

MINUTES

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF HENDERSON**

**BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
MAY 6, 1997**

The Henderson County Board of Commissioners met for a Special Called meeting at 11:30 a.m. in the Commissioners' Conference Room of the Henderson County Office Building.

Those present were: Chairman Bob Eklund, Vice-Chair Grady Hawkins, Commissioner Renee Kumor, Commissioner Don Ward, County Manager David E. Nicholson, Assistant County Manager/Staff Attorney, and Clerk to the Board Elizabeth W. Corn.

Also present were: Finance Director J. Carey McLelland, Budget Analyst Selena Coffey, and Asst. Staff Attorney Jennifer Jackson.

Also present were: School Superintendent Dr. Dan Lunsford, Asst. Superintendent Dr. Tom Ledbetter and all the members of the School Board: Linda Hawk, Jackie Hornsby, Tom Orr, Ervin Bazzle, Allen Combs, Tom Pryor, and Brenda Brock.

Absent was: Commissioner Vollie G. Good.

CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME

Chairman Eklund called the meeting to order and welcomed all in attendance.

The purpose of this meeting was to receive the Facilities Study from MGT America (consultant) regarding elementary school facilities.

MGT America

Steve Metcalf introduced himself as the Manager of the local Asheville office for MGT America.

MGT America was hired to conduct an assessment of the five high priority elementary schools: Balfour, Etowah, Fletcher, Mills River, and Hillandale. The work has now been completed. The School Board has presented these as the first phase of school facility needs.

Mr. Metcalf introduced Dr. Ed Humble as the consultant who worked on this project. Dr. Humble is a former school superintendent.

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Dr. Humble mentioned the enrollment projection for 2001-2002 as 3,062. He also mentioned that NC guidelines require 140 square feet per pupil.

RECOMMENDATIONS of the report:


1. Proceed with the plans for the new Elementary School in the north end of the county.
2. Spend the remaining funds without a bond referendum for renovations/additions at Hillandale Elementary School.
3. Look at the big picture. Question whether it may be cost effective to replace some elementary schools rather than renovate and add to the old school buildings. There is a site issue involved in these four remaining schools.
4. Submit the bond referendum.
5. Consider the cost effectiveness of bond insurance.

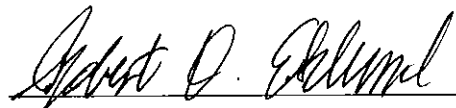
Following considerable discussion, it was stressed that Henderson County's growth rate is not stable. The growth rate is increasing drastically.

There was discussion as to how large of a bond referendum would be needed.

An additional meeting was set with the Board of Commissioners and the School Officials for Thursday, May 15 at 7:00 in the Commissioners' meeting room.

ATTEST:


Elizabeth W. Corn, Clerk


Robert D. Eklund, Chairman