

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MINUTES

OCTOBER 11, 2022

At a Joint Worksession of the Orange County Board of Supervisors and the Orange County School Board held on Tuesday, October 11, 2022, beginning at 4:00 p.m., in the Meeting Room of the Public Safety Building, 11282 Government Center Drive, Orange, Virginia. Board of Supervisors Members Present: R. Mark Johnson, Chairman; James P. Crozier, Vice Chairman; James K. White; Keith F. Marshall; and Lee H. Frame. School Board Members Present: Sherrie Page, Chair; Jim Hopkins, Vice Chair; Melissa Anderson; Michael Jones; and Chelsea Quintern*. Also present: Theodore L. Voorhees, County Administrator; Dr. Daniel Hornick, Superintendent of Schools; Alyson A. Simpson, Chief Deputy Clerk; and Laura Byram, Clerk to the School Board.

* Ms. Quintern arrived at 4:05 p.m.

RE: CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION (CTE)

Chairman Johnson indicated he had received a request from the Chair of the School Board to conduct this Joint Worksession for the purpose of discussing Career and Technical Education (CTE).

Sherrie Page, Chair of the School Board, thanked the Board for this opportunity and turned the meeting over to Dr. Daniel Hornick, Superintendent. Dr. Hornick expressed the Schools' focus on Career and Technical Education, indicating a desire to enhance and expand local CTE offerings and a need to retain talented CTE educators. Ultimately, he presented the Board with a request to purchase the Waugh (Stonewall Harley-Davidson) property off Route 20, citing its ideal location and proximity to the High School.

Discussion ensued among the Boards regarding: details of the existing CTE programs and offerings, including allocation of space at the High School and the current classes offered; the ability of the desired Waugh property to meet the Schools' needs in its current configuration; needed updates to the property and whether cost estimated had been received; the idea that renovating the structures may be just as costly as replacing the structures; growth needs at the High School in general, not only for CTE; taking a phased approach to the process - acquiring a site, building to meet current needs, and planning for future needs; and the use of partnerships or collaborations to achieve some CTE offerings for students.

Further discussion ensued among the Boards regarding: benefits of enhanced CTE offerings; estimates for needed CTE space and reallocation of space at the High School; the idea that using a consultant to assist in the process would be wise; whether the TEAC building could be reprogrammed and new administrative space could be built; and the need to factor future growth of the County into the decision.

Chairman Johnson expressed it was unfortunate to have this type of discussion in a public setting, especially when it involved the purchase of property and/or associated negotiations. He indicated that any property would have to be acquired at a reasonable cost in order to be supported, particularly with construction and/or renovation costs to be added. Chairman Johnson stated there was unanimous support from the Board to expand the CTE program, but the location needed to be right and this type of discussion was "putting the cart before the horse." He urged an orderly and deliberate process; if the Waugh property was not feasible, look at other properties, but now was not the time to put CTE on "the back burner."

By consensus, the Board authorized Chairman Johnson to meet with the Chair of the School Board and the landowner to determine the cost of the Waugh property, in response to the direct request from the School Board to purchase said property, as a first step in the process.

RE: ADJOURN

On the motion of Mr. Crozier, seconded by Mr. Frame, which carried by a vote of 5-0, the Board concluded its Joint Worksession and continued to its Regular Meeting at 4:50 p.m.

R. Mark Johnson, Chairman

Theodore L. Voorhees, County Administrator