

**TOWN OF WEST POINT  
TOWN COUNCIL  
CONTINUED MEETING  
MINUTES  
MARCH 1st, 2016**

**I. RECONVENE**

The Honorable James H. Hudson III reconvened the West Point Town Council February 23<sup>rd</sup> 2016 meeting on Tuesday, March 1<sup>st</sup> 2016 at the West Point School Board Office, 1629 Main Street, West Point, Virginia.

Members Present: Mayor, Jim Hudson; Vice Mayor, Deborah Ball; Tina Gulley; Paul Kelley; Jack Lawson; Bub Shreaves and Chris Vincent.

Members Absent: Wayne Healy.

Also Present: John B. Edwards, Jr., Town Manager; Karen Barrow, Town Clerk; TC Moore, Town Treasurer and other interested persons.

Mayor Hudson acknowledged members of the Boy Scout troop 340 in attendance.

**II. SCHOOL BOARD BUDGET PRESENTATION**

Mrs. Abel, School Superintendent reviewed changes in education, testing and the learning process. The No Child Left Behind no longer exist it has been replaced with Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), SOL's will be replaced with Performance Based Assessments. This accountability has been passed down as a State responsibility and there will be new challenges facing localities with education.

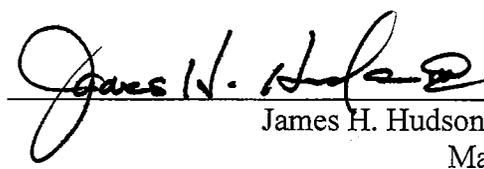
Mrs. Abel also stated that the School Board is not asking for an increase in operating funds and that the School Board is anticipating an 11% increase in basic aid from the State. However, CIP improvement projects for the Track and Field and the HVAC system at the School Board Office need to be addressed. We are proposing a 2% salary adjustment for employees, Teachers will receive a 1% salary adjustment and a 1% step increase. There will be a 14.55% increase in healthcare fees that the School Board will cover and we are implementing three new instructional positions.

Mr. Hudson advised that The Town is currently reviewing the over-all budget and that the Town Manager is working on reducing the budget short fall of \$181,000 for FY 2016-17.

Mrs. Abel advised that the Average Daily Membership (ADM) is critical, the Basic Aid from the State is based on the ADM. The student number used for the FY 2015-16 budgets was 780, the actual number is 765 that left School System with a budget short fall of \$82,000. The number that will be used for the FY 2016-17 is 770. The current proposed school budget is pending approval by the State.

**III. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Mr. Hudson adjourned the meeting at 7:33 P.M.

  
James H. Hudson, III  
Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Karen M. Barrow  
Town Clerk