

**TOWN OF WEST POINT
TOWN COUNCIL
JOINT BUDGET WORK SESSION
WITH THE SCHOOL BOARD
MINUTES
MARCH 9, 2010**

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Honorable James H. Hudson III called the joint work session with the School Board to order at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Members Present: Mayor, Jim Hudson; Vice Mayor, Deborah Ball; Charlie Gordon; Tina Gulley; Wayne Healy; Jack Lawson; Gail Nichols and Bub Shreaves.

Also Present: Trenton L. Funkhouser, Town Manager; Karen Barrow, Town Clerk; TC Moore, Town Treasurer; Earl Wilson, Chairman School Board, Lynn Vogal and Johnny Ragsdale, School Board Members; Dr. Jeffery Smith, School Superintendent; School Board Members of Faculty and Staff and other interested persons.

II. BUDGET PRESENTATION

Earl Wilson, Chairman West Point School Board, thanked Town Council for attending the meeting and advised that Dr. Smith has a budget presentation.

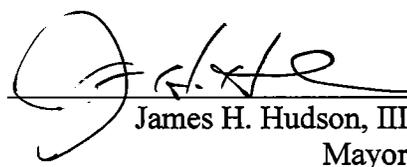
Dr. Smith advised that with the current State cuts the school budget will fall short \$177,000. When the composite index is changed an additional short fall is expected to be approximately \$124,000. The School Board is currently requesting an increase of \$177,000 dollars to balance the school budget for FY 2010-11. Dr. Smith's presentation included an overview of tuition paying students, the funds received from the State for tuition student's is \$1,223,000 or \$875 per student, there will be no increase for tuition paying students.

Mr. Hudson advised that a tax increase of 6¢ per \$100 would be required to fund the \$177,000 request, Town Council would prefer not to increase taxes with the current economic situation.

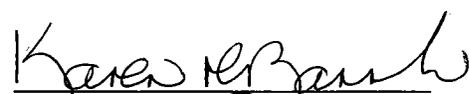
Mr. Lawson state that as a tax payer, he would be very upset if there were a tax increase when tuition paying students have not had an increase in tuition.

Dr. Smith advised that three full-time and one part-time employee will be possibly retiring and will not be replaced.

Mr. Hudson advised that Town Council are scheduled to review the budget in March at Committee meetings and that the Town Manager will continue to communicate with Dr. Smith during the deliberations of the budget process.


James H. Hudson, III
Mayor

ATTEST:


Karen M. Barrow