

MINUTES

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF HENDERSON

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
JANUARY 23, 1997

The Henderson County Board of Commissioners met for a Special Called meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the Cafeteria of Mills River Elementary School. This was a joint meeting with the Board of Public Education.

Those present were: Chairman Bob Eklund, Vice-Chair Grady Hawkins, Commissioner Vollie G. Good, Commissioner Renee Kumor, Commissioner Don Ward, County Manager David E. Nicholson, Assistant County Manager/Staff Attorney Angela M. Skerrett, and Finance Director J. Carey McLelland.

Also present were: Dr. Dan Lunsford and all the School Board members except Tom Pryor.

CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME

Chairman of the Board of Education, Linda Hawk, called the meeting to order and welcomed the Commissioners to Mills River Elementary School.

SCHOOL FACILITIES

Dr. Lunsford reviewed the information considered by the Board of Education to date concerning school facilities.

David Nicholson informed the Boards that the State has plans to sell the first set of state bonds in March. The Department of Public Instruction has indicated that, based on current information, all requests from the school systems for funds will be honored over the next few years.

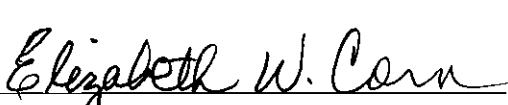
Each Board member of the Board of Education and the Board of Commissioners had the opportunity to make opening comments. Discussions included the need to replace older facilities and provide for additional classrooms. The Boards discussed the need for a management audit and a facilities study to assist with the decision making process.

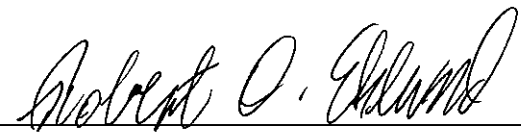
School Board Chairman Hawk stated her intentions to refer the issue of a management audit to their business subcommittee. It was agreed that the Board of Commissioners would continue to discuss the facilities study with firms. All agreed that this should be a joint venture between the two boards.

There was also discussion of the need for a development of both short and long term facilities goals, the need to review the costs associated with the on going maintenance and operations at any new or renovated facilities.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

ATTEST:


Elizabeth W. Corn, Clerk


Robert D. Eklund, Chairman