



budget represented sacrificial cuts and was a sincere effort on the part of the School Board to hold down costs.

David Weiss joined the Supervisors at 7:20 pm.

Tom Judge, Director Joint Administrative Services, reviewed major changes including:

- Salary Increases of 4.5% for all positions other than Instructional Assistants.
- Salary Increases of 10% for Instructional Assistants.
- Reduction of Six [6] Administrative Positions. Chairwoman Bouffault provided a synopsis of the proposed reductions advising that the essential duties would still be performed noting that several of these positions would be returned to classroom instruction. In the case of the Athletic Director, it was noted that it was being returned to its historical function as primarily classroom instruction with additional athletic duties; and it was further noted that only last year was directorship made a full-time administrative position.
- Addition of Three [3] Classroom Instruction Positions
- Reduced Funding for Advanced Testing

Supervisor Dunning joined the Supervisors at 7:22 pm.

Points reviewed and discussed:

- Average Daily Membership [ADM].
- -7.3% revenue loss from the Commonwealth.
- Debt service revenue and expenditure detail over ten years.
- High School Construction. The School Board expects to propose the location soon.
- The FY09 Budget includes no proposed debt issues.
- Actual variance from the School Board adopted budget with the Superintendent's proposal was -\$14,367.
- Competitive salaries.
- Joint vehicle and building maintenance between the schools and the general government.

Chair Robina Rich Bouffault put forth that additional budget cuts would come at the cost of core academic programs.

The Board of Supervisors did not request additional budget reductions however made it clear that the full extent of the proposed budget cuts by the Commonwealth is unknown.

Supervisor Weiss complimented the School Board for doing a lion's job on a difficult task in a short amount of time. Chairman Staelin concurred and expressed his appreciation for a clear, concise budget document.

Chairman Staelin adjourned the meeting immediately thereafter; however, resulting from requests from the audience, Chairman Staelin reconvened the meeting to take citizen comment.

Mary Veilleux, Berryville: urged the Supervisors to accept the budget as presented

Tony Parrott, Boyce: asked the Supervisors to provide the additional funds to cover the costs of the advanced testing.

Laura Lawson, Berryville: stated that she agreed with Mr. Parrott opining that the Board of Supervisors needed to find more ways to generate revenue to fund schools.

Louise McKay, Boyce: put forth that open space does not raise taxes – houses raise taxes, which is where the higher taxes should remain. She expressed her opinion on flaws in the advanced education programs and funding of advanced testing.

Tom Nolan, Berryville: commended the School Board stating that they had only been in office two months during which they had been hit with an \$800,000 funding shortfall from the Commonwealth and the development of the FY09 budget. He said that as a citizen he was impressed at how they had handled these challenges.

### Adjournment

Chairwoman Bouffault adjourned the Special Meeting of the Clarke County School Board meeting at 7:58 pm.

Board of Supervisors Chair Staelin adjourned the Budget Work Session at 8:06 pm.

### Next Meeting Date

The regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors is set for Tuesday, March 18, 2008 at 1:00 p.m. in the Board of Supervisors' Meeting Room.

ATTEST: March 11, 2008

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John Staelin, Chair  
Clarke County Board of Supervisors

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David L. Ash, County Administrator

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Robina Rich Bouffault, Chair  
Clarke County School Board

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John Taylor, Superintendent

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