

CITIZENS BUDGET REVIEW COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES – June 16, 2017

The meeting was called to order at 6:36 PM by Chairman Jeremiah Hansen.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jeremiah Hansen Livingston District
Lisa Phelps Courtland District
Kathryn Dennis Chancellor District
Dawn Napper Battlefield District
Tim Bryner Berkeley District (arrived 7:10 P.M.)

MEMBERS ABSENT: Shawn Davis Salem District
Greg Bell Lee Hill District

OTHER ATTENDEES: Mary Sorrell Liaison, Spotsylvania County Government
Jay Culinan Chief, Spotsylvania County Fire-Rescue
James Meyer Liaison, Spotsylvania County Public Schools
Dawn Shelley Liaison, Spotsylvania County Public Schools

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Jeremiah Hansen.

A motion was made by Tim Brynner and seconded by Dawn Napper to approve the May minutes. Jeremiah Hansen gave the committee an update on the bylaws and charter.

The adopted SCPS FY 18 Budget still has not been received. Upon receipt, Chairman Hansen will assign sections to each member(s) to review.

The Evergreen Study for Spotsylvania County Public Schools has been received and sent electronically to members of the Committee. Discussion was held concerning Evergreen's three suggested financial tiers to implement the Evergreen suggestions. Members of the school community stated employees were frustrated with not receiving step increases. Reference was made to a pre-budget Board of Supervisors' meeting where Mr. Skinner had brought up this issue and Mrs. LaShawn Gaines, SCPS Chief Financial Officer of SCPS, assured the Board of Supervisors that a 2% COLA was more beneficial to employees than a step increase.

There was also discussion concerning the financial impact of SCPS retirement eligibility at the current 15 years of service and employer health insurance contributions remaining the same until the retiree reaches Medicare eligibility. It was suggested that SCPS review this policy and bring it in line with the County Government policy of minimum of 20 years and only 50% employer contribution to retiree health coverage.

It was also suggested that SCPS could potentially save approximately \$1,000,000.00 by discontinuing tuition-free attendance by nonresident employees of the school system. Dr. Meyer stated he felt this policy had been a very useful recruiting tool.

A motion to adjourn was made at 8:26 PM.