

COUNTY OF HENRICO, VIRGINIA
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
SPECIAL MEETING
June 25, 2019

The Henrico County Board of Supervisors convened a special meeting on Tuesday, June 25, 2019, at 5:45 p.m., in the County Manager's Conference Room, Administration Building, Henrico County Government Center, Parham and Hungary Spring Roads, Henrico, Virginia.

Members of the Board Present:

Tyrone E. Nelson, Chairman, Varina District
Thomas M. Branin, Vice Chairman, Three Chopt District
Patricia S. O'Bannon, Tuckahoe District
Daniel J. Schmitt, Brookland District
Frank J. Thornton, Fairfield District

Other Officials Present:

John A. Vithoulkas, County Manager
Joseph P. Rapisarda, Jr., County Attorney
Barry R. Lawrence, CMC, Assistant to the County Manager/Clerk to the Board
Tanya B. Harding, CMC, Deputy Clerk/Administrative Assistant
Timothy A. Foster, P.E., Deputy County Manager for Community Operations
W. Brandon Hinton, Deputy County Manager for Administration
Anthony E. McDowell, Deputy County Manager for Public Safety
Randall R. Silber, Deputy County Manager for Community Development
Benjamin A. Sheppard, Director of Public Relations & Media Services

Mr. Nelson called the meeting to order at 5:55 p.m. He welcomed everyone in the large audience who was present and apologized for the delay in convening the meeting, which was due to the Henrico Recovery Roundtable meeting that was held in the same room running a little behind schedule. At Mr. Nelson's request, Mr. Vithoulkas explained the format for the Board's special meetings, also referred to as work sessions, where items coming up on a future regular meeting agenda for action are presented by staff and discussed with the Board. Mr. Vithoulkas noted work sessions provide an opportunity for the Board to ask questions of staff, but public comments are not allowed. Mr. Nelson pointed out the principals and activities directors from both J. R. Tucker and High Springs High Schools were in attendance. He advised citizens who were present they could ask questions of Board members and staff following this meeting or address the Board at the 7:00 p.m. meeting during the public hearings on the Plans of Development for the two high schools.

Plans of Development for Highland Springs High and J.R. Tucker High Schools

Mr. Vithoulkas recognized Leslie News, Senior Principal Planner. Ms. News introduced Stephen Halsey with Moseley Architects, who was attending the meeting to assist staff in responding to questions from the Board. Ms. News began a slide presentation on this item by showing aerial views of Tucker High School, noting the existing facilities will be phased out and demolished and replaced by newly constructed facilities. She identified the site's

points of access, construction area, and future improvements, including new sidewalks, a traffic signal, a football stadium with a lighted track and synthetic turf field, a field house, a concession building, an academic building, fire lanes, parking areas, a drainage system, fencing, buffering, landscaping, and lighting. Ms. News clarified for Mr. Schmitt the design and location of the future student drop-off area and capacity of the future parking lots.

Susan Moore, Director of Construction and Maintenance for Henrico County Public Schools (HCPS), reviewed schematics of the academic building's exterior design and interior floor plan. She responded to questions from Mr. Nelson and Mr. Branin regarding the shade of window tint and clarified for Mr. Schmitt the location and layout of the community room and how the courtyard will be secured. Ms. Moore clarified for Mr. Nelson the school will have a student capacity of 2,000. She reviewed additional schematics highlighting exterior elevations of the academic building, fieldhouse, and concessions building. Pat Murphy, Acting Assistant Director of Construction and Maintenance for HCPS, responded to questions from Mr. Nelson concerning the design and use of the future field house and to a question from Mr. Schmitt pertaining to the location of the football stadium scoreboard. Mr. Vithoulkas advised Mr. Nelson that the stadium will not have a videoboard. Mr. Branin thanked HCPS staff for addressing drainage issues and indicated he would like to have further discussions relating to the buffering of sounds and lighting associated with the football stadium. Mr. Nelson stressed the importance of HCPS communicating with the school's administration, faculty, athletics staff, and parents concerning the timing of transitioning from existing to new facilities, especially the transition to new athletic fields. Ms. Moore assured both Mr. Nelson and Mr. Thornton that HCPS will work with the contractor to minimize disruptions to students and faculty during construction. Mr. Nelson asked that HCPS develop, implement, and share a plan with the schools and the community that will allow students and staff to use existing facilities as long as possible prior to the transition to new facilities. Ms. Moore concluded this portion of the slide presentation by reviewing the anticipated project schedule. She noted construction will begin in September of this year and the new facilities are expected to open in August 2021. Ms. Moore assured Mr. Thornton and Mr. Nelson that HCPS is actively inviting small, women-owned, and minority-owned (SWAM) businesses to participate in the procurement process for school construction projects.

Ms. News continued the slide presentation by showing aerial views of Highland Springs High School, noting a new academic building will be constructed on wooded property adjacent to the existing academic building. The existing building will be retained and repurposed. She identified the new bus loop, parking area, and athletic fields that will be constructed on the site and pointed out the Board will consider a resolution at its July 23 meeting to abandon a section of East Beal Street. She identified other future site improvements, including changes in road design and site access and new perimeter fencing around the athletic facilities, fire lanes, parking areas, screening, landscaping, and exterior lighting. Like the new Tucker High School, the academic building will be similar in design to Glen Allen High School. She clarified for Mr. Schmitt the plans for special-event parking and student drop-off.

Ms. Moore reviewed schematics of the academic building's exterior design and interior floor plan as well as exterior elevations for the academic building, fieldhouse, and concession building. Gary DuVal, Assistant Traffic Engineer for the Department of Public Works, assured Mr. Nelson that County staff is working with the Virginia Department of Transportation to install a traffic signal at the intersection of East Beal Street and South Airport Drive prior to the opening of the new school. Ms. Moore responded to a question from

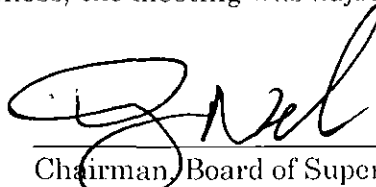
Mr. Nelson regarding seating in the gymnasium and auditorium. Mr. Vithoulkas confirmed for Mr. Nelson that Tucker and Highland Springs High Schools are using the design of Glen Allen High School as a prototype to save time and costs. Ms. Moore identified the location of the elevators for Mrs. O'Bannon and the locations of the weight room and football field scoreboard for Mr. Nelson. She reviewed the anticipated project schedule, which will closely mirror the schedule for Tucker High School. Ms. Moore advised Mr. Thornton that the two new high schools are expected to have a facility life of 50 to 75 years. Ms. Moore responded to concerns expressed by Mr. Nelson that the new Highland Springs High School, as currently planned, will not have sufficient capacity to accommodate future growth in the student body. Mr. Nelson also expressed a concern that the current plans for both Tucker and Highland Springs High Schools do not identify improvements to the baseball and softball fields. He asked that HCPS give consideration to upgrading these facilities, so those two athletic programs are not treated like stepchildren. Mr. Nelson credited Mrs. O'Bannon and former Brookland District Supervisor and retired Deputy County Manager for Community Development Harvey Hinson for questioning the cost effectiveness of the School Board's original plan to renovate Tucker and Highland Springs High Schools rather than building new facilities as is presently proposed.

Ned Smither, Director of Finance, concluded the slide presentation on this item by addressing the proposed funding for the two new high schools. The total projected cost of the two schools is \$190,000,000. Funding sources include general obligation and Virginia Public School Authority bonds, meals tax revenues, and property sale proceeds. Mr. Nelson extended kudos to the School Board for achieving \$14 million savings from current bond projects.

Regular Meeting Agenda Items

Mr. Vithoulkas reviewed the agenda for the 7:00 p.m. regular meeting. He briefly referred to the Keep Henrico Beautiful Committee award presentations, six appointment resolutions, four public hearing items, and ten general agenda items. He reminded the Board that two of the public hearings were for resolutions to approve the plans of development for Highland Springs and Tucker High Schools.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:52 p.m.



Chairman, Board of Supervisors
Henrico County, Virginia