

**VIRGINIA:** County of Lee, to-wit:

At the Joint Meeting of the Lee County School Board and the Lee County Board of Supervisors in the School Board Offices on February 27, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. thereof.

MEMBERS PRESENT: D. D. Leonard, Chairman  
Larry Mosley, Vice Chairman  
Sidney Kolb  
Robert Smith

MEMBERS ABSENT: Charles Slemp, Jr.

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Brian Austin  
Vera Ely  
Nancy Garrett  
Rob Hines  
Mike Kidwell  
Garry Williams  
Christine Wells

OTHERS PRESENT: Dane Poe, County Administrator

OTHERS ABSENT: Stacy Munsey, County Attorney  
Jeny Hughes, Administrative Assistant

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**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

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**REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR  
AND SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENT**

Dr. Brian Austin, School Superintendent, presented the proposed Fiscal Year 2020 -2021 budget.

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Mr. Poe stated that the Board of Supervisors have been working from a flat line revenue for the past 8-10 years with very little movement; the County's Fiscal Year 2020 budget had a 2.4 million dollar deficit which has affected the General Fund balance and the revenues do not come in quickly.

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Dr. Austin stated that Dryden Elementary School is in desperate need of a roof, and inquired about applying for a line of credit. The liability would fall on the School Board; however, the Board of Supervisors are the only ones that can incur a debt. Before the Capitol Reserve Account can be accessed, it has to be requested from the Board of Supervisors, the current balance in the account is \$247,409.66 but he would rather save it for an emergency, the boiler at Jonesville Middle School is not holding up and they are currently using propane for the second year. He stated that Mr. Bost is currently applying for grants to assist with the expense of the boiler.

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**REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE BOARD**

Ms. Ely stated the roof at Dryden Elementary School is in dire need of replacing.

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Mr. Kidwell asked if the Capitol Reserve Fund could assist in the repair costs.

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Mr. Mosley stated they are still waiting on the General Assembly to form a pool of money for rural schools; however, the proposed 27.5 million dollars would be split between 32 school districts.

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Mr. Williams inquired what the cost would be to repair the sewer issues at Lee High School.

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Dr. Austin replied that M&M Pumping came out and noticed that the four-inch pipe was down to one inch and they cleaned it out and it is flowing better; therefore, at this time there will not be any additional costs.

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Mr. Kidwell inquired which item needs repaired first, the roof at Dryden Elementary School or the boiler at Jonesville Middle School.

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Dr. Austin responded and stated the roof at Dryden Elementary School should be addressed first.

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Mr. Kolb asked Dr. Austin how long it would take to pay the current loan for Dryden Elementary school off.

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Dr. Austin responded it depends on the state revenues.

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Mr. Kolb inquired why the schools are in such poor shape.

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Dr. Austin responded that the newest roof is Lee High School and it is 30-35 years old. He stated that in the past roofs have not been replaced unless it was an insurance claim.

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Mr. Hines stated boilers were not replaced throughout the years, windows are not energy efficient, and roofs were not replaced.

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Mr. Kolb inquired if there were any additional cuts that could reduce costs.

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Dr. Austin stated that Administration costs are down and that all open positions are examined to determine if the position needs filled, and with minimum wage increasing and Virginia Retirement System rates increasing, the budget has to change accordingly.

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It was moved by Mr. Leonard, seconded by Mr. Mosley, to adjourn. Upon the question being put the vote was as follows.

VOTING AYE: Mr. Kolb, Mr. Leonard, Mr. Mosley, Mr. Smith

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CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

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CLERK OF THE BOARD