

At an adjourned meeting of the Board of Supervisors, Alleghany County, Virginia held on Tuesday, March 14, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. at Covington City Hall, Covington, Virginia, thereof:

PRESENT: G. Matt Garten, Chairman
James M. Griffith, Vice-Chairman
Stephen A. Bennett
Shannon P. Cox
Gregory A. Dodd
Ronald S. Goings
Cletus W. Nicely

and Suzanne T. Adcock-Nicely, Director of Finance

CALL TO ORDER:

The Chairman called the adjourned meeting to order.

JOINT PUBLIC HEARING AND APPROVAL - ORDINANCE TO EFFECTUATE THE TRANSITION FROM AN APPOINTED TO ELECTED CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL BOARD:

Joint Public Hearing was held with Covington City Council to consider the adoption of an ordinance entitled “An Uncodified Ordinance to Effectuate the Transition from an Appointed to Elected Consolidated School Board”.

The Chairman announced that this public hearing was advertised in the Virginian Review on Monday, February 27, 2023 and Monday, March 6, 2023 in accordance with the Code of Virginia. He then called the public hearing to order.

There being no one who wished to speak, the Chairman declared the public hearing closed.

On motion of Mr. Nicely, seconded by Mrs. Cox, that the Board waive its policy of not acting on a public hearing on the same night.

Unanimously adopted by the following roll call vote:

Stephen A. Bennett	Yes
Shannon P. Cox	Yes
Gregory A. Dodd	Yes
Ronald S. Goings	Yes
Cletus W. Nicely	Yes
James M. Griffith	Yes
G. Matt Garten	Yes

On motion of Mr. Bennett, seconded by Mr. Griffith, that the following ordinance entitled “An Uncodified Ordinance to Effectuate the Transition from an Appointed to Elected Consolidated School Board” proposed at the Public Hearing held on Tuesday, March 14, 2023 be adopted as follows:

AN UNCODIFIED ORDINANCE TO EFFECTUATE THE TRANSITION FROM AN APPOINTED TO ELECTED CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL BOARD

WHEREAS, Article VIII, Section 5(a) of the Virginia Constitution provides that “the [Virginia Board of Education (hereinafter the “Board”)] shall divide the Commonwealth into school divisions of such geographical area and school-age population as will promote the realization of the prescribed standards of quality, and shall periodically review the adequacy of existing school divisions for this purpose”; and

WHEREAS, consistent with the Board’s constitutional authority, Section 22.1-25(D) of the Code of Virginia (1950, as amended) permits “local school boards [to] submit proposals for the consolidation of school divisions to the Board of Education”; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the requirements of Section 22.1-25(A)(2) of the Code of Virginia (1950, as amended), the Alleghany County Board of Supervisors, the Covington City Council and the Alleghany and Covington School Boards have consented to the consolidation of the school divisions of Alleghany County and the City of Covington, to be known as Alleghany Highlands Public Schools; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the provisions of Section 22.1-57.1 *et seq.* of the Code of Virginia (1950, as amended), a majority of the voters of the City of Covington and Alleghany County voted in favor of transitioning the Alleghany Highlands Public School board from appointed members to elected members; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Sections 22.1-47.3 and 22.1-57.3 of the Code of Virginia (1950, as amended), the Board of Supervisors of Alleghany County does hereby deem it necessary to set forth the initial terms that its designated consolidate school board members shall be elected.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED by the Board of Supervisors of Alleghany County that the four members of the consolidated school board shall be elected as follows:

1. Currently appointed Alleghany consolidated school board members shall continue in office for the balance of their appointed terms except that each term shall expire on the December 31 immediately succeeding the June 30 expiration date for the appointed term.
2. Beginning with the 2023 general election, an election shall be held to fill the position of the current County appointee whose term was set to expire in one (1) year. Then, for each subsequent election in 2024, 2025 and 2026, an election shall be held to fill the position of the County appointees whose terms were set to expire in two (2), three (3) and four (4) years respectively.
3. The term for each initial elected position shall be as follows: (a) for the candidate to be elected in 2023, the term shall be for four years; (b) for the candidate to be elected in 2024, the term shall be for three years; (c) for the candidate to be elected in 2025, the term shall be for four years; and (d) for the candidate to be elected in 2026, the term shall be for three years. Thereafter, each subsequent election shall be for a four year term.

Adopted: March 14, 2023

Effective Date: 12:01 a.m., March 15, 2023

Adopted by the following roll call vote:

Mr. Bennett	Yes
Mrs. Cox	Yes
Mr. Dodd	Yes
Mr. Garten	Yes
Dr. Goings	Yes
Mr. Griffith	Yes
Mr. Nicely	Yes

ALLEGHANY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Deputy Clerk to the Board

WORK SESSION WITH SCHOOL BOARD:

A work session was held with Covington City Council and the Alleghany Highlands School Board to review the FY 23-24 school budget. A presentation was handed out to the Board and is a part of the records of this meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

On motion of Mrs. Cox, seconded by Mr. Griffith, that the meeting be adjourned at 7:05 p.m. Motion carried.

G. Matt Garten
Chairman