

**PITTSYLVANIA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' JOINT MEETING WITH
SCHOOL BOARD**

February 18, 2025

VIRGINIA: The Pittsylvania County Board of Supervisors' ("Board") Joint Meeting with the School Board was held on February 18, 2025, in the Board Meeting Room, 39 Bank Street, SE, Chatham, Virginia 24531.

CALL TO ORDER (2:00 PM)

Dalton called the Meeting to Order at 2:00 PM

ROLL CALL

The following Board Members were present:

Darrell W. Dalton – Chairman, Callands-Gretna District
Robert M. Tucker, Jr. – Vice-Chair, Banister District
Kenneth L. Bowman - Chatham-Blairs District
Timothy W. Dudley - Staunton River District
Eddie L. Hite, Jr. - Dan River District
William V. ("Vic") Ingram - Tunstall District
Murray W. Whittle - Westover District

The following School Board Members were present:

Kelly H. Merricks – Vice-Chair, Dan River District
Mark R. Shields – Chatham-Blairs District
Willie T. Fitzgerald – Banister District
George V. Henderson – Tunstall District
Kevin W. Mills – Westover District
Don C. Moon – Staunton River District

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion to approve Agenda.

RESULT:	7-0 (Approve)
MOVER:	Ingram
SECONDER:	Tucker
AYES:	Dalton, Tucker, Bowman, Dudley, Hite, Ingram, Whittle
NAYS:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

NEW BUSINESS

a. Schools 1% Sales Tax Projects Presentation

Dr. Jones Dr. Jones stated the sales tax referendum passed in December 2022 and is expected to raise \$68 million over 19 years, with \$3.6 million collected in the first year. The school division's first priority for the sales tax funds is \$6.3 million for security vestibules and detached gyms at 14 schools. The second priority is \$30.9 million for HVAC and window replacements at 5 elementary schools. The third priority is \$6.5 million to add 12 classrooms at Kentuck Elementary School.

Additional funds will be used to add classrooms at other elementary schools to eliminate mobile units, costing \$14 million. The full presentation can be found on the County's website at www.pittsylvaniacountyva.gov.

b. School Division's Budget Request Presentation

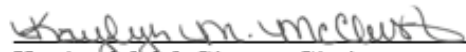
Dr. Jones also presented to the Board the School's Budget request for the upcoming year. Jones highlighted that 100% of the schools are fully credited, exceeding the state average of 86%. He also shared data on assessment scores, showing that the school division has exceeded the state average in all tested areas since 2021. The school division is in the top 13-14% for reading, and top 11% for mathematics among all school divisions. The School Board emphasized the importance of being able to offer competitive salaries to attract and retain high-quality teachers and support staff. They noted that surrounding school districts are proposing larger salary increases, putting Pittsylvania County at a disadvantage. The school division's total budget priorities add up to around \$7.5 million in additional funding needs. Members of the School Board stated that increased investment in staff compensation and other needs is critical to maintaining the high performance and standards of the school system. The full presentation can be found on the County's website at www.pittsylvaniacountyva.gov.

ADJOURNMENT

Tucker adjourned the Meeting at 3:12 PM.



Robert M. Tucker, Jr., Chairman
Pittsylvania County Board of Supervisors



Kaylyn M. McCluster, Clerk
Pittsylvania County Board of Supervisors