

**VIRGINIA:** At a Special Meeting of The Tazewell County Board of Supervisors held October 19, 2009 at 7:00 P.M. in The Tazewell County Career and Technical Center, Tazewell, Virginia 24651

**PRESENT:** Dave R. Anderson, Chairman  
Bill Wimmer, Vice-Chairman  
Seth R. White, Member  
D. Michael Hymes, Member  
Dr. Thomas M. Brewster, Member  
James H. Spencer, III  
C. Eric Young, County Attorney  
Pat Green, Assistant County Administrator  
Arlene Matney, Director of Finance & Budget  
Ruth Groseclose, Administrative Assistant

**ABSENT:** None

David R. Anderson, Chairman of the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors called the Special Called Meeting to order and presided with all members in attendance. Chairman Anderson thanked the School Board for allowing the Board of Supervisors the opportunity to meet with them to address various school board topics.

The Special Called Meeting of the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors was called for the purposes as set forth below:

- Recognition of students who participated in the renovations to the Burkes Garden Community Center
- Shared Services with School System including technology
- SB 4 year Needs Assessment – updated after renovations/construction upgrades
- Business partnership through Tazewell County Career and Technical Center (training for local employers for future employees)
- FY11 Budget Calendar: Format to be submitted to Board of Supervisors

- Budget numbers through September 30 (School Board)
- Bus routes during inclement weather
- Graduation rate
- Employee hotline

All those required to be notified of the Special Called Meeting in accordance with The Virginia Freedom of Information Act were so informed in accordance with Virginia Code Section 15.2-1417 & 15.2-1418, Paragraphs, A, C, D & E, pursuant to a request for the Special Called Meeting and a waiver of said notice as hereinafter incorporated. A copy of the waiver of notice and a copy of the written request for the Special Called Meeting as required by the Code of Virginia is attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference thereto.

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**RESOLUTION – THANKING THE TAZEWELL COUNTY CAREER AND TECHNICAL CENTER’S MASONRY DEPARTMENT**

Upon motion of Supervisor Hymes, seconded by Supervisor White and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0, with all members present and voting in favor thereof and no one against the same, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby adopts a resolution as set forth below thanking the Tazewell County Career and Technical Center’s Masonry class for their cooperation and dedication for helping with the block laying and installation of doors at the Burkes Garden Community Center:

**RESOLUTION**



WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Tazewell County, Virginia were in need of a problem-solving situation late summer 2009 and sought the support of the Tazewell County School Board requesting that the Tazewell County Career and Technical Center’s Masonry Department provide assistance with a bathroom project at the Burkes Garden Community Center; and

WHEREAS, the Tazewell County School Board permitted students from the Tazewell County Career and Technical Center's Masonry Department to help with the project, which consisted of complex block laying and door installation, and

WHEREAS, the students on the masonry team included Dajon Cox, Thomas Claytor, Wess Mitchell, Jerry Lucas and Cody Lester, skillfully guided by their masonry teacher, Robert Steele; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Tazewell County, Virginia hereby thank and commend the hard work and perseverance of these fine students whose talent and physical labor was conducive in completing the project and whose work has brought honor and recognition to themselves, their school and to the community; and

WHEREAS, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors further thank the Tazewell County School Board and Chris Stacey, Principal of the Tazewell County Career and Technical Center, as well as Masonry Instructor, Robert Steele, for their cooperation and dedication in preparing students for future successful employment and lifelong learning abilities; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the resolution be presented this the 19<sup>th</sup> day of October 2009 as an expression of the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors appreciation, gratitude and best wishes. Many thanks for a job well done!

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## **RESOLUTION COMMENDING**

### **DR. THOMAS M. BREWSTER**

Upon motion of Supervisor Wimmer, seconded by Supervisor Hymes and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0, with all members present and voting in favor thereof the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby adopts a resolution commending Dr. Thomas M. Brewster for his service to the citizens of Tazewell County as a member of the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors – Northern District from February 13, 2009 to November 13, 2009. A copy of the resolution in a form as hereby adopted is set forth below:

**RESOLUTION**

**COMMENDING**

**DR. THOMAS M. BREWSTER**



WHEREAS, from February 13, 2009 to November 3, 2009 Dr. Thomas M. Brewster served the people of Tazewell County, Virginia as the Northern District member of the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors; and

WHEREAS, this Board has considered Dr. Brewster to be one of the most able members of the Board of Supervisors for many years; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure of service as a member of the Board of Supervisors Dr. Brewster never failed to exhibit a selfless devotion to duty; to continue to commit to excellence; to remain receptive to new ideas; to apply his intuition and abundant of practical common sense; and to perform under all circumstances with optimism; and

WHEREAS, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors and the people of Tazewell County, Virginia are hereby honored and indeed fortunate to have had the services of Dr. Brewster and further are fortunate to enjoy the fruits of his continued efforts and abundance of knowledge for many, many years to come.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby recognize the dedicated services and knowledge that Dr. Thomas M. Brewster has given to this governing body and hereby extends a unanimous vote of thanks and appreciation for his dedication and expertise provided. Good luck, God Bless and best wishes always!

Presented this the 19<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2009

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Members of the Board of Supervisors and School Board then held a joint session and discussed the topics as outlined in the Special Meeting Notice.

- Shared Services with School System including Technology – It was a consensus of both boards to allow Dr. Lawson and Jim Spencer to work in partnership and to explore ideas for shared services. Topics of discussion will be garage consolidation, recycling issues with significant emphasizes on work-force development and career incentives. School Board Member Randy Conn & Board of Supervisor Member Seth White were set as liaisons for this committee earlier in the year.
- Four (4) Year Needs Assessment – received an update from Charlie Simpson on the project descriptions and estimated costs for the schools scheduled for repairs from present to 2013. The four-year needs assessment presented would cost over \$13,205,000.00. The cost for 09-10 was listed at \$3,815,000. The elementary school renovations projects are approximately 99% complete with Supervisor Hymes inquiring the use of stabilization funds. Mr. Simpson said that stabilization funds would be used to address item on the four (4) year needs assessment.
- Business partnership through Tazewell County Career and Technical Center (training for local employers for future employees) – Dr. Lawson emphasized the need to use all resources available in Tazewell County with regard to this topic as well as a continued partnership with SVCC. She said all dialogs with regard to business partnerships, as job shadowing would be welcomed. The need to expand training and skill programs were addressed with suggestions that Dr. Lawson and the County Administrator concentrate on ways to develop new ideas on this topic in order to fill the needs of local employers.
- FY11 Budget Calendar: A format to be submitted to the Board of Supervisors - Dave Anderson, Chairman of the Board of Supervisors suggested that the County Administrator and staff members Arlene Matney and Patricia Green provide a format to the School Board indicating how the Board of Supervisors would like the School Board Budget to be presented.

- Dr. Lawson stated that student enrollment was up by 100 students in Tazewell County, with a total enrollment of 6,649. Graduation rates were addressed as well with Tazewell County graduation rate at 75.5%. The state does not include GED graduates when compiling the graduation rate. The school board is working in various ways to reduce the student dropout rate.
- Bus routes during inclement weather - George Godbey, Transportation Director stated that the inclement bus route would affect 711 students, which was 10.69% of the total student body. It was noted that the key to the success of the inclement bus route would be communication between the parents and bus drivers, with Mr. Godbey stating that school bus drivers have telephone numbers for the parents of student affected by the inclement weather bus routes. Mike Dennis, School Board Chairman stated that the safety of children was the number one priority. Supervisor Hymes stated that he did not believe the inclement bus schedule was a very good decision. He said people in Burkes Garden and Tannersville felt their rights would be denied if school buses could not run their routes if school was in session.
- Employee Hotline – Dr. Lawson stated that the School Board attorney was looking into the school employee hotline issue and said that third party complaints were involved with School Board issues. She said that counsel for the school board was looking at other school divisions in the state in hopes to find a policy that the school system could use as a formula.
- Mike Dennis, School Board Chairman presented the County Administrator with a 2010-2011 School Budget Calendar with Mr. Spencer stating that he would scan a copy to each member of the Board of Supervisors for their review.
- ADM information was presented. The spring 2010 ADM Count will not be the actual enrollment number the 2010 – 11 budget will be based on.
- Impact of Sales Tax Revenue on School Budget – Dr. Lawson stated that she felt if student enrollment count stays up the School System should be able it hold its own if sales tax revenue doesn't decrease any more.
- Members of the School Board and Board of Supervisors tentatively agreed to hold a joint meeting in March 2010 to conduct a work session.

Now, there being no further business to be transacted and upon motion of Member White, seconded by Member Brewster and adopted by a vote of 5 to 0, with all members present and voting in favor thereof and no one against the same, the Tazewell County Board of Supervisors hereby adjourn this special called meeting. The next regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors is scheduled for November 17, 2009 at 5:00 p.m. at the Tazewell Middle School Auditorium, Tazewell, Virginia.

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David R. Anderson, Chairman

By: RG 8:30 p.m.

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