

The Amherst County School Board met in a joint meeting with the members of the Amherst County Board of Supervisors and area legislators on Tuesday, November 20, 2018, in the Public Meeting Room of the School Administration Office, Amherst, Virginia at 7:00 p.m.

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

ABSENT: None

Members of the Amherst County Board of Supervisors

PRESENT: Claudia D. Tucker, Chair
L. J. Ayers, III, Vice-Chair
David W. Pugh, Jr.
Kenneth M. Campbell
Jennifer R. Moore

ABSENT: None

Legislators

PRESENT: Senator Mark Peake
Delegate Scott Garrett

Mr. Henderson called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m.

Mr. Henderson asked if there was a motion to approve the November 20, 2018, agenda for the joint meeting with members of the Amherst County Board of Supervisors and area legislators.

Upon motion by Mr. Terwilliger, seconded by Mr. Cassise and unanimously carried, the Board approved the November 20, 2018, agenda for the joint meeting with members of the Amherst County Board of Supervisors and area legislators.

Mr. Henderson welcomed Mrs. Amanda Wright to the Amherst County School Board.

Mr. Henderson expressed appreciation to Senator Peake and Delegate Garrett for attending the joint meeting.

Senator Peake shared information on the following matters:

- State budget for 2018-19 was mostly funded; however, anticipates an economic slowdown that may affect any revenue increase in the second year of the two-year budget cycle
- Tax Reform – tax internet sales
- Revenue may not be increased

Delegate Garrett shared information on the following matters:

- United voice when asking for resources for investment to the community
- Health care policies
- Public education funding increased
- Dual Enrollment at Central Virginia Community College
- Central Virginia Training Center and the future of the property
- Transportation and infrastructure
- Public Safety

Members of the Amherst County School Board and members of the Amherst County Board of Supervisors shared the following concerns with legislators:

- SOQ recommendations update in 2016-will they be supported
- Federal tax changes
- Teacher salaries and retention
- Medicaid expansion
- Central Virginia Training Center
- Personal Property tax on vehicles
- Mental health
- School safety
- School Resource Officers – funding

Dr. Arnold shared the County's active role to prepare students for life after high school. Dr. Arnold shared information regarding partnerships with local businesses, such as Englander Stove, Banker Steele-Banker University, Greif Brothers, and Public Safety – teaching the EMT classes.

Dr. Arnold invited members of the Amherst County Board of Supervisors, Senator Peake, Delegate Garrett and citizens present to attend the Long-Range Planning Community Forum at Monelison Middle School on November 29, 2018, and/or Amherst Middle School on December 4, 2018.

There being no further discussion, Mr. Henderson asked if there was a motion to adjourn the School Board portion of the meeting.

Upon motion by Mrs. Thompson, seconded by Mrs. Liggon and unanimously carried, the Board adjourned the meeting at 8:30 p.m.



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