

STAUNTON CITY SCHOOL BOARD  
STAUNTON, VIRGINIA  
Work Session Minutes  
April 8, 2021

The Staunton City School Board convened for a joint work session with Staunton City Council in the Rita S. Wilson Council Chambers, 116 W. Beverley Street, Staunton on Thursday, April 8, 2021, at 5:00 p.m., with members participating as follows:

Kenneth Venable, Chair  
Amy Wratchford, Vice-chair  
Robert Boyle (participated virtually)  
Natasha McCurdy  
Christine Poulson (participated virtually)  
Ronald Ramsey  
Dr. Garrett Smith, Superintendent/Deputy Clerk

The Chair called the work session to order at 5:08 p.m.

The School Board and Staunton City Council met in an informal joint work session to discuss general items of mutual interest, including the proposed FY22 school division budget.

Dr. Smith provided introductory remarks, speaking about the challenging year faced by all due to the pandemic, and the commitment of the school division to meet the ever-growing needs of students during this difficult time.

Brad Wegner, Budget Director, presented information on the school division's FY22 budget proposal, reported on how the CARES Act Federal aid had been used in keeping with the restrictions assigned to those funds, reminded of the long-standing tax revenue sharing agreement between the city and the school division that provides for a 50/50 split of those funds, highlighted that the school division's request for funding is equal to the FY20 allocation, and shared that there remains an outstanding shortfall in the school division budget totaling \$443,750.

Discussion followed as City Council members asked questions for clarification regarding the information that was relayed in the presentation. Phil Trayer, Chief Financial Officer, shared information regarding factors impacting the City's budget and the lack of fund balance availability.

Dr. Smith reiterated the school division's willingness to work together to reach a solution.

The Chair adjourned the School Board's portion of the work session at approximately 6:02 p.m.

  
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