

VIRGINIA: AT A SPECIAL JOINT MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND THE POWHATAN COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD HELD IN THE POCAHONTAS LANDMARK CENTER, 4290 ANDERSON HIGHWAY IN POWHATAN COUNTY, VIRGINIA, AND REMOTELY BY ELECTRONIC MEANS ON JUNE 11, 2020, AT 6:30 P.M.

Board of Supervisors Present: David T. Williams, District 1, Chairman, present in the Pocahontas Landmark Center
Larry J. Nordvig, District 2, present in the Pocahontas Landmark Center
Michael W. Byerly, District 3, present in the Pocahontas Landmark Center
Bill L. Cox, District 4, present in the Pocahontas Landmark Center
Karin M. Carmack, District 5, Vice Chairman, present in the Pocahontas Landmark Center

Board of Supervisors Absent: None

County Staff Present: Bret Schardein, Interim County Administrator, present in the Pocahontas Landmark Center

Powhatan County Public School Board Present: Rick Cole, District 1, present in the Pocahontas Landmark Center
Susan Smith, District 2, present in the Pocahontas Landmark Center
Valarie Ayers, District 3, present in the Pocahontas Landmark Center
Joe Walters, District 4, Chairman, present in the Pocahontas Landmark Center
Kim D. Hymel, District 5, Vice Chairman, present in the Pocahontas Landmark Center

Powhatan County Public School Board Absent: None

Powhatan County Public School Staff: Dr. Jason Tibbs, Director of Facilities, present in the Pocahontas Landmark Center

1. Call to Order

Chairman Williams called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

- a. Identify Public Entity members physically and/or electronically present

Mr. Williams identified the Board members, and Mr. Schardein, and their locations.

Mr. Walters called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

- a. Identify Public Entity members physically and/or electronically present

Mr. Walters identified the School Board members, and Dr. Tibbs, and their locations.

- b. Identify the persons responsible for receiving public comment

County Administration staff will accept emailed comments at administration@powhatanva.gov. Any comments received until 6:30 pm, on the day of the meeting will be entered into the meeting minutes.

- c. Identify opportunities for the public to access the electronic meeting

The public was able to participate in the meeting by using: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83998792911> by computer. Phone access was possible by dialing: +1 301 715 8592 or +1 312 626 6799 or +1 929 205 6099 or +1 253 215 8782 or +1 346 248 7799 or +1 669 900 6833. Or iPhone one-tap : US: +13017158592,,83998792911# or +13126266799,,83998792911#.. As always, the public could view the live feed from the County website. (edit link as needed)

- d. Identify opportunities for the public to participate in such an electronic meeting

The public was able to view and participate in the meeting live with the Zoom meeting link. During the public comment period, members of the public could raise their hands using the zoom controls on their screens, or press *9 on their phone.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Cox led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Invocation

Mr. Walters led the Invocation

4. Requests to Postpone Agenda Items and Additions, Deletions or Changes in the Order of Presentation

There were no requests to amend the Agenda.

5. Formal Approval of Agenda

Mr. Byerly moved to approve the Board of Supervisors agenda as presented. Mr. Nordvig seconded the motion.

David T. Williams, Larry J. Nordvig, Michael W. Byerly, Bill L. Cox, Karin M. Carmack voted AYE

**VOTE 5-0
MOTION Passed**

Mrs. Ayers moved to approve the School Board agenda as presented. Mrs. Hymel seconded the motion.

Mr. Cole, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Ayers, Mr. Walters, Mrs. Hymel voted AYE

**VOTE 5-0
MOTION Passed**

6. Public Comment (time limit 3 minutes per individual/5 minutes per group, 30 minutes total time limit that can be extended by the Board)

Chairman Williams opened the first public comment period.

Mr. Mike Asip, 3673 Old Buckingham Road, wanted to thank the Board members for working together. He stated that with the current budget and keeping the tax rate as it is, with the collection of 94% of taxes, that the school budget could be funded fully. He asked the Board not to cut tax rate. He asked that the Board fully fund the PCPS School Budget now and make reductions later if necessary. He noted that the Board had already approved a plan to fund the school's needs based on a quarterly review of revenue with changes to come later. Mr. Asip stated that the schools are fantastic. He then added that cutting staff, eliminating extracurriculars would sap the vitality of our school system. Mr. Asip noted that Powhatan County Public Schools is ranked 101 out of 132 localities, for local funds budgeted to the school system, putting Powhatan at the bottom. He stated that the Powhatan Schools are already running lean and efficiently. He noted that the taxpayers can be proud. He stated that we have already cut 1.4 million off the proposed budget for 2021. Mr. Asip explained that even a penny reduction to the budget is a loss of school and essential services. He hoped that that the Boards would reach the resolution to fully fund the schools.

Chairman Williams closed the second public comment period.

7. New Business

a. FY20 Year End Savings

Dr. Jones Presented. He stated that he had discussed, and listened to meetings, regarding what's to be done about the FY20 savings. He recommended the savings, of just under a million dollars, go into a Revenue Stabilization Operation Fund. He asked that the savings be used next year since there's so much uncertainty and it would offset unanticipated decreases in revenue.

Mr. Williams stated that Dr. Jones had shared his thoughts with him. Mr. Williams noted that all other jurisdictions have a Revenue Stabilization Fund. Mr. Williams explained that the purpose of the Stabilization Fund is when revenues don't come in as the Board has planned, and you have something to get you through the rest of the year. That way, taxes won't be raised and there would be no need for borrowing money. He stated that we need a Stabilization Fund. Mr. Williams recommended that the FY20 savings be moved to the County for the creation of the Stabilization Fund. Mr. Williams explained that the Board is fearful because they do not know what the November tax collections will look like. He then explained that moving the FY20 money over to the County will mean that the schools, Sheriff's Department, and Fire and Rescue will have access to the FY20 savings. The FY20 savings can be allocated as it is needed to the different county entities. Mr. Williams added that we are one county and not just a series of departments. Mr. Williams stated that he would like to suspend the previous agreement policy temporarily and reinstate the policy at the end of the year. Mr. Williams thanked the School Board for their stewardship of the savings over the previous years. Mr. Williams concluded that with the pandemic, the Governors requirement that we close schools, and because of a lack of a Revenue Stabilization Fund, that the Revenue Stabilization Fund will be his recommendation.

Mr. Nordvig agreed with Mr. Williams about the need for a Revenue Stabilization Fund. Mr. Nordvig stated that the County has a Rainy-day Fund already, with a 15% reserve. Mr. Nordvig explained that if the Rainy-day Fund is used, you will lose your Bond Rating, and you lose credit, and it would cost more to borrow money, so it's not really a Rainy-day Fund at all. Mr. Nordvig stated that he would like to make sure that the County isn't laying anyone off, sacrificing anything from Fire and Rescue, Sheriff's Office, or Social Services, just to save some cash. Mr. Nordvig stated that he is very much in favor of the Revenue Stabilization Fund. Mr. Nordvig noted that he will be paying attention to the timing, amount, and where the FY20 savings is placed.

Mr. Byerly stated that the errors of the County's past, where a Revenue Stabilization Fund wasn't made, shouldn't be held at the expense of the schools. Mr. Byerly stated that both of the Boards made an agreement and that was that any money saved by the Schools goes back to the Schools. Mr. Byerly added that he is happy to have a conversation about how they can work the system to where they can benefit from the FY20 savings. He explained that when times are tight, people are losing jobs, businesses are closing or closed, the Revenue

Stabilization Fund is a great idea. Mr. Byerly ended by stating that the FY20 savings should be put in a Revenue Stabilization Fund but to start with \$50,000 to \$100,000, not the full amount.

Mr. Williams stated that in reference to the 15% Rainy-day Fund, Powhatan has the lowest Fund balance in the Richmond Regional Planning District. Mr. Williams explained that only in the very worst of times to reach into this Rainy-day Fund. Mr. Williams clarified that the Revenue Stabilization Fund is not going to be used as part of a normal operating budget and that it's money on the side. He stated that it is the closing of the schools that created the FY20 savings and not savings being raised. Mr. Williams admitted to making the mistake of not having a Revenue Stabilization Fund in the past. Mr. Williams stated that this COVID-19 FY20 savings situation has never happened before, but it does afford us the ability to have a safety net throughout the year. He stated that the Board needs to fund a quality education, fund public health, and fund essential services to the County, and to make sure that we can get through the fiscal year, all in the midst of a pandemic. Mr. Williams explained that the current agreement with the schools is that half of the funds committed will be spent on non-reoccurring needs of the Powhatan County Public Schools with only half going to capital projects. He stated that he felt as though the FY20 savings would be better spent on the creation of the Revenue Stabilization Fund that under pins the County, so that the Board can have the FY20 savings to transfer in case of unknown expenses, and taxes would not have to be raised in the middle of the year.

Mrs. Smith and Mr. Williams discussed whether there are guidelines for using the Revenue Stabilization Fund.

Mrs. Ayers asked Mr. Williams if creating a Revenue Stabilization Fund would mean that the current policy would have to be changed. Mr. Williams confirmed that was correct. Mrs. Ayers noted that in the past, the money the Schools saved would go to the County Fund instead of the Schools Fund. Mr. Williams stated that the FY20 savings will not be part of the normal Operation Fund and a one-time deal. Mrs. Ayers then asked what the Rainy-day fund of 15% equates to in dollars. Mr. Byerly responded by stating that the figure is in the neighborhood of 12 million dollars. Mr. Williams added that most counties have 20-25%.

Mr. Cox remarked that it wasn't long ago that Powhatan had to borrow money. Mr. Cox stated they never want to be in that position again. He also stated that he feels as though the Revenue Stabilization Fund is imperative. Mr. Cox explained that they have the money to fund the School's budget right now but doesn't know what will happen in November. He stated that the Revenue Stabilization Fund is the most prudent and safest way to move forward.

Mr. Nordvig added that he feels like adding triggers, or guidelines, and ratios to the requirements would be wise. He stated that both Boards should be in agreement on those triggers.

Mr. Williams concluded by stating that the Board of Supervisors will continue to work with both Boards and staff to draft an agreement that would govern the Revenue Stabilization Fund.

Mr. Cole expressed that he is in favor of putting the money where it will best benefit the County so long as this is a one-time deal. Mr. Cole added that he liked the idea of adding ratio requirements to the Revenue Stabilization Fund. He expressed concern about being careful when making the Agreement. Mr. Cole expressed that he thinks that both Boards having this conversation is a positive move for the County.

b. FY20 Local Transfer of School's Budget

Dr. Jones presented the FY20 Local Transfer of School's Budget. Dr. Jones stated that the County is in Phase Two and hopes to be in Phase Three by the start of the school year. Phase Three will allow face to face instruction with students. Dr. Jones noted that this is going to be complex and difficult. He stated that there is no date on when Phase Four will occur. Dr. Jones explained that in the Fall the students would be on a hybrid schedule. The schedule would consist of having half the students going on certain days and the other half of the students going the other days, with some virtual learning in between. Dr. Jones expressed concern for having the students sit six feet apart on the busses as that would limit the number of students to ten per bus ride. Dr. Jones stated that the bus drivers would have to make seven different trips to drop kids off. Dr. Jones noted that the cost would be substantial, and he has been lobbying to see if the Schools can get funding elsewhere. Dr. Jones stated that the State Department of Education has signaled a willingness to do some waivers.

Mrs. Carmack, Dr. Jones, Mr. Cox, and Mr. Nordvig discussed the difficulty from a logistical and financial standpoint. Dr. Jones stated that parents can reach out to the Governor's Office and the Secretary of Education with their concerns.

Dr. Jones expressed concerns over parents pulling their children from schools and homeschooling them. He stated that it would be a big financial hit to the Schools, as the Schools receive \$4,200 per child from the State in ADM money.

Mrs. Ayers stated that parents have been contacting her and are willing to take their children to school. Mrs. Ayers thanked parents for their kindness in offering but expressed concerns over drop off lines.

Mrs. Hymel expressed concerns having the children wear masks all day and the loss of money from losing students.

Mrs. Smith asked if there is a legal way to push our own agenda with the government and state to make these changes more affordable. Dr. Jones responded by saying that some school divisions are discussing lawsuits. Dr. Jones stated that he would check with the School Board Attorney to explore the options.

Dr. Jones addressed the Board of Supervisors request to look at how the impact of cuts at different percentage levels. Dr. Jones stated that he was asked to look at 2%, 5%, 8%, and 10% and those percentages would amount to \$466,000 to \$2.3 million dollars in cuts.

Mr. Cox explained that at the May 14th School Budget meeting, it was decided by the Board of Supervisors, that it was best to look at how the impact of the different percentages of cuts would make per request by the Board of Supervisors.

Mrs. Hymel asked Dr. Jones to clarify some of the technology and planning that our schools have done. Dr. Jones responded that Powhatan County Public Schools has invested in technology over the last five to six years, which has allowed every student to have use of a Chromebook. Dr. Jones stated that without these investments, the schools would not have been able to do distance learning. Dr. Jones added that the schools have just completed the Solar Project and the TRANE project which he hopes will yield significant savings for the schools.

Dr. Jones stated that cuts to the budget it would be divided into two groups; non-personnel eliminations and personnel eliminations. Dr. Jones explained that with 10% cut out of the non-personnel category that meant that \$29,000 would be cut by restricting travel, \$97,000 would be cut from supplies, \$74,000 by eliminating Field Trips, \$299,000 by eliminating extra-curriculars.

Mrs. Carmack, Dr. Jones, and Mr. Nordvig discussed the particulars of eliminating extra-curriculars.

Dr. Jones stated that the personnel group at a 5% reduction, if you eliminated all of the non-personnel options, the School Board would still have to come up with \$668,000. Dr. Jones added that \$668,000 would cost the jobs of 13 teachers or 36 instructional assistants.

Mrs. Carmack asked Dr. Jones to explain the ADM figures. Dr. Jones responded by stating that the Schools receive state funding from ADM which is the Average Daily Membership. Dr. Jones explained that based on how many students we have enrolled in schools; we receive about \$4,500 dollars per student. He added that the schools budget based on those projections.

Mr. Byerly asked Dr. Jones how would laying off 13 teachers equate to if you chose to do a pay cut instead. Dr. Jones responded by saying that if the teachers were to take a furlough day, it would cost \$161,000 and an extra \$10,000 if central staff is included.

Mr. Nordvig asked Dr. Jones about offering some teachers early retirement. Dr. Jones replied that there are some that have decided to retire but it is a small number.

Mrs. Carmack emphasized that the Board of Supervisors has nothing to do with where the cuts come from. She addressed the parents to say that the Board of Supervisors has been a very good partner to the Schools. Mrs. Carmack stated that schools have received a 17% increase in funding, with a -3% student enrollment over the past decade, and the schools get 58% of the County's budget. The County also have to service the schools debt service, which adds another 6.5 million dollars a year that the County needs to pay. Mrs. Carmack stated that raising taxes is not an easy fix to cover costs. She added that she is concerned for the lower and fixed income folks that get hit the hardest. Mrs. Carmack hopes for a reasonable solution that does not include raising taxes.

Mr. Cox stated that if you look at the Audit reports, in the last 5 years, the schools have reduced 26 employees, gained 70 children, and added \$800,000 to their Capital Reserve Fund. Mr. Cox added that he thinks that the schools are doing a very interesting job at managing their resources. Mr. Cox noted that the schools here have an excellent reputation of a quality education.

Dr. Jones remarked that funding comes from local, state, and federal resources. He also stated that there's been mandatory increases in the retirement system, salary mandates, health care increases, as well as federally mandated increases in special needs staff. Dr. Jones added that it's important to know where all those increases go.

Mrs. Hymel asked how much money the County will receive from the CARES Act and how much the schools will receive of that money. Mrs. Hymel also asked how much money could be received from the GEAR Act. Dr. Jones responded by stating that the County received 2.5 million dollars from the CARES Act and the Schools have received \$235,000 of that money. Dr. Jones stated that he will look into the GEARS Act. Mrs. Hymel stated that 66.8 million dollars would go to the state of Virginia. Mrs. Hymel asked how many counties are in the state of Virginia. Dr. Jones replied that there are 132 counties in the state of Virginia. Mrs. Hymel then asked why the schools only got only \$235,000. Mr. Schardein explained that there are stipulations on what that money can be used for. He noted that the money is for needs that arose from the COVID-19 pandemic. Mrs. Hymel asked as to why her teachers are not getting money for having to go from classrooms to distance learning. Mr. Schardein responded that the State of Virginia does not view it that way since they are still teaching and that would not be reimbursable. Mr. Schardein stated that the County has not allocated any of the money yet and that it is not free money. Mr. Schardein added that the County is still receiving guidance on how to spend and there are numerous strings attached. He stated that if the expenses do not fall under the guidelines or the State takes issue with the expenses, then that is money that the County will have to pay back. Mrs. Hymel asked if PPE and extra cleaning of the school is included as reimbursable expenses for the Fall. Mr. Schardein responded with yes and funding goes through until December. Dr. Tibbs explained that the only sanitization outside of the schools' contract would be if the schools opened up sports and locker rooms which would need to be cleaned. He also stated that there would be extra labor costs for cleaning of classrooms. Mr. Williams stated that the CARES Act money cannot be used for anything that we have already been doing but anything new. Mr. Schardein clarified that one of the stipulations is that items that are in our current budget cannot be used for CARES Act. Mr. Williams asked Dr. Jones to identify those needs and seize the opportunity to expend the CARES Act funds. Dr. Jones stated that he is collecting and sending all COVID related expenses to County employees, Mrs. Shubert and Mr. Nellis.

Mrs. Ayers mentioned that the constituents that are reaching out to the Board members are asking them not to cut funding for programs, are asking the Board not to cut the budget.

Mr. Nordvig addressed the fact that the Board of Supervisors is not legally allowed to touch school line items and therefore hasn't cut anything. Mr. Nordvig explained that the revenue neutral rate is at 80% for the budget, and the budget is currently at 88% tax rate, so that would mean an 8% tax raise if the School's budget is not cut. Mr. Nordvig thanked both Boards for coming together and making wise decisions in the effort to get it right.

Mrs. Ayers clarified that the School Board cut 1.3 million dollars off of their proposed budget to the State of Virginia.

Mr. Williams expressed his optimism in seeing these two Boards come together to still be able to work out a solution. Mr. Williams thanked both Boards for their participation.

Mr. Walters remarked that the collaboration of the two Boards is critical. He stated that the Boards are elected to serve the best interests of all of the people who live and work in the County of Powhatan. Mr. Walters stated that the quality of the teachers is what makes quality education for the Schools in this county. He also stated that he would like to make sure that the good quality teachers stay in Powhatan. Mr. Walters thanked the Board and Chairman Williams for the opportunity to come together for the citizens.

Mr. Cole expressed some concerns for the folks on fixed incomes and stated that he would be in favor of some form of tax relief. Mr. Cole stated that the School Boards are facing cuts and the citizens need to know the potential impact of those cuts. He also noted that he wants citizen involvement and applauds those who have done so.

Mr. Byerly expressed some concerns for the November tax collection and rates. He asked Mr. Schardein if we get the money from the federal government, is there a possibility that the money could be called back? Mr. Schardein responded that he doesn't think that's a possibility. He noted that the federal government can strictly audit us. He also stated that this is the reason why the County has to be so careful in spending.

Mr. Nordvig asked Dr. Jones if before the June 29th meeting of the Board of Supervisors he felt like they needed a compiled version of the various reports. Dr. Jones responded that the numbers may not be in from the State at that point, but he would share anything he can with both Boards.

Mrs. Hymel asked if the Board of Supervisors will make their final decision on June 29th. Mr. Williams responded by saying that they will indeed and they have 18 days to adopt the budget.

9. Public Comment (time limit 3 minutes per individual/5 minutes per group, 30 minutes total time limit that can be extended by the Board)

Mr. Nicholas Snead, 3710 Maidens Road, District 5, thanked everyone for their time and for both of the boards coming together. Mr. Snead stated that this is a matter of destiny for every student and teacher who comes through Powhatan County Public Schools. He also stated that students should have the opportunity to have a great quality education. Mr. Snead asked the

Board to continue to work together, to fully fund the school budget, and to keep the tax rate the same.

Mr. Andrew Lessner, 3335 South Meadow Cir, District 3, stated that the Schools savings wasn't really a true savings but due to COVID 19. He added that some of the savings should be attributed back to the School's budget. Mr. Lessner asked if it's possible to put some of the money into the CIP budget reserve. Mr. Lessner noted that he pays 5-10 times more for a business license in the surrounding counties. He also stated that the residents and the business owners share in the cost of the operation of the County.

Mrs. Paula Duncan, 5903 Derwent Road, District 5, stated that it is a huge mistake to convert land along Rt 60 from commercial to agriculture. Mr. Duncan stated that she does not want Powhatan to be a Midlothian corridor, however, it affected her family as they have had to paid commercial taxes for years. She added that her family did get a tax cut, but our county needs that revenue. She added that commercial tax revenue that could be gained without a tax increase and she thinks that is the smart way to go about it.

Mr. William Bryan stated that no one has a clue what is going to happen in November regarding tax collection. He explained that people will not be paying their mortgages, due to taking the government extension, and banks will not be disbursing the escrow funding for that reason, and the county will not be getting any funding. Mr. Bryan then added that the Schools cannot get what monies the County does not have. Mr. Bryan expressed concern for the fact that Powhatan's county tax is higher than Henrico and Goochland counties.

Mr. Greg Ownby, 2233 Mountain View Rd, District 3, thanked the Boards for all of their efforts. Mr. Ownby asked if any other departments in the County had to come up with the same budget cuts as the schools are expected to cut.

Mrs. Jennifer Oliver, 316 Petersburg Rd, District 2, stated that parents are not babysitters and are actually very involved in extra-curriculars.

Mr. Curtis Newton, 2000 Judes Ferry Rd, expressed concern for the 88% tax rate. Mr. Newton stated that everyone is going to have to sacrifice and if the School Budget is fully funded, then that is not really sacrificing.

Mr. Andrew Snead, 2914 Edith Lane, district 3, thanked both Boards for their passion for Powhatan County and for the thoughtful conversation between the two Boards. Mr. Snead explained that we are setting up these children to be citizens of the world and that it's imperative that we offer our children the very best we can, as they are our most precious resource. He also stated that investing in public education has no depreciation.

Ms. Rebecca Courtwright, 3032 Mill Mount Lane, stated that she wanted to represent the Special Education Community. Mrs. Courtwright remarked that the reason why she moved to Powhatan was because of the extra support the Special Needs kids had here. She expressed concern over the suffering of the Special Needs children over budget cuts.

Mr. Will Carver, 4245 Sterger Creek Drive, thanked the Boards for their collaboration. He stated that he appreciates that the Board is establishing funding in stages to support the Schools as much as possible. Mr. Carver also stated that he appreciates the Board for establishing funding reserves.

Mrs. Jessie Burnett, 2300 Barley Farms Lane, asked what happens after the cuts are made this year. Mrs. Burnett asked if the County has an insurance that they can borrow against. She stated that as a small business owner, she is going without a paycheck to make sure that her employees get paid. Mrs. Burnett asked all the Board members if they are cutting their own paychecks or being furloughed to make sure that the County is getting what it needs.

Chairman Williams closed the second public comment period.

9. County Administrator and Superintendent Comments

Dr. Jones thanked the Boards for sharing. He stated that he looks forward to future discussions. He noted that he and his staff are available to answer any questions and he will get to them as soon as possible.

Mr. Schardein thanked both Boards for continuing work and communication. Mr. Schardein mentioned that this June 11th meeting had 211 participants across the various formats.

10. Board Comments

Mrs. Carmack stated that the Board asked Mr. Schardein to look at a 2% budget cut, and Mr. Byerly a 4% budget cut. Mrs. Carmack stated that those figures would include the salary of Board members.

Mr. Nordvig explained that the Board members are not allowed to engage in back and forth discussions with the public during the Question and Comment period. He stated that that time was for the people. Mr. Nordvig explained the 90% funding to the schools that was approved, was just so that the School Board could get the teachers contracts out before May 15th. He stated that the other 10% would be discussed at a later date. Mr. Nordvig stated that he admired Mrs. Burnett for sacrificing her paycheck and it's inspired him to give half of his paycheck to donate to the Schools.

Mrs. Smith stated that the County has a difficult road ahead and that it is imperative that both Boards work together. She added that there is much work to be done in planning for the schools, and to resolve the money issues. Mrs. Smith stated that she would support any legal action to push back on some of the guidelines the Governor has set forth. Mrs. Smith asked the citizens to get involved. She asked the citizens to contact the Governor and state representatives to make these concerns known. She then asked the citizens to complete their 2020 census.

Mr. Walters thanked the teachers and staff for investing in and creating ways to celebrate the students during the COVID social distancing period. Mr. Walters also thanked parents for trying hard to help make the students year a success. Walters stated that he wants the parents to know that the staff is committed to providing a safe environment for the children. Mr. Walters commended the Board on a very vigorous dialog and collaborative experience.

Mrs. Hymel thanked the Board of Supervisors for the meeting the previous night on Broadband. She appreciates the effort to bring broadband to the county and her district. She also addressed a question that came in at public comment period about her asking at a previous meeting what the savings would be if the salaries of the central officer staff were furloughed for a day, a week, or the summer. She clarified this included the members of the School Board, and she would donate her \$20 just like any other staff member if it were to come to that. Mrs. Hymel also wanted to clarify a misconception she noted on social media about the School Board making \$100,000 which is not correct.

Mrs. Ayers congratulated all the students on moving up to the next grade level and thanked all the teachers, students and parents for all working together during this difficult time.

Mr. Byerly congratulated the class of 2020. Mr. Byerly stated that no matter the outcome of the School Budget, the Schools will do wonderfully. He added that the reason for that is the wonderful people that the schools are run by and they will not let the County down.

Mr. Williams thanked the School Board for hosting the Board. He then thanked everyone for their efforts of behalf of the County of Powhatan.

11. Adjournment


Chairman Walters asked for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Cole motioned to adjourn, and Mrs. Ayers seconded the motion.

Mr. Cole, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Ayers, Mr. Walters, Mrs. Hymel voted AYE

VOTE 5-0
MOTION Passed


Chairman Walters adjourned the meeting at 9:11 pm.

These minutes were approved on September 28, 2020, by the Powhatan County Board of



David T. Williams, Chairman
Powhatan County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:



Ned Smither, Clerk
Powhatan County Board of Supervisors
Supervisors.

Recorded Vote:

<i>David T. Williams</i>	<u>AYE</u>
<i>Larry J. Nordvig</i>	<u>AYE</u>
<i>Michael W. Byerly</i>	<u>AYE</u>
<i>Bill L. Cox</i>	<u>AYE</u>
<i>Karin M. Carmack</i>	<u>AYE</u>

