

## September 5, 2017 Work Session with the School Board

A special meeting of the Council of the City of Martinsville, Virginia and the Martinsville City School Board was held on September 5, 2017, in Council Chambers, Municipal Building, at 6:00pm, to conduct a strategic planning work session. Council Members present included: Mayor Gene Teague, Vice Mayor Chad Martin, Council Member Kathy Lawson, Council Member Jennifer Bowles, and Council Member Sharon Brooks Hodge. Staff present included: City Manager Leon Towarnicki, Clerk of Council Karen Roberts, Assistant City Manager Wayne Knox, and Finance Director Linda Conover. School Board Members present included: Superintendent Dr. Zeb Talley, Executive Director of Administrative Services Travis Clemons, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent Janie Fulcher, Board Member Eric Hruza, Board Member Donna Dillard, Board Member Tonya Jones, Board Member Joan Montgomery and Executive Director of Special Education Dr. Paulette Simington.

Mayor Teague opened the Council meeting and Joan Montgomery called the School Board meeting to order.

City Manager Towarnicki recommended a list of topics for discussion in order of suggested priority. Superintendent Talley said the follow up meetings with Council and the City Manager had been beneficial. The first District Leadership Team, made up of principals, lead teachers and additional chosen teachers had a meeting with positive results, and said the students appear to have picked up where they left off at the end of the last school year with no “summer loss” over the summer months. Talley said unofficially the majority of the City schools will be accredited within the year. The schools are working towards goals related to student suspension, absenteeism and truancy. School staff vacancies are down from thirty to three and the board is still working to fill those openings. 100% of the senior class of 2017 graduated. Mayor Teague asked what change was made that affected the schools ability to become accredited. Montgomery explained that the schools have changed the culture of the school, the staff's expectation of the students increased, the schools are more supportive and the staff has become more stabilized than previous years. Talley explained the MAP testing which was given three times each year in addition to SOLs was beneficial also. Talley says the parents have confidence in the school and current enrollment is stable at 1,904 students and continues to increase. Dr. Talley said the school did reach out to those families who did not return to Martinsville City Schools this current year.

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Finance Director Linda Conover summarized budget information. Talley said of the \$507,745 fund balance, AVID programming is a definite need along with other requests listed on the report provided. Mayor Teague questioned the importance of those requests since they were not a priority when the budget was passed previously and feels that rolling extra money into capital expenditures should be the priority for when needed to make repairs. Hodges expressed her concern regarding what goes on within the school to continue the progress should be more important than capital improvements. Conover said the changes could be added to the reappropriations list and brought to Council at a later meeting.

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Notes for Dr. Talley

Enrollment	
Budgeted	1,885
Current	(1,885)

  

FY17 Rollup to 18 Possibilities/aka Fund Balance Utilization

		\$ 507,745	Estimated Usable Fund Balance
AVID Programming	\$ 37,000	\$ 470,745	
EPA Bus Replacement Grant 3 for price of 2	\$ 159,669	\$ 311,076	
Part Time to Full Time Custodian - PHES	\$ 8,000	\$ 303,076	
Utilities Adjustment	\$ 20,000	\$ 283,076	
Alternative Ed Counseling	\$ 12,000	\$ 271,076	
2 Kindergarten Paraprofessionals	\$ 50,000	\$ 221,076	
1 Kindergarten Teacher AHES	\$ 65,000	\$ 156,076	
Capital Improvements/Band Uniforms		\$ 156,076	
	<u>351,669</u>		

**Current analysis for FY17 Year-end  
School Operating Fund**

As of Sept. 5, 2017

Unexpended FY17 School Funds:*	791,941.27
<b>Requested Re-appropriations:</b>	
VTSS/PBIS Grant - remaining funds:	-15,856.00
Harvest Grant - remaining funds:	-20,343.00
Unexpended State & LRM:	-106,156.00
Funds used to balance FY18 Budget:	-134,728.00
<b>Total Re-appropriation request:</b>	<b>-277,083.00</b>
<b>Possible additional requests:</b>	
Bus replacements:	-160,000.00
As discussed during budget process:	-100,000.00
<b>Total additional requests:</b>	<b>-260,000.00</b>
<b>Remaining Fund Balance:</b>	<b>254,858.27</b>

\*Subject to change based on final audit.

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Martinsville City Public Schools Capital Improvement List									
Location	Project	PRIORITY	ESTIMATE	FY18	FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22ORTBD	NOTES
Albert Harris Elementary	EMS Upgrade	Desired	\$ 56,000					x	Energy Audit
Albert Harris Elementary	Lighting Upgrade	Desired	\$ 231,217					x	Energy Audit
Albert Harris Elementary	Sound & Screen	Desired	\$ 16,000					x	
Albert Harris Elementary	Roof Recoat	Rotation	\$ 23,000					X	Preventative Maintenance
Albert Harris Elementary	Roof Recoat	Rotation	\$ 50,000					X	Preventative Maintenance
Brown Street Gym	Renovate	Desired						x	
Clearview Early Learning Center	Breaker Box	Desired	\$ 20,000					x	
Clearview Early Learning Center	Lighting Upgrade	Desired	\$ 85,075					x	Energy Audit
Clearview Early Learning Center	Canopy Gutters	Desired	\$ 6,000	x				x	
Clearview Early Learning Center	Roof Recoat	Rotation	\$ 78,895					X	
Clearview Early Learning Center	Security Door		\$ 16,000					x	
Clearview Early Learning Center	Asbestos Removal & New Tile	Necessary	\$ 4,000	x					
Clearview Playground	Remove and Replace Component	Desired						x	
Divisionwide	Furniture Cull	Desired						x	
Druid Hills	Boiler Replacement	Desired	\$ 85,000					x	Energy Audit
Druid Hills	Lighting Upgrade	Desired	\$ 156,099					x	Energy Audit
Druid Hills	Paint Adult Ed Wing	Desired						x	
Druid Hills	Roof Recoat	Rotation	\$ 78,000					X	
Druid Hills	Paint Exterior		\$ 22,000					x	
Druid Hills	Culvert Repair	Necessary	\$ 27,000	x					
DW	Van/SUV (1) Jeep	Desired	\$ 30,000	x					Pending 9/30 Enrollment
Martinsville High School	Lower Court Pole Removal	Desired						x	
Martinsville High School	Add 2nd Greenhouse	Desired						x	
Martinsville High School	Cover Old Tennis Court	Desired						x	
Martinsville High School	Field House	Desired						x	
Martinsville High School	Gym Addition	Desired	\$ 6,500,000					x	2,500 Seat
Martinsville High School	Parking Lot Lights	Desired						x	
Martinsville High School	Parking Lots	Desired						x	
Martinsville High School	Remove Underground Tank	Desired	\$ 10,000					x	
Martinsville High School	Replace Tennis Stands	Desired						x	
Martinsville High School	Rubber Track	Desired	\$ 120,000					x	
Martinsville High School	Wrap Aluminum Stands	Desired						x	Safety/Code
Martinsville High School	Paint Gym	Desired	\$ 25,000					x	
Martinsville High School	Renovate Gym	Necessary						x	
Martinsville High School	Lighting Upgrade	Ongoing		x	x	x			Energy Audit
Martinsville High School	Press Box Roof	Rotation	\$ 15,000					x	
Martinsville High School	Replace Driver's Ed Car	Rotation	\$ -	x					Lifespan/Once Fleetcar is added
Martinsville High School	Tennis Courts - Surfacing	Rotation						x	
Martinsville High School	Tennis Court Poles							x	
Martinsville High School	Computer Room		\$ 2,500					x	
Martinsville High School	Replacement Wells		\$ 2,500					x	
Martinsville High School	Sidewalk Bollards	Desired	\$ 20,000	x					Safety/Equipment Grant
Martinsville High School	Change to LED Lighting	Desired	\$ 4,250	x					Energy Audit
Martinsville High School	Renovate Locker Rooms	Necessary	\$ 12,000	x					
Martinsville Middle School	Add Parking Lot Section	Desired						x	
Martinsville Middle School	EMS Upgrade	Desired	\$ 55,510					x	Energy Audit
Martinsville Middle School	Lighting Upgrade	Desired	\$ 206,123					x	Energy Audit
Martinsville Middle School	Paint Auditorium	Desired	\$ 25,000					x	
Martinsville Middle School	Land/Parking Old YMCA	Desired						x	Survey Was Completed
Martinsville Middle School	Roof Replacement	Rotation	\$ 150,000					X	
Martinsville Middle School	Paint General		\$ 30,000					x	
Martinsville Middle School	Change to LED Lighting	Desired	\$ 4,250	x					Energy Audit
Patrick Henry Elementary	Add Parking Lot Section	Desired	\$ 20,000					x	Altered Pattern FY17
Patrick Henry Elementary	Lighting Upgrade	Desired	\$ 20,000					x	Energy Audit 73725
Patrick Henry Elementary	Enlarge Classroom	Desired	\$ 5,000					x	Programming/or Realignment
Patrick Henry Elementary	Roof Replacement	Rotation	\$ 211,000					X	
Patrick Henry Elementary	Fence between Wilson Park		\$ 15,000					x	Recycling
Transportation	Move Bus Garage	Desired	Evaluating					x	
Transportation	Bus Replacements	Necessary	\$ 160,000	X	x	x	x	x	New Schedule/Debt Service

Mayor Teague touched on Council - School relationships especially during budget discussions. Council Member Hodge said they try not to micro-manage but as an elected official, it's their job to monitor what's in the best interest of all. Vice Mayor Martin said he feels that with the new Council and the new School board members that everyone is mostly on the same level and in agreement. Council Member Bowles said meetings in previous years did not go smoothly like they did tonight and feels there is a new level of transparency. School Board Member Hruza stated that Dr. Talley has an unparallel sense of urgency to make changes; he's professional and genuinely concerned for the students. The children don't have time to wait for issues

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to be fixed. Hodge said it was encouraging to hear the School Boards support of the Superintendent.

Council Member Hodge asked if everyone could take a look at the strategic plan related to education prior to the next joint work session. Mayor Teague suggested another strategic planning meeting and bus tour in February. City Manager Towarnicki said there were several updates and improvements that could be added to the strategic plan and will work to provide the School Board access to continuously update the plan.

There being no further business, Council Member Bowles made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Council Member Hodge seconded the motion with all Council Members in favor. The meeting adjourned at 7:52pm.

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Karen Roberts, Clerk of Council

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Gene Teague, Mayor