

BOOK 33**VIRGINIA:**

At an adjourned joint meeting of the Board of Supervisors of Amherst County and the Amherst County School Board held at the Amherst Education Center thereof on Tuesday, the 10th day of December, 2010 at 11:30 a.m. for discussion with state legislators.

The following Board of Supervisors members were present:

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

PRESENT: Mr. D. Kidd
Ms. C. Tucker
Mr. R. Curd
Mr. F. Campbell

ABSENT: Mr. R. Vandall

Mr. D. Kidd, Chairman, called the meeting to order.

The following agenda was provided by the School Board.

Legislators' Luncheon

December 10, 2010

11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Amherst Education Center

I. Welcome

- A. Mr. Jones Stanley, Chairman, Amherst County School Board
- B. Dr. Brian Ratliff, Superintendent, Amherst County Public Schools
 - 1. Introductions
 - 2. Agenda
- C. Mr. Ernest Penn, Administrator, Amherst Education Center

II. Classroom Visits – 11:45 a.m.

Teacher	Subject	Room	Teacher	Subject	Room
Mrs. Runkle	English	107	Mrs. Hinkley	H.S. Sp. Ed.	126
Mrs. Foster	Electives	109	Mrs. Meade	M.S. English	127
Mr. Baker	Social Studies	111	Mr. Wilkins	M.S. SS/Science	130
Mrs. Murillo	Science	108	Ms. Crews	M.S. Math	132
Miss Stenman	Math	110			
Mrs. East	M.S. Sp. Ed.	128			
Mrs. Sandidge	H.S. Sp. Ed.	123			

III. Tour Groups

11:45 – 11:50 – Stenman – 110	11:45 – 11:50 – Sandidge – 123	11:45 – 11:50 – Foster 109
11:50 – 11:55 – Baker – 111	11:50 – 11:55 – Hinkley – 126	11:50 – 11:55 – Meade – 127
11:55 – 12:00 – Murillo – 108	11:55 – 12:00 – East – 128	11:55 – 12:00 – Wilkins – 130
12:00 – 12:05 – Runkle – 107	12:00 – 12:05 – Baker – 111	12:00 – 12:05 – Crews – 132
Group 1:	Group 2:	Group 3:
Mr. Penn (Guide)	Dr. Mayhew (Guide)	Dr. Ratliff (Guide)
Senator Ruff	Delegate Cline	Senator Newman
Mr. Curd	Mrs. Liggon	Mr. Stanley
Mr. Hawkins	Mrs. Walker	Mrs. Gamble
Mrs. Crouch	Mr. Proffitt	Mr. Lintecum

Mrs. Tucker	Mrs. Morton	Mr. Kidd
Dr. Brown	Mr. Campbell	Mr. Vandall
Ms. Bowyer	Mr. Marshall	Deputy Ferguson

IV. Amherst Education Center Students! – 12:05 p.m.
“Life at AEC”

V. Lunch Discussion

- A. Legislators
 1. What can we do for you?
 2. Items you would like to share?
- B. Two-minute conversations?
 1. Lee Lintecum – 2011 Legislative Priorities – Amherst County Board of Supervisors
 2. Brian Ratliff – 2011 Legislative Priorities – Amherst County School Board

VI. Gratitude and Adjournment – 1:00 p.m.

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS:

PRESENT:

Dr. W. Brown
 Ms. P. Ligon
 Mr. J. Stanley
 Ms. E. Gamble
 Ms. G. Walker
 Ms. M. Morton

ABSENT:

None

OTHERS PRESENT: School H.R. Director, Dr. Mayhew; School Finance Director, Teresa Crouch; County Attorney, Ellen Bowyer; School Superintendent, Dr. Ratliff; County Administrator, Lee Lintecum; Deputy County Administrator, David Proffitt; School Principal, Ernest Penn; CSA Coordinator, Gail Taylor; State Senator, Steve Newman; State Senator, Frank Ruff; State Delegate, Ben Cline.

Board of Supervisors Chairman, Mr. Kidd called meeting to order.

School Board Chairman, Jones Stanley provided opening remarks.

Dr. Ratliff provided introductions for attendees and served as the meeting moderator.

Mr. Penn provided remarks.

Three (3) Amherst Education Center students provided comments regarding their experience in the school system.

There was a consensus to delete the classroom visits from the meeting agenda.

Lunch was provided to all attendees.

Dr. Ratliff presented the following legislative priorities for the School Board.

**2011 AMHERST COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND
 VIRGINIA ASSOCIATION OF SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS
 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES**

- Support a JLARC study to determine whether or not:

- the state is funding the Virginia Retirement System “using methods which are consistent with generally accepted actuarial principles.”
- the state is adequately funding schools for a “high quality education program.”
- Support restoring state money for BASIC Aid and categorical funding.
- Support the development of a teacher and administrator evaluation system that utilizes multiple indicators of performance.
- Support providing all public schools the same flexibility in meeting state requirements that are provided to charter schools approved by local school boards.
- Oppose implementation of the 65% solution as defined by the USDOE and the US Census. Concerned about how this “solution” may be defined.

County Administrator Lintecum presented the following legislative priorities for the Board of Supervisors.

**AMHERST COUNTY LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES
DECEMBER 10, 2010**

- No unfunded state mandates should be imposed on localities
- Restore state funding for constitutional offices.
- Consideration of legislation to allow localities the option to require employees hired before July 1, 2010 to pay the five percent employee share of VRS if the localities have elected to have employees hired after July 1, 2010 to pay the five percent employees share of VRS as well.
- Do not limit localities abilities to levy local taxes currently available.

There was a brief dialogue between Legislators and County officials of each of the legislative concerns presented.

Legislators provided comments concerning effective communications between them and the locality as well as concerns they have from a state perspective.

IN RE: ADJOURNMENT

On motion of Mr. Kidd, seconded by Mr. Campbell and with the following vote, the Board adjourned.

AYE: Mr. D. Kidd, Ms. C. Tucker, Mr. R. Curd and Mr. F. Campbell

NAY: None

ABSENT: Mr. R. Vandall

Donald W. Kidd, Chairman
Amherst County Board of Supervisors

Lee Lintecum, County Administrator