

**At a Joint Special Meeting (BWS) of the Sussex County
Board of Supervisors and School Board
Held at the School Board Office on
Thursday, March 28, 2024 at 6 pm**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Thomas W. Baicy, III
Alfred G. Futrell
Wayne O. Jones
Phyllis T. Tolliver
Rufus E. Tyler, Sr.
Steve D. White

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER PRESENT

Katrina L. Faltz
Jeffrey L. Gary
Doris C. Hamlin
Laurie S. Latham
M. E. Morris, Jr.
Linda J. Skipper
Roslyn C. Tyler

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

C. Eric Fly, Sr.

STAFF PRESENT:

Richard Douglas, County Administrator
Danielle Powell, County Attorney
Ernest Giles, Sheriff
Michael Kessinger, Captain
Michael Poarch, Planner
Beverly H. Walkup, Planning Director
Shilton R. Butts, Asst. to the County Administrator/
Clerk to the Board of Supervisors

1. Meeting Opening

1.01 Call to Order/Determine Quorum

The March 28, 2024 Joint Special (BWS) meeting of the Sussex County School Board was
Chairman Jones.

The March 28, 2024 Joint (BWS) meeting of the Sussex County School Board was called to order
by Chairman M. E. Morris.

1.02 Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

1.03 Approval of the Agenda

ON MOTION OF SUPERVISOR FUTRELL, seconded by SUPERVISOR WHITE and carried: RESOLVED that the Sussex County Board of Supervisors hereby approve the March 28, 2024 Special Joint meeting as presented. All Board members present voted aye.

ON MOTION OF MS. HAMLIN, seconded by MS. SKIPPER and carried: RESOLVED that the Sussex County School Board hereby approve the agenda as presented. All Board members present voted aye.

2. School Board’s 2024-25 Adopted Budget

2.01 School Board’s Adopted 2024-2025 Budget (BG #1, #2, #3 & #4)

Dr. Hamlin, Superintendent, reviewed the School Board’s adopted 2024-2025 Budget and asked for the Board’s approval.

There was discussion of the loss of federal funds and additional funding needed in addition to level funding.

Administrator Douglas noted cost increase for Children Services with an additional request of 25% local dollars in May.

There was discussion of possible repair of roof. There was discussion of an analysis of cost for most feasible cost options.

2.02 County CIP Funding Strategy Presentation

Roland Kooch and representative, with Davenport & Company, LLC, were in attendance. There was discussion of options for funding CIP plans.

Chairman Morris departed at 7:10 p.m.

2.03 School Board’s Adopted CIP Plan

Dr. Hamlin and Mr. John Broderick, Director of Finance and Business Operations, reviewed the adopted Capital Improvement Projects (CIP) Plan for the proposed year plus an additional five years (2025-2030)

The CIP budget was based on school facilities, infrastructure, and a preventative maintenance plan.

3. Citizens’ Comments

There were no citizens’ comments.

4. Adjournment

4.01 Adjournment

ON MOTION OF SUPERVISOR FUTRELL, seconded by SUPERVISOR BAICYY and carried: RESOLVED that the Sussex County Board of Supervisors hereby adjourned the March 28, 2024 joint Board of Supervisors and School Board meeting at 7:50 p.m. All Board members present voted aye.

ON MOTIN OF MS. HAMLIN, seconded by MS. LATHAM and carried: RESOLVED that the Sussex County School Board hereby adjourned the March 28, 2024 joint School Board and Board of Supervisors meeting at 7:50 p.m. All Board members present voted aye.