

MINUTES

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF HENDERSON

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
NOVEMBER 26, 1991

The Henderson County Board of Commissioners met for a Special Meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the Commissioners' Meeting Room of the Henderson County Office Building. This was a joint meeting with both School Boards and the Consultants.

Those present were: Chairman J. Michael Edney, Vice-Chairman Vollie G. Good, Commissioner F. Richard Baker, Commissioner Hugh D. Randall, Commissioner William McKay, County Manager David F. Thompson, Assistant County Manager/Finance Director David E. Nicholson, Clerk to the Board Elizabeth W. Corn, and the news media. All the members of the City School Board were present and all but one member of the County School Board. Both Superintendents were present as were the two consultants, Dr. Andy Miller and Dr. Guy Burchfiel.

INTRODUCTION/WELCOME

Chairman Edney called the meeting to order and welcomed all in attendance. Chairman Edney explained that the purpose of this meeting was to receive the report from the Education Planning Association, Inc.(consultants). He introduced the Consultants and asked them to summarize the report.

PRESENTATION OF MERGER STUDY RECOMMENDATIONS

Dr. Miller & Dr. Burchfiel summarized the report. The Consultants have reviewed and studied the two documents which were done previously: 1. Henderson County and Hendersonville City Schools Data Relative to Merger Consideration (11/9/87), and 2. Superintendents Recommendation Concerning Merger.

There are many reasons for merger, some of which are:

1. All youth should be provided opportunities to have the best and most comprehensive education possible.
2. Merger efforts are an attempt to deliver quality educational services in the most comprehensive and efficient manner.
3. It has been demonstrated that a good educational system brings economic opportunities to the individual and the community.
4. As community patterns change, it is necessary for the educational system to provide similar schools throughout the larger community.
5. It is much less complicated to render quality services with one board of education which can be held accountable.
6. It is easier to make maximum use of facilities in a merged system.
7. It is simpler for one board to redistrict and assign students based upon needs.

The consultants recommend the name of the system be the "Hendersonville/Henderson County Board of Education." There was much discussion on the Interim Board of Education (9 member board) and their duties. The new regular Board of Education (merged) would be a seven (7) member board. It was also recommended that the local current expense be funded at a minimum of \$850 per student.

QUESTIONS AND RESPONSES TO CONSULTANTS' RECOMMENDATIONS

There was a question and answer period with much discussion. The process of merger was discussed. The two School Boards must reach an agreement on conditions of a merger for one to take place.

Chairman Edney called a recess.


WRAP-UP

The City School Board has called a special meeting for Monday, December 2, 1991, at 8:30 a.m. to discuss the recommendations. The County School Board is meeting Monday night and will discuss the recommendations at that time.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Chairman Edney.

ATTEST:


Elizabeth W. Corn, Clerk


J. Michael Edney, Chairman