

MINUTES

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF HENDERSON

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
DECEMBER 17, 1992

The Henderson County Board of Commissioners met for a Special Called Meeting on December 17, 1992 at 6:30 p.m. in the Banquet Room of the Ramada Inn in Hendersonville. This was a joint meeting between the Henderson County Board of Commissioners and the Interim Board of Public Education.

Those present were: Chairman Vollie G. Good, Vice-Chairman J. Michael Edney, Commissioner Hugh D. Randall, Commissioner William McKay, Commissioner Renee Kumor, County Manager David F. Thompson, Assistant County Manager/Finance Director David E. Nicholson, and Clerk to the Board Elizabeth W. Corn.

Also present were members of the Interim Board of Public Education as well as members of the City Board of Education and the County Board of Education. The Chairman of each board was present as were both Superintendents.

CALL TO ORDER/WELCOME

Chairman Good called the meeting to order and welcomed all in attendance. Everyone stood and introduced themselves.

INVOCATION

Commissioner Bill McKay gave the invocation.

STATEMENT OF MEETING PURPOSE

Chairman Good called on the Chairman of the Interim Board of Public Education, Mr. Hardy Caldwell. Mr. Caldwell thanked the Board of Commissioners for hosting the meeting and the opportunity to brief the Board of Commissioners on several items of interest to public education.

Items for discussion tonight: Long Range Facilities Plan
Bond Referendum of 1990
School Merger Impact
School Funding

STATUS REPORT OF AUGUST 1990 BOND PROCEEDS

Dr. Dan Lunsford and Mr. Charles Byrd presented a slide show on the work conducted under the auspices of the 1990 bond and other accrued funds.

Architectural drawings were shown of North Henderson High School and Apple Valley, well under construction at this time from the proceeds of the 1990 bond. Completed construction is projected for late May of 1993. The project is on schedule.

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Architectural drawings were shown of Upward Elem. School which is delayed because of the rains we have had. This school will house Kindergarten through grade five as well as multiple handicapped youngsters that are currently housed at East Flat Rock Elem. School.

Construction at East Henderson High School is 99.9% complete. Only a few punch list items remain to be done.

Construction at West Henderson High School is scheduled to be completed in late January 1993.

Charles Byrd stated that the main building at Hendersonville High School is complete. Cafeteria/band room should be ready as school opens in 1993. Funding is within monies budgeted through the Facilities Act of 1987-1989.

Proposed Project

Architectural drawings were shown for the proposed renovation and expansion at Bruce Drysdale Elem. School. The project will have to be done in phases. Buses will have to be accommodated. The project is proposed to be started in the spring of 1993. Needed at Bruce Drysdale are additional classroom size, additional parking and multipurpose room that can accommodate the fifth grade children.

RELEASE OF ACCRUED INTEREST & STATE ADM FUNDS as of June 30, 1993.

David Nicholson reminded those in attendance that the projects that are currently underway and those finished have been funded from three separate sources of revenue:

1. Addition of the sales tax in 1984 and again in 1987. Those funds were put in a capital reserve fund for school.
2. In 1987 the General Assembly raised the corporate income tax by 1% and put it into the State ADM Fund, a school fund.
3. The 1990 bond proceeds.

The bond proceeds were spent first. The capital reserve monies that the county had on hand are being spent now. The last pot of money to be spent will be the State ADM funds.

Interest earned so far on the bond proceeds and capital reserve funds for the county schools is \$1.2 million. The state has put almost \$800,000 into the State ADM fund and will through this year. County Schools will have \$2,160,435.00.

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City Schools will have with their share of the interest, their share of the State ADM funds as well as the projection for the rest of the remaining fiscal year will be \$303,375.00. Interest earned (included in figure) is \$191,454.00. It was projected that they will also receive an additional \$13,666.00 in interest through the end of this fiscal year (June 30, 1993). The city school's share of ADM funds is \$75,917.00 with an additional \$22,338 projected. All this totals \$303,375.00 for City Schools.

The bond package was \$24 million. Total funds available were \$36 million. According to what was presented tonight an additional \$2.1 million is needed to finish the first phase of the school projects. Lacking in the bond issuance package was the cost of purchasing land and furnishings. Dr. Lunsford stated that the purchase of land for the new Elementary School was not anticipated at the time, \$350,000 was necessary for land acquisition.

David Nicholson stated that there is nothing additional being built up in the capital reserve fund now for schools. The 1984 and 1987 sales tax are now going directly into paying debt service.

David Nicholson stated that the city schools have a total available to them of just over \$3.9 million to do their projects. At the end of last month they still had \$1.1 million available to finish up their projects plus the \$303,000 of accumulated interest.

MERGER IMPACT ON SCHOOL FACILITIES

Dr. Dan Lunsford informed the Board of the budgetary impacts of merger: 1. Rosa Edwards and 2. Bruce Drysdale.

1. On Monday night the Board of Education made a decision to house the central staff offices for schools at the Rosa Edwards building on fourth avenue. This is the least costly of the options and it also has more land available for future growth. Dr. Lunsford discussed briefly the reasons for the decision.

2. Bruce Drysdale School renovation. Dr. Lunsford stated that the Interim School Board and the administrative staff of the interim board was faced with the question of whether to proceed with the original scope of work as planned, which was to replace some window walls and do air conditioning work, or given the fact that we will become a merged system July of 1993 should we look at the project in view of the standard that we have set for elementary children (K-5). The administrative staff discussed with the interim board in early fall whether to proceed with a minimal project at Bruce Drysdale that will change nothing in terms of available square footage and programmatic capabilities OR do we look at a design that will reflect the standard for K-5 children in Henderson County. It was decided to favor the standard as exemplified at Upward Elem. School.

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Dr. Lunsford stated that ultimately the goal of this community should be that regardless of where a youngster may live the capability of the facility should allow instructionally similar things to occur. This caused a change in the scope of work for Bruce Drysdale. Dr. Lunsford stated that \$813,000 was allocated for Bruce Drysdale and is available for that school. When the original scope of work was designed for Bruce Drysdale, merger was not an accomplished decision. Merger is now an accomplished decision. The scope of work was also changed when it became necessary to move buses on and off the site as a result of the merger.

Dr. Lunsford presented to the Board of Commissioners a dilemma - that the scope of work has changed for what they believe to be right and good reasons, children and equity of opportunity as it relates to instruction facilities. Bruce Drysdale was and still is a phase I project with some funds already available for that school.

Charles Byrd, Superintendent of the City Board of Education, addressed site development, egress and ingress.

Short Break

Charles Byrd showed architectural drawings of what is the new scope of the project and what was originally planned.

- New:
1. Extension of eight classrooms to help meet state specifications.
 2. Media Center.
 3. Close in one walkway as a sheltered connection between buildings.
 4. Add a storage area in the present cafeteria building.
 5. The downstairs area now occupied by Helping Hand will be freed up for classroom use. A chairlift will need to be installed to bring wheelchairs, etc. up from downstairs. Downstairs will house the exceptional children program.
 6. The major addition is a multi-purpose building that will accommodate fifth graders.

Total projected cost of Bruce Drysdale is \$2.7 million.

LONG RANGE FACILITY PLAN

Dr. Lunsford stated that they were prepared with a hand-out on the Long Range Facility Plan but had planned to review it with the Boards. Due to the late hour David Thompson suggested to delay any discussion but to receive the hand-out.

David Thompson stated that a third item on the merger impact is the decision that the Board of Commissioners must make as to what is

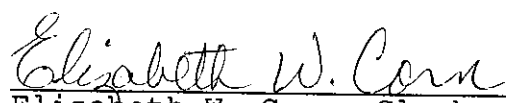
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Phase I versus Phase II. He would like to see a break out of what was initially planned before the merger plus anything that has occurred since the initial plan such as ADA requirements and show the cost for the merger impact directly.

Due to the late hour one item (Long Range Facility Plan) was delayed or rolled. Chairman Good thanked everyone for coming and providing the information that was exchanged. The meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST:


Elizabeth W. Corn, Clerk


Vollie G. Good, Chairman