

**MINUTES
DAVIE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
WORK SESSION/BUSINESS MEETING
FRIDAY, MARCH 16, 2012**

The Davie County Board of Education met at 8:30 am, Friday, March 16, 2012, in the Board Room of Central Davie Education Center, 220 Campbell Road, Mocksville, NC.

Board Members Present:

Terry Renegar, Chairman
Barbara Owens, Vice-Chair
Rick Ellis
Chad Fuller
Carol Livengood
Steve Ridenhour

Staff Present:

Dr. Darrin Hartness, Superintendent
Jeff Wallace, Assistant Superintendent
Deborah Smink, Chief Financial Officer
Arthur Bolick, Board Attorney
Tom Evans, Maintenance Supervisor
Michael Spillman, Facilities Manager
Jean Brickey, Board Clerk

Others Present:

Tom Balke, Little Diversified Architectural Consulting
Dr. Jerome N. McKibben, McKibben Demographic Research
Bill Klein, KBR Building Group, Inc.

Chairman Renegar called the meeting to order at 8:32 am and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mrs. Owens made the motion, seconded by Mr. Ridenhour to adopt the agenda as presented. The motion carried 6-0.

Consideration of Bids for Cooleemee Cafeteria Renovation – Jeff Wallace reported on the bid openings held March 15, 2012 for the Cooleemee Cafeteria Renovation project. Eight bids were received. Kearey Construction from Statesville, NC was the lowest bidder. Subcontractor information was provided. The total bid for the project was \$856,376 which includes \$170,716 in kitchen equipment. When including the contingency, the total project cost is \$110,000 over budget. Staff is considering using \$20,000 from Child Nutrition capital reserves and an additional \$90,000 from other capital sources, such as additional lottery funds, to address the difference. A recommendation for additional funding, a budget amendment and a contract for approval will be presented to the Board at the April 3, 2012 meeting. The range of bids was \$897,921 to 893,000, approximately a \$60,000 range. The renovation cost was over budget. Kearey has been notified of the contract and are ready to begin on April 4.

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Facilities Assessment and Long Range Plan – Tom Balke of Little Diversified Architectural Consulting introduced the members of his team: Jerry McKibben and Bill Klein. Mr. Balke distributed and reviewed a summary outline of the Facilities Assessment & Long Range Plan including Davie County Schools' Mission and Vision, existing physical conditions, existing program conditions and energy analysis. Mr. McKibben gave an in-depth review of the demographic report. Mr. Balke reviewed the stakeholder/community interview results.

Chairman Renegar called for a 10 minute recess until 10:05 am.

Following the recess, a binder containing all information in the Assessment was provided to Board, staff present and Mr. Carl Humphrey, Chairman of the Board of Commissioners. Chairman Renegar announced that Public Records Request Forms were available from Mrs. Brickey for anyone in attendance to request a copy of materials provided.

Continuing with the review of the Facilities Assessment and Long Range Plan, Mr. Balke reviewed the facility program recommendations for all school locations, except Ellis Middle School, and cost models. Mr. Balke stated if redistricting is done, he would return to relook at the elementary schools.

Mr. Balke and Mr. Klein presented avenues for consideration and recommendation for an enriched, immersive learning environment future at Davie High School. As part of the analysis and recommendations, the team explored three avenues for how to address the future of Davie High School. The three avenues were reviewed and discussed at length.

Avenue A – Continue to Expand, Replace, and Improve the Existing High School Campus

Avenue B – Construct new Davie County High School on new Greenfield Site

Avenue C – Construct new Davie County High School on Existing Site

The firm's conclusion follows:

After reviewing these avenues for the future facilities for Davie County High School, it is the recommendation of this long range plan, based on the information data, that a new high school be constructed on a new site, Avenue B, preferably centrally located to the population of the county. This is the best avenue for educational purposes.

Board members were complimentary of the work done by Little and expressed their appreciation to the team. Tom Balke expressed his appreciation to all his team members that worked on the report.

Redistricting was again questioned. Redistricting was a recommendation by the team but not included in the assessment. Dr. McKibben reviewed best practices for redistricting. Dr. Hartness added that a team has been formed to begin looking at the process for Davie County Schools.

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Davie County High School Renovations – An updated schedule for the high school renovations was distributed. Based on the information gathered about the high school and the Board's desire to expedite the schedule, work has now been scheduled to being during the winter break at the holidays.

Schematic designs and cost estimates to first replace the mobiles for classrooms, then consider the administrative office space and cafeteria addition will be brought to the Board around April 10. Ideally, one contractor will do the entire project. Mr. Bolick recommended that from a legal standpoint as well. The addition of an auditorium to the schematics was discussed.

Dr. Hartness advised that the Board will have to soon decide, before considering additional renovations and auditoriums beyond classrooms to replace mobile units, if that is the permanent site for Davie High School for the next fifty to seventy-five years. If it is, then work with the architectural team needs to occur to plan for a phased approach. If it is not cost feasible, which the architect is recommending that it is not, a short term plan must be considered. A decision will have to be made as to how much money to invest in the current campus.

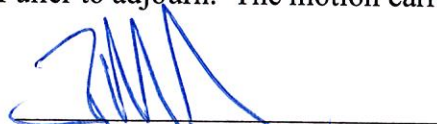
Chairman Renegar asked the Superintendent and Mr. Balke to discuss a schedule for a meeting to present the Facility Assessment and Long Range Plan to the public. He feels it is imperative to do so before the Board makes further decisions.

Superintendent Hartness thanked the team from Balke and the Davie County Schools' staff for the excellent report created.

Chairman Renegar again reminded the audience that public records request forms were available for any of the documents provided at the meeting. The meeting was videoed and will be on the Davie County Schools' web site. On behalf of the board, he expressed his appreciation to Mr. Balke and his team for the excellent work they provided.

Dr. Hartness announced that missing documentation from the report will be provided as soon as available.

Mr. Ridenhour made the motion, seconded by Mr. Fuller to adjourn. The motion carried 6-0.


Terry Renegar, Chairman


Darin L. Hartness, Ed.D., Secretary