

**TOWN OF WEST POINT  
TOWN COUNCIL  
CONTINUED MEETING  
MINUTES  
March 7th, 2023**

**I. RECONVENE**

The Honorable Joshua T. "Jack" Lawson reconvened the West Point Town Council meeting from February 27th 2023 on March 7th 2023, at 5:30 p.m. at 2700 Mattaponi Ave., West Point, Virginia.

Members Present: Mayor Joshua T. Lawson; Vice Mayor, Deborah Ball; James Hudson; Mr. Nein; Mr. Pruett and Mr. Ragsdale.

Members Absent: Robert Lawrence and Chris Vincent

Also Present: John B. Edwards, Jr., Town Manager; Karen Barrow, Town Clerk; Susan Harlow, Town Treasurer; Dr. Larry Frazier, Jr. School Superintendent; West Point School Board and other interested persons.

**II. SCHOOL BOARD BUDGET PRESENTATION**

Dr. Frazier advised that he is waiting on the final budget numbers from the State the proposed FY2023-24 budget is based on the current ADM of 782. Next year the budget increases are: 1) a 5% salary increase for a total of \$385,000, 2) Health Insurance \$30,000 and the 3) SRO/SSO local match of \$19,500. The schools will be able to cover the increases due to a reduction in the State Construction Grant. Dr. Frazier also stated that there has not been an increase in tuition for the tuition paying students since before COVID, the tuition paying student fee will increase by \$200 bringing the cost for tuition to \$3,200 per student and an increase of \$100 for students of staff members, staff members receive a 50% discount on tuition. The State Senate and House are proposing a 7% salary increase for SOQ positions, we will not know if the 7% will apply until the State adopts the budget.

Mr. Edwards asked if the State decides to adopt the 7%, are there adequate funds to cover the none SOQ positions.

Dr. Frazier advised yes, but it could change based on the final numbers from the State.

Mr. Lawson asked how the schools are doing on classroom space.

Dr. Frazier advised that the schools have been working with Crabtree and Associates on an updated study. The study should be back within the next few weeks and we will know more when the study comes back.

Mr. Lawson asked if the tuition paying student numbers are down.

Dr. Frazier stated there are 136 tuition paying students so the numbers are down.

Mr. Lawson asked if this is because students are moving into town.

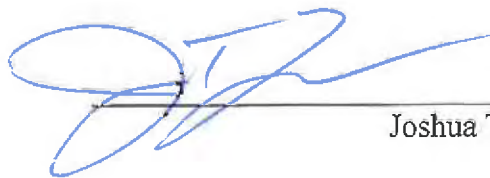
Dr. Frazier advised yes, there are more students living in town this year.

Elliott Jenkins, the School Board Chairman advised that they greatly appreciate the working relationship with Town Council. There are adjoining localities that do not have the working relationship that the Town has. We appreciate the work that Dr. Frazier and his team has done this year. It has taken a lot of work for them to provide a balance budget and not have to ask for more money.

Mr. Lawson stated that Town Council appreciates all that the schools do and we are still working our numbers, there is a budget short fall that we will be able to work out. Mr. Lawson thanked the School Board for all they do, and that the Town looks forward to a continued working relationship.

### III. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mayor Lawson adjourned the meeting at 5:55 p.m.



Joshua T. Lawson  
Mayor

ATTEST:



Karen M. Barrow  
Town Clerk