County hereby congratulates Sweet Briar College on its continuing operation, establishes June 23rd as Sweet Briar College Day, and expresses the County's desire for future collaborative involvement in Sweet Briar College's continuing operation, as follows:

WHEREAS, Sweet Briar College ("College") has been an important and beloved charitable community institution in Amherst County for over 100 years; and

WHEREAS, there exist multiple connections between the College and the County that have been of mutual benefit; and

WHEREAS, Amherst County is proud of the College's rich heritage and its intimate connection with the County; and

WHEREAS, the College's President announced on March 3, 2015, that the College would close effective August 25, 2015; and

WHEREAS, the Amherst County Attorney filed suit in behalf of the Commonwealth of Virginia seeking to stop the closure, and was shortly joined in her efforts by separate cases filed by counsel for the College's students and faculty and staff who also sought to stop the closure and otherwise reverse the March 3, 2015, announcement; and

WHEREAS, on April 21, 2015, the Amherst County Board of Supervisors approved a resolution expressing their support for the College and their concern at the prospect of closure, and subsequently voted to approve a request to the Court to permit the County's intervention in the Commonwealth's lawsuit; and

WHEREAS, Judge James W. Updike, Jr., issued an order effective June 23, 2015, approving a settlement agreed to by all parties to the litigation, which settlement agreement would ensure funding for operations during the 2015-2016 academic year, and establish new leadership for the College, specifically a new Board of Directors and new President; and

WHEREAS, many supporting the College are confident that it will persevere and operate for many years into the future.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF AMHERST, VIRGINIA:

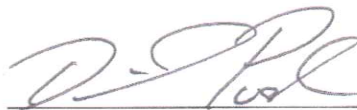
That the Board of Supervisors of Amherst County hereby congratulates Sweet Briar College on its continuing operation, and proclaims June 23rd as Sweet Briar College Day.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

That the Board of Supervisors expresses its desire to consider ways in which the County can work collaboratively with the College to develop mutually beneficial strategies designed to help Amherst County and Sweet Briar College best meet the needs of the communities they serve.

II. That this resolution shall be in force and effect upon adoption.

Adopted this 23rd day of June, 2015.



David W. Pugh, Jr., Chairman
Amherst County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:



Dean C. Rodgers, Clerk
Amherst County Board of Supervisors

Ayes 5

Nays 0

Abstentions 0