

Grayson County Board of Supervisors
And Grayson County School Board
Joint Budget Work Session
January 22, 2018

Board of Supervisors attending were: Brenda R. Sutherland, Kenneth R. Belton, John S. Fant and Thomas R. Revels. Michael S. Hash was unable to attend.

Mr. William L. Shepley and Mr. Mitchell L. Smith were in attendance as well. Mrs. Leesa A. Gayheart was unable to attend.

School Board members in attendance were: Diane Haynes, Fred Weatherman, Randy Shinault, and Tracy Anderson. Rick Sage was unable to attend.

Mr. Kelly Wilmore, Mrs. Mary Paisley and Ms. Michelle Cassell were also in attendance.

Supervisor Sutherland called the Board of Supervisors meeting to order.
Chair Haynes called the School Board meeting to order.

IN RE: OPENING BUSINESS

Supervisor Revels made the motion to approve the agenda; duly seconded by Supervisor Fant.
Motion carried 4-0.

IN RE: NEW BUSINESS

- RESOLUTION – HB 222 TAX INCENTIVE BILL

Mr. Shepley read the resolution (listed below). Supervisor Fant made the motion to approve; duly seconded by Supervisor Belton. Motion carried 4-0.

RESOLUTION

**IN SUPPORT OF HOUSE BILL NUMBER 222
INCOME TAX, CORPORATE & STATE; MODIFICATION FOR CERTAIN
COMPANIES & SUBTRACTION FOR THEIR EMPLOYEES**

WHEREAS, Delegate James W. Morefield has introduced House Bill Number 222 into the Virginia General Assembly for consideration in the 2018 session, which seeks to provide a state income tax incentive for Corporations who invest in any of the named severely economic distressed localities and create at least

fifty jobs for residents of those localities and to provide state income tax breaks for the employees of such new businesses; and

WHEREAS, such tax incentives will provide incentives for private persons, partnerships, and corporations to locate their enterprises in the affected region, broaden the tax base with their investment, and improve the economy by creating employment opportunities for the region's residents; and

WHEREAS, the below signed Board of Supervisors desire to support said legislation by joining with the affected localities in approving this joint resolution; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Grayson County Board of Supervisors hereby supports House Bill Number 222, sponsored by Delegate James W. Morefield, for the purposes of increasing economic development opportunities for their residents by providing tax incentives for businesses that locate, invest in improvements, and create employment opportunities for residents of the County.

By: _____

Brenda R. Sutherland, Chair

Grayson County Board of Supervisors

By: _____

William L. Shepley, Clerk

Grayson County Board of Supervisors

IN RE: BUDGET WORK SESSION

Mr. Wilmore introduced Michelle Cassell and gave an outline of the 2018-19 budget:

- Currently the average daily membership (ADM) are 1520; not sure if they will use 1480 or 1490 ADM for the 2018/19 budget. Loss of ADM could be around fifty (50) students – which comes from parents deciding to home school, children entering another school system, families moving etc. ADM figures should be out in March 2018.
- More Title I money has been received, but Title II is being cut and not sure about Title V yet.
- Currently no word yet on insurance; last year there was no increase, which saved money, but the previous year there was a thirteen (13) percent increase which meant covering an additional \$100,000.
- Working to bring back the 10-10-10 funding for schools with declining enrollment which if this can be accomplished, it would put back \$180,000 in the budget.
- No new positions have been added but plans to consolidate the data coordinator – SOQ (Standard of Quality - funded) with testing and get STEM more incorporated with the CATE Center and Agricultural Department.
- Fully fund dual enrollment once again and back in full force.

- Renovations include: new roof on the auditorium (\$75,000), field house roof (metal \$10,000), and CATE Center refresh (hallways, offices, floors, etc); thanked the Board for their help on the roof for the band room.
- Still no word on new governor's intentions to give raises to educators – we would like to close the gap on steps and freezes from past years.
- Positives: think the state revenue is up; have cut 4% on supplies last two (2) years – can't do anymore; will add a percentage for electricity.

More general discussion took place regarding the upcoming budget.

IN RE: ADJOURN

Supervisor Revels made the motion to adjourn; duly seconded by Supervisor Fant. Motion carried 4-0.