

At a joint meeting of the Cumberland County Board of Supervisors and the Cumberland County School Board held at 6:00 p.m. on the 20th day of July 2009 at the Middle School Media Center, Cumberland, Virginia:

Present: William F. Osl, Jr., Chairman, District 1  
Timothy Kennell, District 2  
Elbert R. Womack, District 4  
Robert J. Oertel, District 5  
Judy Ownby, County Administrator  
Jill Matthews, Assistant County Administrator  
Stephany Johnson, Deputy Clerk

Absent: Van H. Petty, District 3

Also present were members of the School Board: Christine Ross, Chairman; Ginger Sanderson; Lee Dowdy; George Reid; Doris Seal, Vice-Chairman; School Superintendent Dr. Jim Thornton; Assistant Superintendent of Instruction, Amy Griffin; and Director of Finance and Operations, Chip Jones.

Following the call to order by School Board Chairman Ross, Board of Supervisors Chairman Osl called the meeting to order and established that a quorum was present.

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss budget-related issues and the budget process between the two Boards. Chairman Osl stated that the Board has been meeting in work sessions; dealing with the budgetary shortfall. Chairman Osl stated that it is important to continue face-to-face dialog between the two Boards to keep discussions in context. These difficult economic times cause stress and hardships, but both Boards are in this together. Chairman Osl stated that the Board is appreciative of the hard work and wonderful cooperation from all departments and agencies, but the work is not done yet. Other issues discussed were the combining of additional services between the County and School, options for increasing revenue and decreasing services, and the possibility of utilizing High School Seniors as interns. It was agreed that the two Boards would benefit from meeting on a regular basis in an effort to continue the communications between the School and County.

Following this discussion, the School Board meeting was adjourned and Chairman Osl adjourned the Board of Supervisors meeting. The next meeting of the Board of Supervisors will be held on August 11, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. in the Circuit Courtroom, Cumberland Courthouse, Cumberland Virginia.

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Chairman

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County Administrator