

The Amherst County School Board met on Wednesday, February 28, 2018, in the Board Room of the School Administration Office, Amherst, Virginia at 9:07 a.m., for the School Board Retreat.

PRESENT:               W. Michael Henderson, Chairman  
                          Priscilla M. Liggon, Vice Chairman  
                          David S. Cassise  
                          Jennifer E. Cumby  
                          Francisco D. Mayo  
                          Craig S. Terwilliger  
                          Abby J. Thompson

ABSENT:               None

Mr. Henderson called the meeting to order , asked that a moment of silence be observed and asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Henderson asked if there was a motion to approve the February 28, 2018, agenda for the School Board Retreat meeting.

Upon motion by Mrs. Thompson, seconded by Mr. Terwilliger and unanimously carried, the Board approved the agenda of the February 28, 2018, School Board Retreat.

Mr. Henderson stated that senior staff had provided Board members a lot of materials.

Mr. Henderson provided Board members an overview of what Mr. Dean Rodgers, County Administrator, presented to the members of the Board of Supervisors on Tuesday, February, 20, 2018, regarding the County Budget.

Mr. Henderson stated the first item on the agenda was reviewing student enrollment.

Mrs. Crouch stated the Governor's Proposed Budget was developed with the student average daily membership (ADM) for Amherst County Public School at 3750 students. Mrs. Crouch stated in the Superintendent's Proposed Budget the ADM was 3825. Information was provided to the Board with the justification for an ADM of 3825. Board members reviewed student ADM data for the past five years. After much discussion by the Board regarding the ADM, the consensus of the Board was to base the revenue projections on an ADM of 3788.

The Board recessed for lunch.

Mr. Henderson called the meeting back to order.

The following items were discussed in the afternoon session of the School Board Retreat included:

- Financial support for the Performing Arts
- Electives at Middle Schools
- Scheduling at middle schools and high school
- Enrollment numbers for the four-year old program

- Financial support for the Y Program at Temperance Elementary School
- Target text messages for particular schools
- Number of staff at Amherst Education Center
- Equalization of salaries for instructional assistants and clerical staff
- Develop a plan to keep the problem from happening in the future
- Additional one-half hour for instructional assistants and clerical staff
- Proposed salary adjustments for principals
- Equalization of salaries for other employees

After much discussion by the Board, no final decisions were made regarding the topics discussed.

Dr. Nichols stated the information on accountability measures will be discussed at the March 8, 2018, regular School Board meeting.

Upon motion by Mrs. Cumby, seconded by Mr. Mayo and unanimously carried, the Board adjourned the meeting at 3:37 p.m.



Teresa C. Crouch, Clerk  
Amherst County Public Schools



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