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January 26, 2021 - Heathsville, VA The Northumberland County Public Schools' School Board met in-person and virtually for a special called meeting and for a 2021-2022 Budget work session #1. The meeting was open to the public through Zoom audio conference calling as a result of COVID-19 guidelines.

Closed Meeting Action Items

The School Board appointed Ms. Kennedy Jenkins as 6th Grade History and Social Studies teacher at Northumberland Middle School. The Board approved Ms. Gui Hua Holmes as part-time School Nutrition worker and Ms. Caty Neely as substitute teacher.

2021-2022 Budget Work Session #1

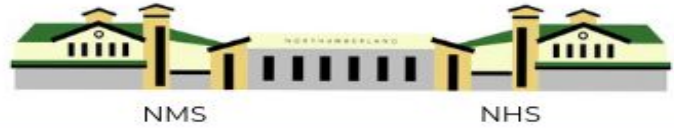
Superintendent Holly Wargo began the 2021-2022 School Budget work session with a slide presentation "Budget Basics." Budget Basics overview included: major school finance functions, major budget & planning functions, major funds of a school division, major revenue and expenditures sources and types and an overview of the budget process.

Dr. Wargo presented a Smart School Budgeting document to serve as a user-friendly summary of existing resources on school finance, budgeting, and reallocation. The document is meant for school leaders to take a more deliberate approach to school budgeting by using: goal setting, spending analyzes, building and developing the right budget model and tracking costs.

The Board was provided with planning materials that included:

- 2021-2022 Budget Calendar
- 2020-2021 School Calendar and information on 2021-2022 School Calendar
- Composite Index information
- Average Daily Membership Comparison with Region III School Divisions
- Enrollment projections using two methodologies (Weldon Cooper & class size)

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Capital Outlay Requests were provided to the Board by Director, Supervisor, Location and need. Each request was identified as Urgent, Necessary and Desirable. Summaries of the 2021-2022 Budget survey requests were provided.

Mr. Adam Letizia, Director of Instruction & Student Services, provided the Board with Virginia School Quality Profiles for Northumberland Elementary, Northumberland Middle, Northumberland High and Northumberland School District. The information provides the Accreditation Status for 2018-2019 because of the closure of schools in March 2020 and the cancellation of spring 2020 state assessments for all Virginia public schools for 2019-2020. Student achievement by proficiency level were provided by School, Division and State levels in Reading, Writing, Math, Science and History. Other information included enrollment by grade level; per pupil spending amounts; absenteeism; short term, long term and expulsion numbers; and free and reduced lunch data. Virginia School Quality Profiles are available on the Virginia Department of Education website.

Mrs. Virginia Booth, Director of Data & Testing Accountability, provided the Board with current enrollment demographics by grade level and teacher. Statistical reports included special education data.

Ms. Donna Booth, Director of Finance, provided the Board with Proposed 2021-2022 Budgets from Northern Neck Technical Center, Chesapeake Bay Governor's School, and Northern Neck Regional Alternative Education Program. Ms. Booth provided a draft teacher salary scale for the 2021-2022 budget planning work sessions indicating a 2% increase and Step only increase. Ms. Booth informed the Board that the current 2020-2021 Budget is based on 1200 ADM and composite index of .7116. A copy of the Governor's Budget 2020-2022 worksheet for State Revenue was provided.

No Board action was taken on the 2021-2022 School Budget. All data, presentations and worksheets are available on BoardDocs. [Click here for link.](#) The next budget meeting is February 8, 2021 with Public Hearing #2.