

JOINT SCHOOL FACILITIES COMMITTEE

Henderson County Board of Commissioners (HCBC) and Henderson County Board of Public Education (HCBPE)

MINUTES

April 28, 2021

11:00 a.m.

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Committee Members Present: David Hill (Commissioner and Committee member, HCBC)
J. Michael Edney (Commissioner and Committee member, HCBC)
Amy Holt (Committee member and Chairman, HCBPE)
Dr. John Bryant (Committee member and Superintendent, HCBPE)
Blair Craven (Committee member, HCBPE)
Denisa Lauffer (Henderson County Clerk to the Board)

Also Present:

Henderson County

Steve Wyatt (County Manager)
Amy Brantley (Assistant County Manager)
Thad Ninneman (Capital Projects Manager)
David Berry (Construction Manager)
John Mitchell (Director of Business and Community Development)
Kathy Finotti (PIO – Videotaping)

Henderson County

Public Schools

Kathy Johnson, Administrative Assistant to Superintendent Dr. John Bryant
Carl Taylor (Chief Administrative Officer, HCBPE)

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman and Committee member HCBE Amy Holt called the meeting to order and welcomed those in attendance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commissioner Edney made the motion to approve the minutes of August 9, 2019. All voted in favor and the motion carried.

Review of Maintenance, Repairs Technology and Security (MRTS) Initiative requests

Dr. Bryant went over the handouts (included as attachments to these minutes). He noted a typographical error on the page titled Planned Projects and said a correction will be made to change the status Elementary Schools – Hendersonville from Incomplete to Completed.

Commissioner Edney and Blair Craven discussed the best avenue to address tremendous growth at Rugby Middle School.

Dr. Bryant stated there is a strong possibility that parents had not started their children in the 2020 year due to the COVID pandemic and to expect an uptick in enrollment in the upcoming 2021 school year.

Commissioner Edney asked if the proposed school would be an addition to the Existing Rugby Middle School or to construct a new building. Blair Craven and Amy Holt stated they believed a new school would need to be constructed.

Commissioner Edney and Dr. Bryant discussed the possibility of expanding core areas such as the lunchroom and gymnasium if a new wing is constructed to the existing school.

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The top priority for the School Board is to construct a new Bus Garage. Blair Craven explained the buses currently in use do not fit in the existing bus garage. He stated in order for this project to move forward there would need to be a land swap with Henderson County. The proposed mentioned property for the land swap is located behind Sugarloaf Elementary. Steve Wyatt stated the property would need to be deemed "free and clear" for a land swap to occur.

Commissioner David Hill asked if the Sugarloaf School property location would be suitable for the new bus garage. Dr. Bryant feels the property is indeed a suitable location.

Commissioner Edney said as far as he was concerned, he would like for construction to begin next year. Steve Wyatt responded this would be a big impact decision, and that the land swap would be the most cost-effective option.


Commissioner Edney questioned the proposed \$2m project at West Henderson High School listed in the FY22 attachment, and details on the project.

Dr. John Bryant stated Phase I of the project would include enclosing the front lobby area to achieve a secure entrance to the school for the goal of becoming a "fully enclosed school."

Amy Holt made the motion to adjourn at 11:55a.m. All voted in favor and the motion carried.



Denisa Lauffer, Clerk to the Board



J. Michael Edney, Commissioner