

**King and Queen County
Board of Supervisors Meeting
Tuesday, January 20, 2026**

6:00 P.M.

**Work Session Meeting
Joint with the King and Queen County School Board
King and Queen County Women's Club Building
208 Allen's Circle, King and Queen Court House, VA 23085**

Minutes of the Meeting

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chairman Mark Berry called the meeting to order. Roll call was taken with members Sherrin Alsop and Lawrence Simpkins being absent.

REVIEW OF CONTRACT STATUS WITH GRIMM + PARKER

Representatives Steve Mundt and Jim Boyd from Grimm + Parker provided background on items that have been completed to this point and what the next steps would be if the boards decide to move forward. Work included community input meetings, draft conceptual site plans and preliminary site studies and surveys and preliminary cost estimates.

DISCUSSION OF SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION PROJECT TIMELINE AND NEXT STEPS

The next phase of the new elementary school project would be the schematic phase which would build on the preliminary work done up to this point. There were suggestions made regarding the scaling back of the size of the facility to include only Pre-K through 5th grade which would also allow for size reductions in other areas such as the bus loop, parking and other areas as well as materials needed for construction

School representatives advised that they would prefer to have the school serve Pre-K through 6th grade.

It was also suggested that moving the 6th grade to the high school into the current area were 7th and 8th grade are would be more in keeping with the typical middle school concept.

It was noted that the selection of the CM at Risk procurement method will have the selection of a contractor for the project to occur somewhere within this next phase of the project. It was also noted that high performance and sustainability requirements will be applied to this project which will potentially make construction more costly.

REVIEW OF SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION PROJECT TIMELINE AND NEXT STEPS

Ms. Seay advised that the new target completion date is Fall 2029. The next step is the full design phase including schematics and selection of construction manager. Many items will run concurrently such as permitting and final design. Work has already begun at the site with the completion of several different site studies and the clearing of the property.

It was noted that the work group will need to meet more frequently as the project moves forward into the next phase.

Mr. Berry requested an update on the old KQES facility. Dr. Carter advised that the steering committee has met several times, they have toured the facility, and she is in the process of compiling the prioritized list of potential future uses of the facility as suggested by committee members.

There was brief discussion related to the fact that now that the facility has been vacant for some time and that possibly spending a small amount of money on it now to prevent further deterioration will keep it viable for whatever use is determined to be most valuable to the community.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Ms. Norman had the following comments:

- Felt that it was a very good meeting and very productive. She is glad that the project is continuing to move forward and thanked Mr. Berry and Ms. Billups for their participation with the work group.

Ms. Billups had the following comments:

- Thanked everyone involved in the project for their hard work. There is a lot going on “behind the scenes” that may not be visible to the public but that is keeping the project moving. She wants to see the county and schools get the project done right and that takes time. The county is building a school but also has other capital projects that will be for the betterment of everyone.

Mr. Berry had the following comments:

- Hoped that the citizens don’t misinterpret the cost cuts as not meeting the needs of student and citizens. The board members are taxpayers also and want to do the best for everyone.

IT IS ORDERED THAT THIS BOARD BE ADJOURNED

A motion was made by Ms. Billups and seconded by Ms. Norman to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

Chairman

Clerk of the Board