

March 28, 2017

The Carroll County Board of Supervisors held a meeting on, March 28, 2017 in the Board Meeting Room of the Carroll County Governmental Center.

Present were:

Rex L. Hill
Dr. Tom Littrell
Bob Martin
Robbie McCraw
Steve Truitt, County Administrator
Nikki Cannon, Assistant County Administrator

Mr. Martin called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

Mr. Sandy Hendrick lead in invocation and pledge.

Mr. Martin told back in the old days the Board of Supervisors and School Board, they settled things with a pistol. He told the good old days sometimes weren't as good as they seem or as they tell, people died over anything. He told that the School Board didn't call things to order with a pistol but he remembers the Carroll Education Association President at times, Ms. Betty Patton and Ms. Shelby Inscore Puckett and he went to the presentation to the School Board. He told that it was hostile all the way and what little hard times we have ever given the School Board is nothing compared to what those women went through and the School Board did not support pay raises and thank goodness things have changed and we have gone from harsh confrontation to more of the good book. He told that he read once where religion will always be in public school as long as there is a Christian and the most religion things occurred in classrooms where teachers showed love towards their students. He told that Carroll County may be as fortunate from the standpoint that we have always exceeded greatly and things have gotten better. He told that today we use a 2-board member to meet with school board to not be confrontational. He told it has gotten better and we are doing everything that we can to get industry in the County. He told we have several sites that are ready. He told that having Dr. Littrell on the airport commission is beneficial to drawing industry and most of the business men or women come in and leave the business part to their husbands and the wife takes the kids to school and when mothers go in and see up to date modern schools he believes with all his heart that it is a positive for the County.

SCHOOL BOARD BUDGET PRESENTATION

Dr. Blankenship thanked everyone for allowing him to be here. He told that every year they start the budget process with budget goals and he reviewed those as listed below. He told that some of the challenges this year were they already knew they were going to lose three classroom teachers and they have increased special education needs, not only do they have more but they are more complex. He told that there was a tremendous increase in VRS which equated to about \$400,000. He told that our estimates for enrollment used to be closer and now days they vary so much it's hard to tell. He told that they have also had some staffing issues at in the Transportation Department, it's getting harder and harder to go through the process to be a bus driver. He told on the VRS Rates, since 2006 the rate has almost doubled for them. He told that the problem with loss of enrollment is that it never happens at one school or one grade. He reviewed the revenues and expenditures are shown of the slideshow below. He told that lottery has taken a lot of strings off the money so they can use it where it needs to be used and it basically covers their enrollment loss. He told that there is a onetime small enrollment fund and they found out that it is coming to us in this year's budget. He told that they are asking that the money be carried over to cover the VRS loss. He told the composite index is how the state determines what the county has the ability to pay and according to the state it is .2722. He told that the county's portion is .2622 so that is pretty close and he reviewed the slides that show this. He told the county appropriation is \$11,256,664 which is 26.2% of the operational budget and in the past five years they have asked for level. He told that he understands that in your budget it is a little more. He discussed the reduction of routes through transportation and told that the down side to that is the kids are on the bus longer. He went through revenues and expenditures by category.

CARROLL COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS



2017-2018 Proposed School Operational Budget

Budget Goals

- Support Instruction Which Promotes Student Achievement in a Safe Learning Environment.
- Maintain Quality of Instruction with Appropriate Class Sizes Throughout the System with Focus on Grades K-3
- Provide Open Lines of Communication to Keep Staff, Students, and Public Well Informed
- Maintain Salaries, Benefits, Incentives, and Positions to Ensure a Quality School System.

Budget Challenges

- Reduced three classroom teacher positions
- Increased Special Education needs
- Increase in VRS Instruction rate from 14.66% to 16.32%
- Declining enrollment – Budget based on ADM of 3613 vs 3720 for FY17
- Staffing issues in Transportation Department

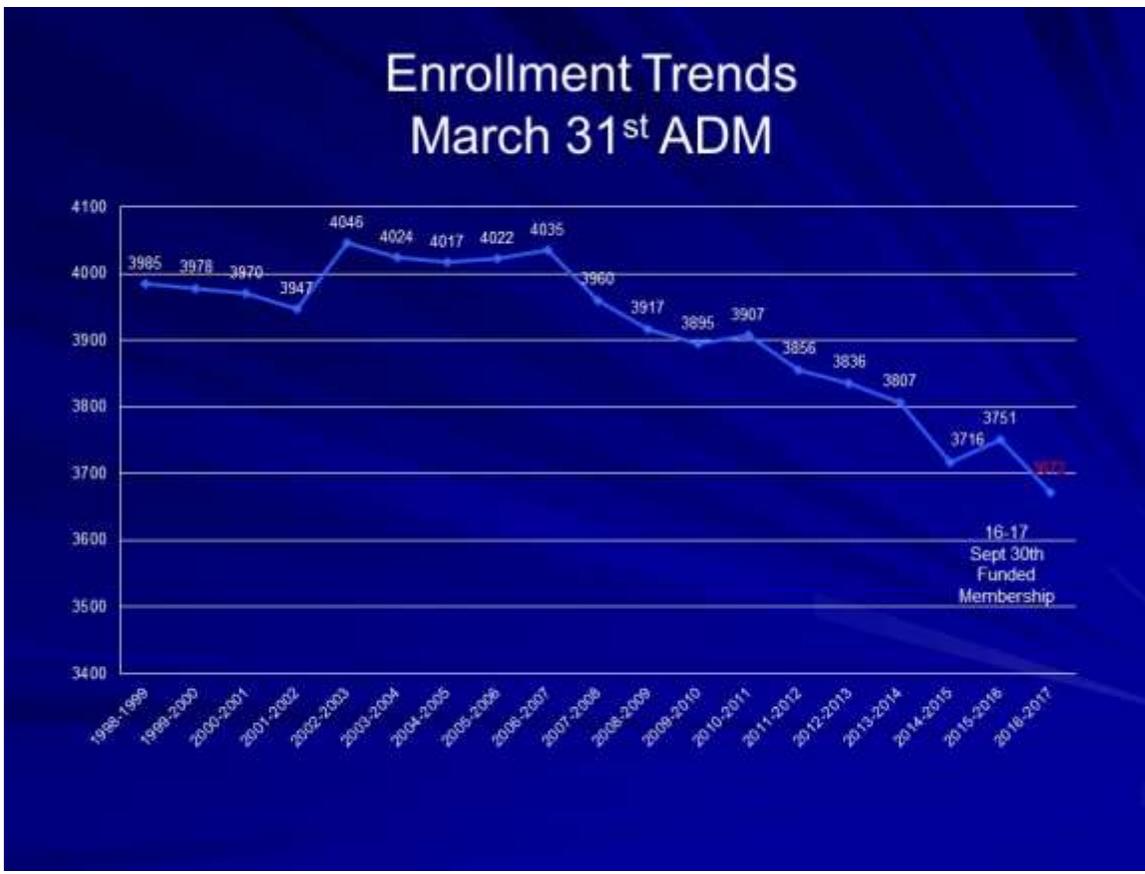
VRS RATES Instructional Personnel Employer Share

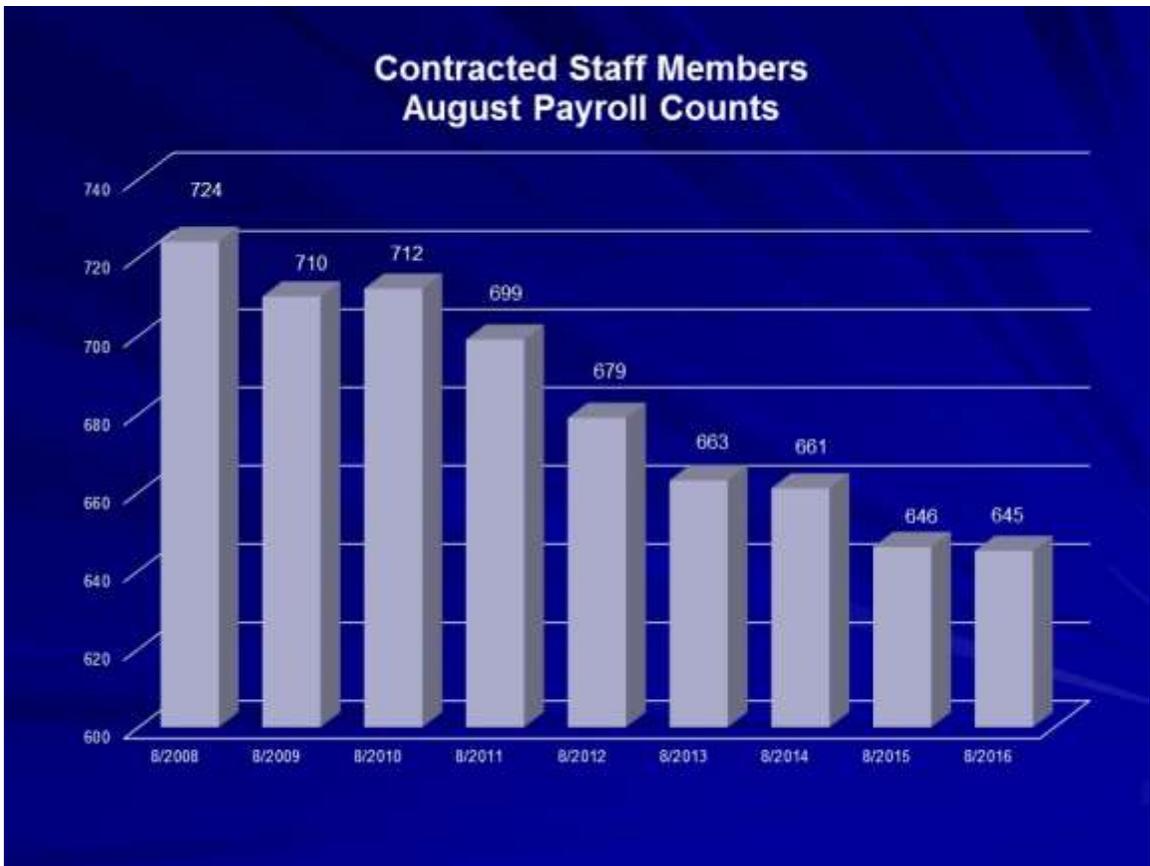
FY 06 - 6.62%

\$2,275,852

FY 18 – 16.32%

\$3,991,805

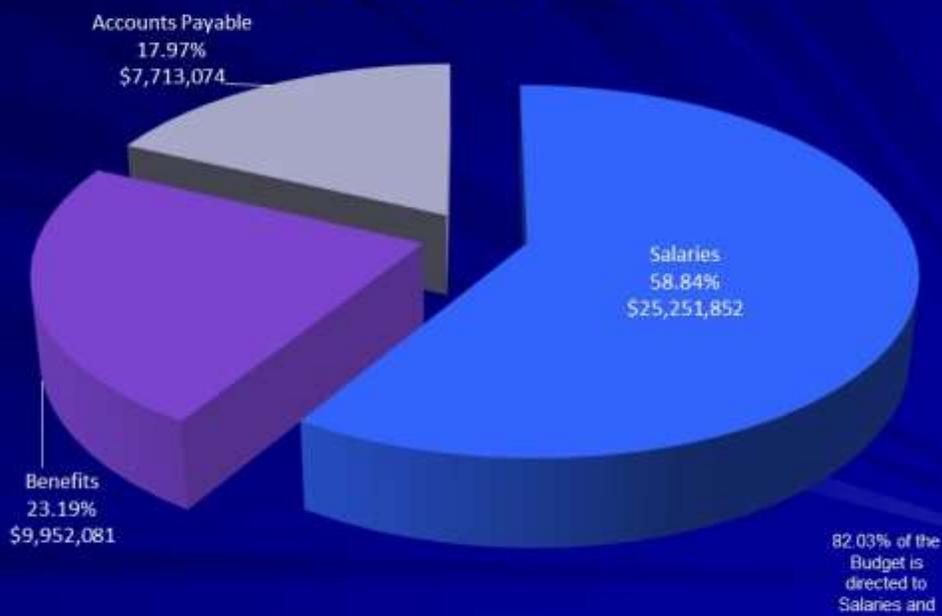


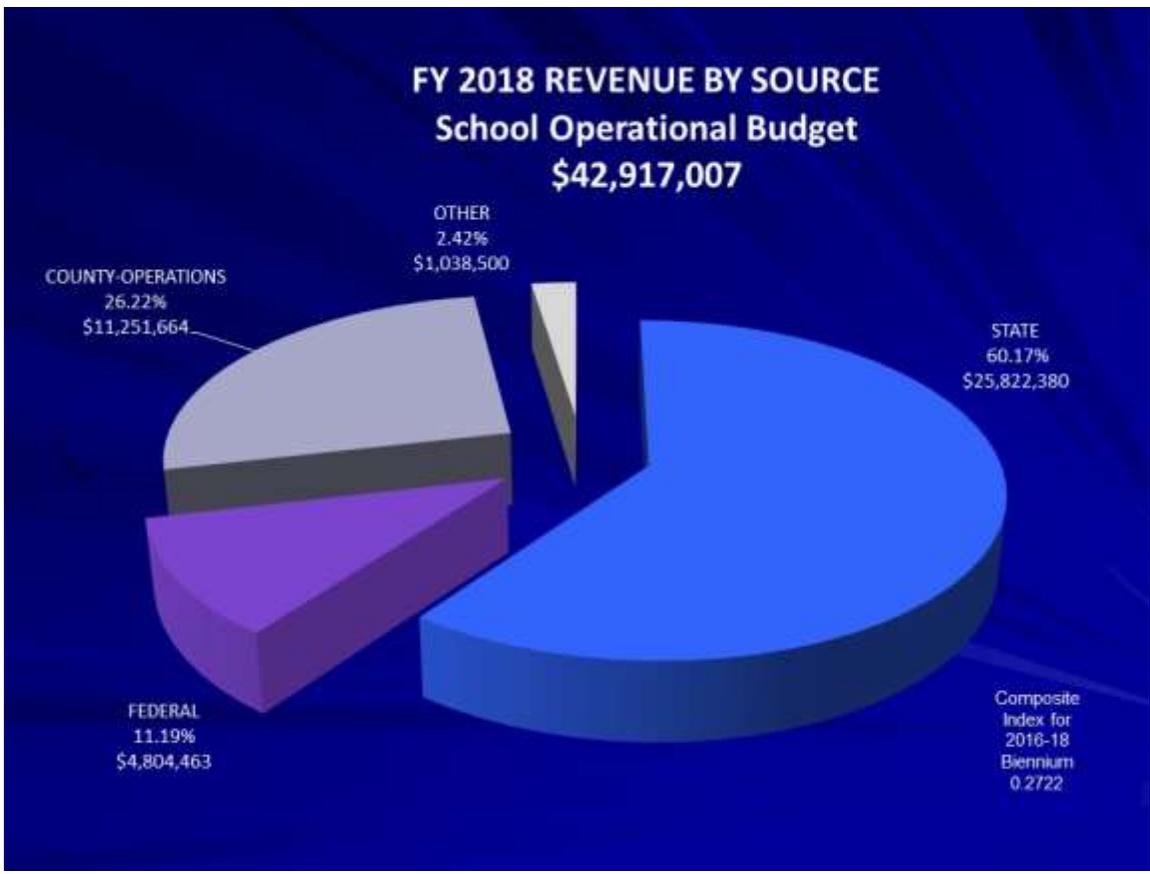


All School Revenue Projections

	2016-2017 Budget	2017-2018 Proposed Budget
SCHOOL OPERATING REVENUE SUMMARY		
STATE REVENUE	\$25,194,986.00	\$25,822,380.00
FEDERAL REVENUE	\$4,981,468.00	\$4,804,463.00
COUNTY REVENUE - OPERATIONS	\$11,251,664.00	\$11,251,664.00
OTHER REVENUE	\$1,023,130.00	\$1,038,500.00
COUNTY REVENUE	\$85,750.00	\$0.00
TOTAL SCHOOL OPERATING REVENUE SUMMARY	\$42,536,998.00	\$42,917,007.00
	FY17	FY18
REVENUE FROM COUNTY	\$11,337,414.00	\$11,251,664.00 (\$85,750.00)

Personnel Costs





COMPOSITE INDEX

The Composite Index determines a school division's ability to pay education costs fundamental to the commonwealth's Standards of Quality (SOQ). The Composite Index is calculated using three indicators of a locality's ability-to-pay:

- True value of real property (weighted 50 percent)
- Adjusted gross income (weighted 40 percent)
- Taxable retail sales (weighted 10 percent)

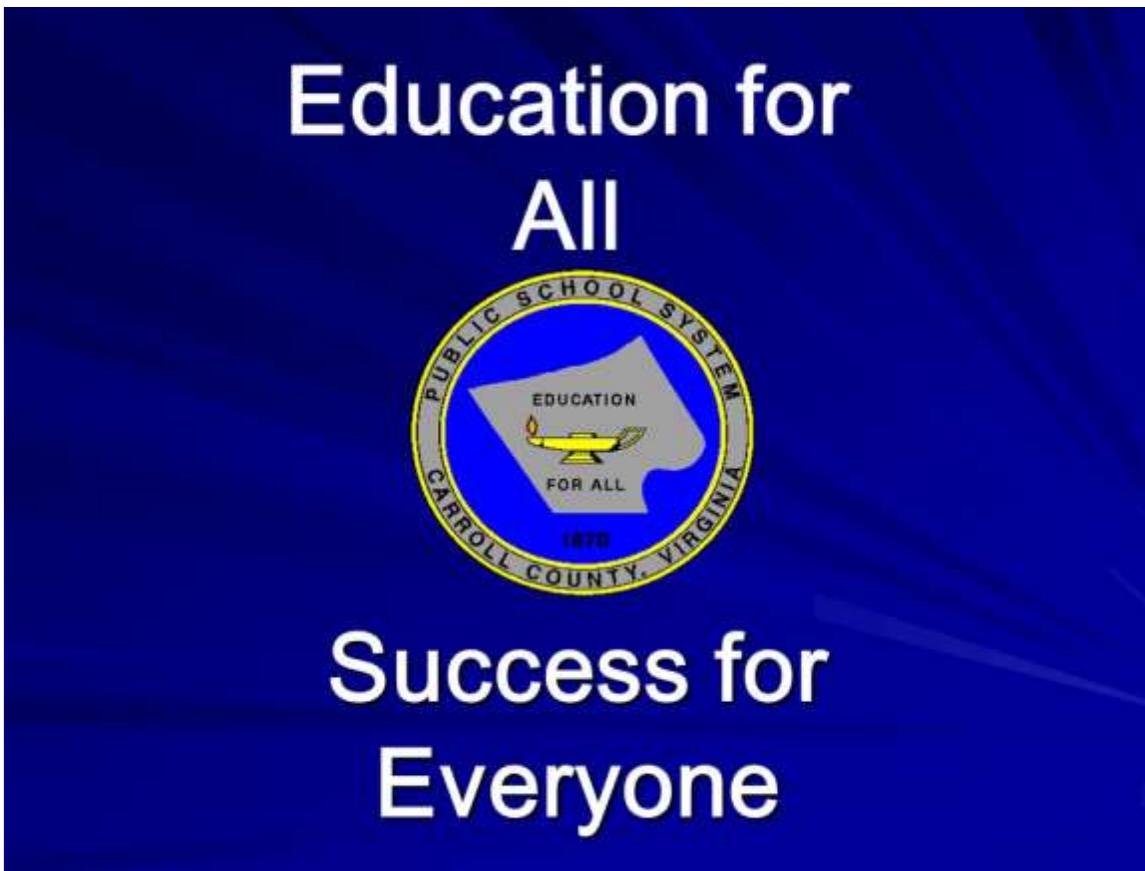
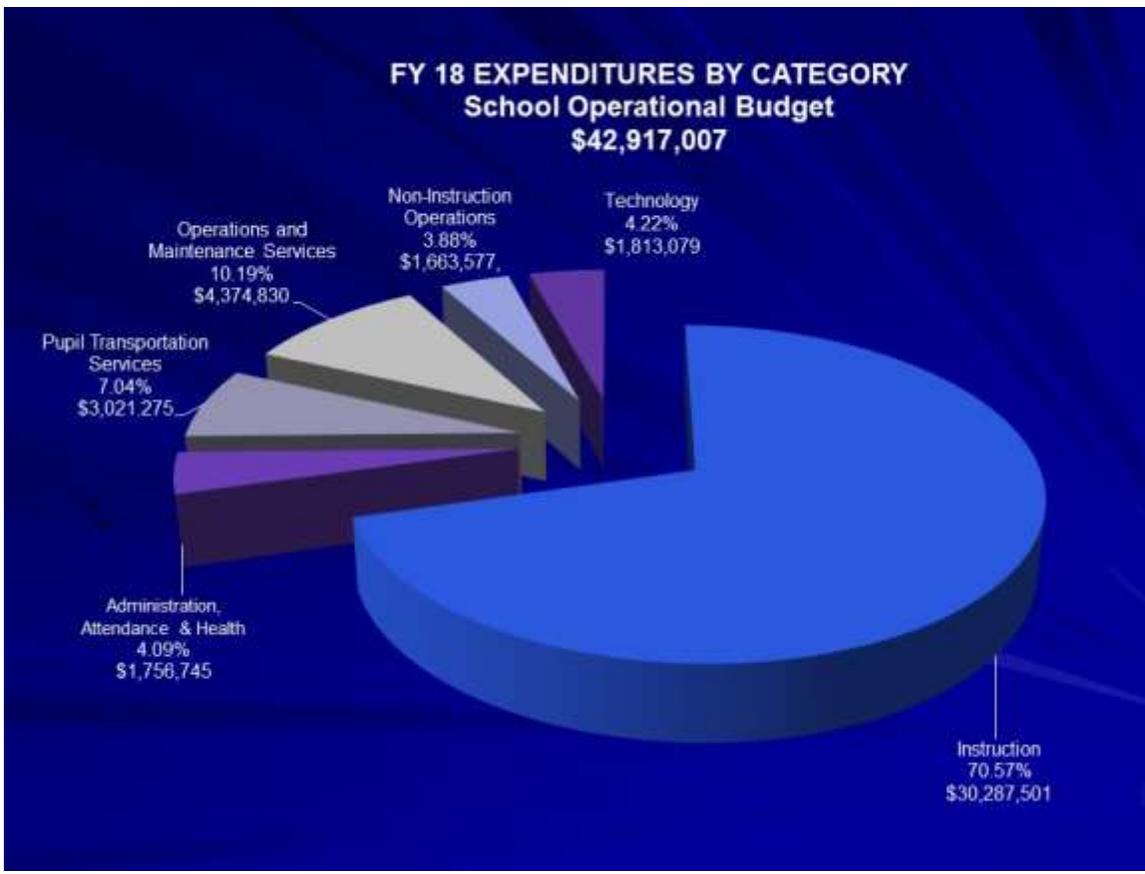
2006-2008	0.2842
2008-2010	0.2470
2010-2012	0.2573
2012-2014	0.2831
2014-2016	0.2695
2016-2018	0.2722

COUNTY APPROPRIATION

	School Operating Budget	County Appropriation for Operations	% of Operational Budget
FY18	42,917,007	11,251,664	26.2%
FY17	42,536,998	11,337,414	26.7%
FY16	40,596,033	11,757,237	29.0%
FY15	40,871,311	11,299,437	27.6%
FY14	39,656,597	11,299,437	28.5%

All School Expenditure Projections

	2016-2017 Budget	2017-2018 Proposed Budget
SCHOOL OPERATING EXPENDITURES SUMMARY		
Instruction	\$29,791,514.00	\$30,287,501.00
Administration, Attendance, and Health	\$1,735,008.00	\$1,756,745.00
Pupil Transportation Services	\$3,170,144.00	\$3,021,275.00
Operation and Maintenance Services	\$4,251,078.00	\$4,374,830.00
School Food Services and Other		
Non-Instructional Operations	\$1,713,596.00	\$1,663,577.00
Facilities		
Debt and Fund Transfers		
Technology	\$1,875,658.00	\$1,813,079.00
Contingency Reserves		
TOTAL SCHOOL OPERATING EXPENDITURES SUMMARY	\$42,536,998.00	\$42,917,007.00



Mr. Martin asked if the funding from the state look like it might be okay.

Dr. Blankenship told that right now the economy appears to be swinging up so that will be good for all of us.

Mr. Martin told that the Board went to the VACo state meeting and one of the state senators did a budget analysis and basically what caught your attention was if things didn't change they would have \$1,500,000,000 deficit.

Dr. Blankenship told that you all are the ones getting it because they have been putting it all back on you. He told the percentage of the school budget on the state level has been dropping continuously and who are they expecting to pick it up. He told that you all have been very good to us and we are well aware of that.

Mr. Martin told that the Board has caught flack in the last several months because our surplus monies have dropped way down and some point in the past the QSCB, the \$15 million was super but the negative is you have to pay it back in 15 years and at some point in the past the decision was made that since we had surplus they would pay the payments out of surplus. He told that because of that and state requirements that have been pushed on us has caused our surplus to dwindle.

Dr. Blankenship told the first payment came on last year.

Mr. Martin told that there is not many places we can go to get money. He told we are slowly going up but \$1.5 million is a good lick.

Dr. Blankenship told that they are not here to rob the bank, they are not asking for any more money.

Mr. Martin told that if lightning struck and destroyed 3 furnaces you guys would be crying the blues. He told at the last meeting CPS asked for \$900,000 with \$200,000 coming from county sources and it is an expense that we didn't count on, but we are doing pretty good.

Dr. Littrell told that in your chart it says 82% is towards salaries and benefits and the other says 70% and asked if the other 12% like bus drivers.

Dr. Blankenship told that it would be bus drivers, maintenance, food services workers.

Mr. Robbie McCraw asked what it costs to hire a bus driver.

Dr. Blankenship told that it takes 40 hours of training which they don't get paid yet, then they have to get their CDL's so there is upfront cost before they ever drive for us. He told that it is a part time job really.

Mr. Hill told that he appreciates you coming in flat. He told that he ran some numbers and Carroll County spends more in local effort over every other county in Southwest Virginia and he thinks that is contributable to the County as well as the School.

Dr. Blankenship told that you all have been picking it up where they State hadn't.

Mr. Hill told that hopefully that will pick up.

Dr. Blankenship told that is why when he sent 19 people home that he didn't ask for money because he knows you fund us well.

Mr. Hill told that even schools like Montgomery County, we do more than they do.

Dr. Blankenship told that as you are going through it if you have any questions just call.

Mr. Martin told to let the minute's show that Josh Hendrick is out of town on work responsibilities. He told that he could tell you more than a lot of people about the school because he was on the budget committee with Rex. He told that Phil is not here tonight because he has severe MS and keep him in your prayers. He told that at 7:00 this Thursday there will be a budget committee meeting. He told that he has felt for a long time that the school system has a need and he used to think it was for an auxiliary gym at the high school then it hit him that the current gym is 50 years old and maybe it needs to be an auxiliary and build a new main gym and maybe consider, someone said about 3 years ago why don't you do a swimming pool and he thought that was the most ridiculous

thing but now we have a swim team at the high school. He told that it is something that could be used in the curriculum and education every day. He told that he encourages you to think out of the box, a main gym, add a pool, add some classrooms, connect the field house with a hallway. He told that maybe we need to think about extensive grading to the football field that doesn't drain the way it should and go into the parking lot and it might mean destroying groundhog city under the concrete bleachers as a package. He told that while we are thinking outside of the box Fox news is saying that the President is moving into infrastructure spending and Steve and I had got together and he thought there was a need for this Board to do some tentative planning. He told that if infrastructure came about and it was broad in the scope and we could incorporate broadband which would allow the entire county access to the web. He told that if it is limited to roads it would be Interstate 77. He told a third thing would be if we could do something with schools maybe we could tie it into a final phase at the high school to bring it up to the point it should be. He told the fourth area is etc. because he hasn't presented it to the Board formally. He told that if it is all designated for interstate highways we can't do anything, however if they leave us some leeway maybe we could do it for final school construction.

(Order)

AUTHORIZE ADVERTISING OF SCHOOL BUDGET AND PUBLIC HEARING

Upon motion by Mr. Robbie McCraw, seconded by Dr. Littrell and passing, the Board authorized advertising the School Budget and holding a Public Hearing on the Budget during the next meeting.

VOTES

Mr. Hendrick	Not Present
Mr. Phil McCraw	Not Present
Mr. Hill	Yes
Mr. Robbie McCraw	Yes
Dr. Littrell	Yes
Mr. Martin	Yes

(Order)

RECESS

Upon motion by Mr. Robbie McCraw, seconded by Dr. Littrell and passing, the Board recessed until April 10, 2017.

VOTES

Mr. Hendrick	Not Present
Mr. Phil McCraw	Not Present
Mr. Hill	Yes
Mr. Robbie McCraw	Yes
Dr. Littrell	Yes
Mr. Martin	Yes

(Order)

Chairman

Clerk