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AMHERST COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Board of Supervisors

Tom Martin, Chair
District 1
L.J. Ayers III, Vice-Chair
District 3
Claudia Tucker, Supervisor
District 2
Drew Wade, Supervisor
District 5
David W. Pugh, Jr., Supervisor
District 4

MINUTES

March 21, 2023
Administration Building - 153 Washington
Street - Public Meeting Room
Amherst, Virginia 24521
Meeting Convened - 7:00 PM

County Administrator
Jeremy Bryant, Interim

County Attorney
Mark Popovich

I. Call to Order

At a regular meeting of the Amherst County Board of Supervisors held on March 21, 2023 at 7:00 p.m., the following members were present:

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

Tom Martin, Chairman
L. J. Ayers III, Vice-Chair
Claudia D. Tucker, Supervisor
Drew Wade, Supervisor (**Absent for the first 6 minutes of the meeting**)
David W. Pugh, Jr., Supervisor

ABSENT: None

STAFF:

Jeremy S. Bryant, Interim County Administrator
David R. Proffitt, Deputy County Administrator
Mike Lockaby, County Attorney
Kristen Freeman, Clerk

Chairman Martin called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

NOTE: All Board of Supervisors meetings are now being streamed live on Facebook and on YouTube.

II. Approval of Agenda

By motion of Vice-Chair Ayers and with the following vote, the Board approved the agenda.

AYE: Mr. Martin, Mr. Ayers, Mrs. Tucker, and Mr. Pugh

NAY: None

ABSENT: Mr. Wade

III. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Martin led the Invocation and Supervisor Tucker led the Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. Citizen Comment

There was no public comment.

V. Public Hearing

A. Lease Agreement - Susan Leonard

Ms. Susan Leonard currently resides at 102 Mountian View Drive. The previous owner of record, Frances S. Bracken who passed on January 9, 2023 owned the property under a life estate and allowed Ms. Leonard to live on the property. The property is now owned by Amherst County. The proposed lease agreement will allow Ms. Leonard to continue to reside at the property rent free until August 1, 2023. After August 1, 2023, Ms. Leonard will vacate the property.

The Public Hearing was opened.

Proponents: None

Opponents: None

The Public Hearing was closed.

By motion of Vice-Chair Ayers and with the following vote, the Board directed Interim County Administrator Bryant to sign the Lease Agreement with Ms. Susan Leonard.

AYE: Mr. Martin, Mr. Ayers, Mrs. Tucker, and Mr. Pugh

NAY: None

ABSENT: Mr. Wade

B. Ordinance 2023-3, Erosion and Sediment Control

County Attorney, Mike Lockaby, presented the Board with Ordinance 2023-3. The current Amherst County Erosion and Sediment Control Ordinance indicates that at the County's request, the Commonwealth Attorney shall enforce all provisions of Article IV, Chapter 11. However, the Virginia state code indicates that it should be the county attorney who should assist staff with the enforcement of the erosion and sediment control ordinance, as these types of actions are civil in nature, not criminal. Therefore, this ordinance clarifies who is responsible for assisting staff with civil enforcement actions under the Amherst Erosion and Sediment Control Ordinance.

The Public Hearing was opened.

Proponents: None

Opponents: None

The Public Hearing was closed.

By motion of Vice-Chair Ayers and with the following vote, the Board adopted Ordinance 2023-3 as presented.

AYE: Mr. Martin, Mr. Ayers, Mrs. Tucker, Mr. Wade, and Mr. Pugh

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

VI. Consent Agenda

By motion of Supervisor Tucker and with the following vote, the Board approved the Consent Agenda for March 21, 2023.

AYE: Mr. Martin, Mr. Ayers, Mrs. Tucker, Mr. Wade, and Mr. Pugh

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

A. Minutes - March 7, 2023

It was moved that the Board adopt the minutes of March 7, 2023.

B. Tuition Reimbursement - Carla Tomlin

It was moved that the Board appropriate carryforward funds of \$3,200 for tuition reimbursement into the FY 2023 operating budget.

C. Appropriation of Revenue - Sheriff's Office

It was moved that the Board approve the appropriation of funds as described.

D. Revision to Leave Charts

As permitted by HR Regulation Chapter 1.1.4, HR Regulation changes are made by the County Administrator and reported to the Board at a public meeting.

VII. Special Presentation

A. School Budget Presentation

Dr. William Wells, the Superintendent, presented the Board with the School Board's Budget for FY2023-24. (SEE ATTACHMENT 1)

By motion of Chairman Martin and with the following vote, the Board directed staff to advertise the FY2024 operating budget and capital improvement plan on April 18, 2023, for a public hearing.

AYE: Mr. Martin, Mr. Ayers, Mrs. Tucker, Mr. Wade, and Mr. Pugh

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

*Through consensus of the Board, Dr. Wells was directed to report back at a later meeting regarding information obtained on the High School Construction RFP.

VIII. New Business

A. Land Use Permission & Facility Development - Public Safety

Brad Beam, Public Safety Director, addressed the Board regarding their request to use county-owned land for training and requested funds from the Emergency Services Council Fund to fund and develop a Fire Training Facility.

By motion of Vice-Chair Ayers and with the following vote, the Board gave permission to Amherst County Public Safety to use parcel # 96-A-38 for Fire/Rescue Training and authorized the spending of up to \$325,000 from the ESC Capital Budget for the development of the Fire/Rescue Training facility.

AYE: Mr. Martin, Mr. Ayers, Mrs. Tucker, Mr. Wade, and Mr. Pugh

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

IX. County Administrator's Report

A. Boards/Commissions/Committees - Agriculture Committee

By motion of Supervisor Tucker and with the following vote, the Board appointed Mr. Chris Bryant to serve a three-year term on the Agriculture Committee.

AYE: Mr. Martin, Mr. Ayers, Mrs. Tucker, Mr. Wade, and Mr. Pugh

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

X. County Attorney's Report

The County Attorney had no matter to discuss.

XI. Liaison and Committee Reports

A. Planning Commission - David Pugh

Supervisor Pugh stated Planning Commission had a busy meeting last week with several public hearings. He stated said several rezoning and special exception requests passed through the Planning Commission and will be brought to the Board soon.

B. Parks, Recreation & Cultural Development Board- Tom Martin

Chairman Martin stated the last meeting was spent going over the Parks and Recreation budget. He said they are very thankful for the amount the Board is willing to fund in terms of Parks and Recreation. He said there are many events being planned. He encouraged citizens to visit the Parks and Recreation Facebook page for a list and dates for upcoming events.

XII. Citizen Comment

There was no public comment.

XIII. Matters from Members of the Board of Supervisors

Chair Martin had no matter to discuss.

Vice-Chair Ayers had no matter to discuss.

Supervisor Tucker had no matter to discuss.

Supervisor Wade had no matter to discuss.

Supervisor Pugh had no matter to discuss.

XIV. Adjournment

By motion of Vice-Chair Ayers and with the following vote, the Board adjourned at 7:50 pm.

AYE: Mr. Martin, Mr. Ayers, Mrs. Tucker, Mr. Wade, and Mr. Pugh

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

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Tom Martin, Chair
Amherst County Board of Supervisors

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Jeremy Bryant Interim County Administrator



Amherst County Public Schools

2023-2024 Budget Presentation

March 21, 2023



2023-2024 Budget Priorities



List of the main budget priorities:

1. Maintain competitive pay scale to surrounding divisions.
2. Maintain class sizes below the Standards of Quality to support student success.
3. Accurately project the market increases in the area of Operations in order to maintain facilities and transportation fleet.
4. Continue to build programs that provide opportunities for all students to complete their school year ready for the next grade level or life after high school.

2023-2024 Operational Budget Information

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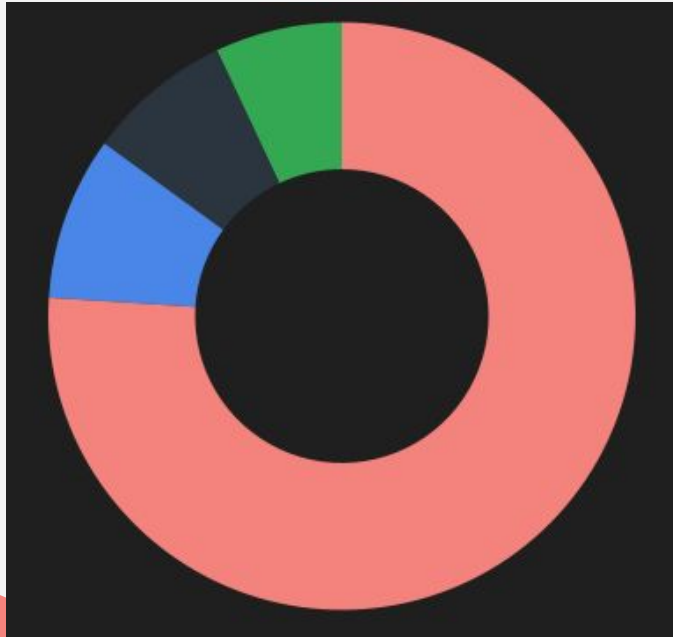
Summary of
Expenditures

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Closing
Information

ACPS Budget by the ***NUMBERS***

Major areas that make up the ACPS Operating Budget



76%

Instruction

9%

Operations & Maintenance

8%

Pupil Transportation

7%

Administration & Health

Note: Excludes Grants and Child Nutrition



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Budget Enrollment



01

The Magic Number

What enrollment number will ACPS use to build the 2023-2024 Budget?

State

Governor's, House and
Senate projection -

3,751.30

Weldon Cooper

Short Term - 3,795
Mid Term - 3,815
Long Term - 3,799

Amherst

Division
projection -

3,799

The Proposed Budget is based on the lowest ADM projection - 3,751.30

Historical Position Information

The following chart details the change (+ or -) on the number of FTEs within the designated years operational budget. As an overview, since the 2009/2010 budget a total of 104 positions were removed from the budget, while only 22.5 were added back, leaving the division with a deficit of -81.5 positions lost since the 2009/2010 school year. *Note: 68 of the 104 positions were teaching positions.*

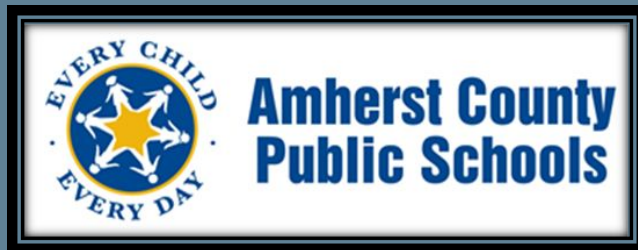
ACPS POSITION ADDITION- DELETION SINCE 2009/2010 SCHOOL YEAR													
2009-2010	2010-2011	2011-2012	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023
-8.5	-40	+3	-39	-2	+2	+1	-3	-11.5	+2	+7	+5	0	+2.5

Historical Enrollment Information

Identifying this amount of loss we researched student enrollment to determine if the amount of positions removed from the operational budget were more than what would be considered justified for a loss in student enrollment. As an overview ACPS showed an enrollment loss of 673 students between 2009/2010 to 2022/2023. When using the ratio of 24 to 1 for class size (VDOE Standard Of Accreditation) this would account for only a loss of 28 instructional positions, rather than the loss of -81.5. *(Note: 104 positions lost, plus the 22.5 added back, leaves a deficit of -81.5 positions).*

ACPS STUDENT ENROLLMENT SINCE 2009/2010 SCHOOL YEAR

2009-2010	2010-2011	2011-2012	2012-2013	2013-2014	2014-2015	2015-2016	2016-2017	2017-2018	2018-2019	2019-2020	2020-2021	2021-2022	2022-2023
4444	4338	4283	4178	4083	4051	4004	3940	3880	3922	3940	3890	3790	3771



Summary of State Revenue

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Proposed Revenue

Governor's

\$ 37,315,907

5% Pay Increase
1% Retention Bonus

House

\$ 37,018,524

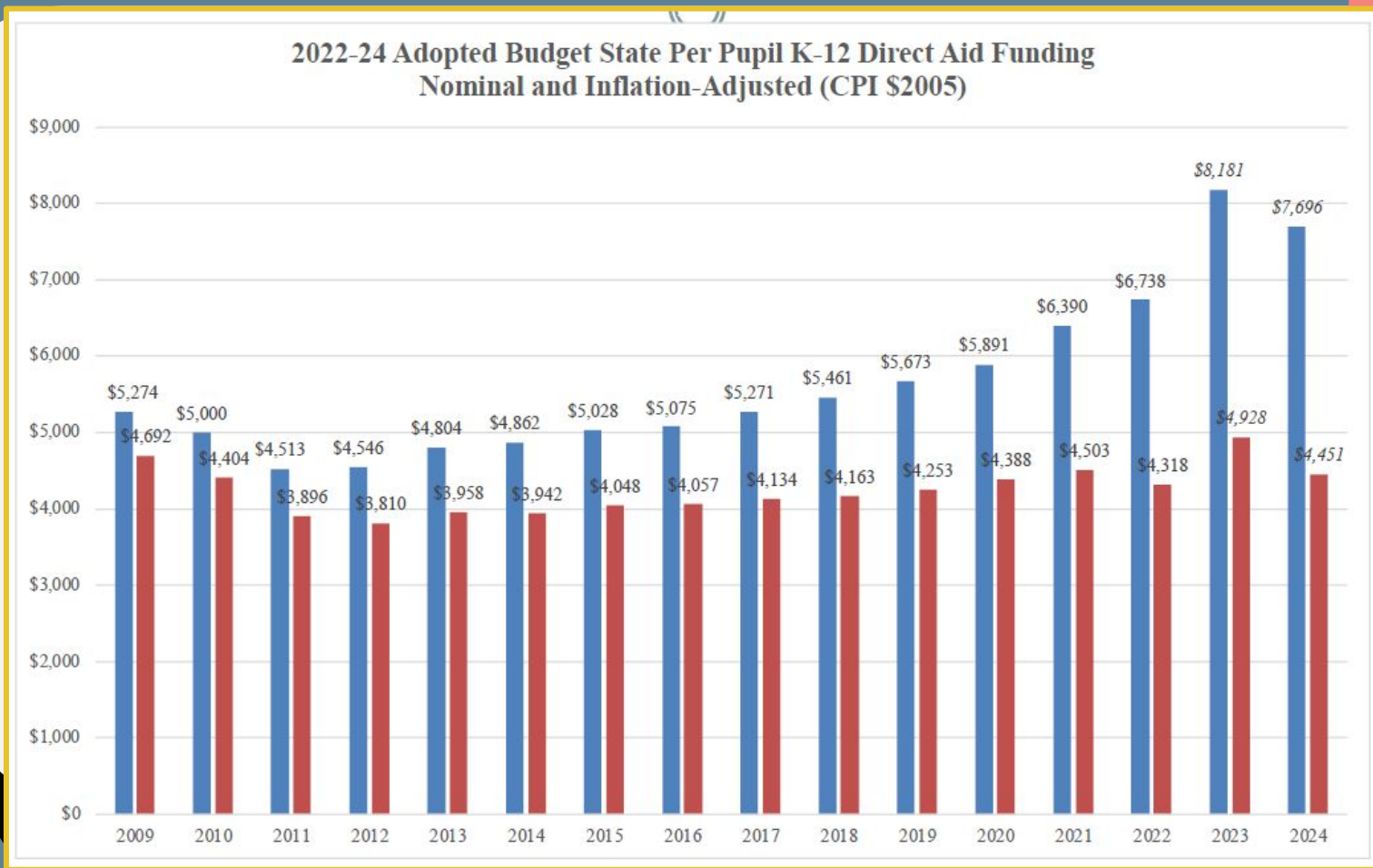
7% Pay Increase
Reading Specialist
Ratio
K-5 1:550
6-8 1:1,150

Senate

\$ 38,986,982

7% Pay Increase
\$1000 Bonus
Reading Specialist
Ratio
K-8 1:550
Specialized Student
Support
4:1,000

K-12 State Per Pupil Funding Not Keeping Pace with Inflation

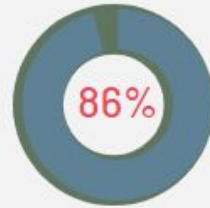




Division Pay-Increase

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Nuts & Bolts of Division Pay-Increases

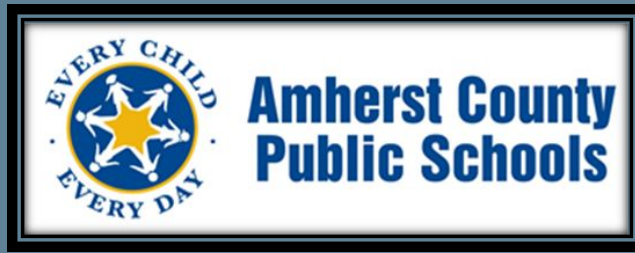


% Personnel

86% of our operating budget

The division's proposed budget provides for:

- **7% pay increase for all contracted staff**
- **7% increase to substitute pay rates**
- **An additional 1% increase for bus drivers**
- **Custodial staff placed on Grounds payable**
 - **Will result in an additional 1-3% average increase**
- **Child Nutrition average pay increase 15%**



Summary of Expenditures

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Expenditures

- **Additional funding for fuel**
- **Additional funding for utilities**
- **Increase employer contribution to health insurance - 10%, no employee increase**
- **Adjusts for maintenance contracts and software renewals**
- **Includes funding for staff development**
- **Adding 3.70 FTE positions**

Expenditures

2022-2023 Budget \$ 63,258,219

School Operational Budget \$ 1,353,870

Child Nutrition Budget \$ 392,129

Federal & Adult Programs \$ -77,306

CARES \$ -955,211

Total Proposed 2023-2024

School Operational Budget **\$ 63,971,701**

2023-2024 ACPS Proposed Budget

School Operational	\$ 53,911,423
Child Nutrition	\$ 2,827,574
Grants	\$ 3,006,631
CARES Funding	\$ 4,226,073
Total Expenditures	\$ 63,971,701

State Revenue	\$ 31,152,220
State Sales Tax	\$ 6,163,687
Federal Grants	\$ 3,006,631
CARES Funds	\$ 4,226,073
Child Nutrition	\$ 2,827,574
Other Local Funds	\$ 193,427
Board of Supervisors	\$ 16,402,089 (Additional \$2,500,000 requested in local funding)
Total Revenue	\$ 63,971,701

Implications of “Skinny Budget”

- General Assembly passed “Skinny Budget”
- Adjourned February 25
- “Skinny Budget” was to address calculation tool error
- If the “Skinny Budget” is not amended, we would need to reconvene with our board to make adjustments to our budget
- Based on the “Skinny Budget” we do not anticipate requesting additional funding from the Board of Supervisors



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Closing Information



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Community **INPUT**



Information will be provided on the following platforms:

1. Website
2. Social Media Accounts
3. School Messenger
4. Public Meetings



Budget Meetings



December 8th:

Public Hearing

February 23rd:

Presentation of Budget to School Board

MARCH 2nd:

Board Retreat

MARCH 9th:

Public Hearing

School Board Approved Budget

MARCH 21st:

Present to Board of Supervisors



We appreciate the support of the Board of Supervisors and County Administration throughout the budget process. This has been a collaborative effort and we are grateful for your willingness to support public education in Amherst County.