

MINUTES
DAVIE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
CALLED SPECIAL JOINT MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION AND THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
September 22, 2011

The Davie County Board of Education met with the Davie County Board of Commissioners at 5:00 pm, Thursday, September 22, 2011 at the Davie County Senior Services Center, 278 Meroney Street, Mocksville, NC.

Board of Education Members Present:

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

Board of Commissioners Members Present:

Mark Jones, Chairman
Ken White, Vice-Chair
Carl Humphrey
Richard Poindexter
Robert Wisecarver

Others Present:

Dr. Darrin Hartness, Superintendent
Jean Brickey, Board Clerk

Beth Dirks, County Manager
Jim Stockert, Assistant County Manager
Brenda Hunter, Board Clerk

Board of Commissioners Chairman Mark Jones called the meeting to order at 5:02 pm. Board of Education Chairman Terry Renegar offered the invocation. Board of Commissioners Vice-Chair Ken White led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Ken White, BOC, made the motion, seconded by Carl Humphrey, BOC, to adopt the agenda as presented. The motion carried 4-1. Barbara Owens, BOE, made the motion, seconded by Chad Fuller, BOE, to adopt the agenda as presented. The motion carried 6-0.

Davie County Schools' Superintendent, Dr. Darrin Hartness, presented a Power Point presentation regarding the Davie County Schools' Facility History. Information on the current approved project, a RFQ for a Facilities Study and a RFQ for Architectural Services were included in the Power Point. He referenced and read excerpts from the *History of Davie County Schools* by Marie Benge Craig Roth.

Attachment A

Dr. Hartness stated that the format of the discussion agreed upon by the Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners and the Chairman of the School Board was for each Board to submit questions. Seven questions were submitted to be discussed. Both boards will discuss and have dialog about their thoughts but this was not the time to debate with the audience or for public input. There will be opportunity in the future for that format.

Board of Commissioners Chairman Jones asked for the opportunity to make a comment and did so. He reviewed a chronology of events that brought the Boards to this meeting. Mr. Jones stated that if the Board of Education would bring forward a plan that they are comfortable with, that they are confident that is the best route for the children of this county, and it was less than \$10M, the Board of Commissioners believe that they can move forward with it without an impact on the taxpayers and without the necessity to go to bond. But if the Board of Education believes in their heart of hearts that they want, and it's best for the

young people of this county, to bring forward a one high school proposal however they define it, however they are comfortable with, he believed the commissioners would be unified and bring the plan to a bond and let the people of Davie County have a voice in the building of the school.

Board of Education Chairman Renegar thanked Mr. Jones for his comments and stated this dialog was to see what the Boards could agree upon and move forward in an efficient manner. The chronology that Chairman Jones went through was correct and the Board of Education has not made a formal presentation or request for anything at the high school. He thanked the Commissioners for meeting and hoped to have an honest and open debate. He reported that the questions submitted were from the School Board; that he was not aware that the Board of Commissioners submitted any questions.

Superintendent Hartness read each question. Members of both Boards had the opportunity to respond.

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Following discussion on the questions, Board members had the opportunity to make closing comments. There was a consensus that more joint meetings between the two Boards need to be held to have frank, open dialog to solve the problem.

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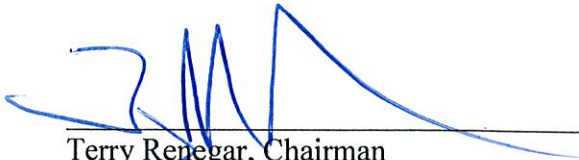
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In closing, Chairman Renegar asked each Commissioner to think about what parameters they individually could support and how to fund what the Board of Education recommends. He wants to begin the facility study, review the results and make a recommendation to the Board of Commissioners as soon as possible. Mr. Renegar announced that handouts of the Power Point presented by Dr. Hartness were available and was also posted on the School website.

Board of Education member Steve Ridenhour made the motion, seconded by Rick Ellis, to adjourn. The motion carried 6-0.

Board of Commissioner member Ken White made the motion, seconded by Carl Humphrey, to adjourn. The motion carried 5-0.

The meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm.



Terry Renegar, Chairman



Darrin L. Hartness, Ed.D., Secretary

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**DAVIE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
AND THE
DAVIE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
JOINT MEETING TO DISCUSS
SCHOOL FACILITIES**

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2011



**Major School Facility Projects in
Davie County
Over the Past 55 Years**



1954

State Funding for Consolidation of
Schools in Davie County



1956

\$600,000 Davie County High School
opened with 725 students and 30
teachers.



1960

\$875,000 in bonds approved by
voters for additions to Davie County
High School



1967

Voters rejected a \$3 million bond
proposal



1968

Voters approved a \$2.5 million bond to build new elementary schools. Kindergarten was added to all elementary schools.



1969

Farmington-Smith Grove (later named Pinebrook) and Shady Grove opened and William R. Davie addition was constructed



1970

Mocksville Elementary opened



1978

\$5.5 million bond passed for construction of South Davie and North Davie



1980

South Davie and North Davie open



1993

\$1.9 million from the State Public School Building Capital Fund used for additions and renovations at Davie County High School



1995

Voters approved \$7.6 million in bonds for technology needs and renovations at Mocksville, Pinebrook, Shady Grove, North Davie, South Davie, and DCHS
53% For, 47% Against



1998

\$4 million in NC Public School Building Bonds, \$900,000 in Public School Building Capital Fund/ADM, \$2 million in a Davie County Loan, and \$384,000 in capital fund balance were used to construct Cornatzer Elementary



2001

Task Force identified \$44 million in needs for renovating 5 elementary, 2 middle, and DCHS, as well as the need for construction of a new middle school and a second high school



2003

\$29 million bond rejected by Davie voters- renovations at 5 elementary schools and DCHS, and construction of a second high school
30% For 70% Against



2003

\$602,600 in QZAB bonds and \$1 million in Public School Capital Building Fund used for additions and renovations at William R. Davie Elementary



2003

Voters passed \$8.825 million bond referendum for renovations at 4 elementary schools, North Davie, South Davie, and Davie High
67% For 33% Against



2006

\$14 million in Certificates of Participation, \$296,000 in lottery funds, \$819,000 in DCS Capital Fund Balance, \$190,000 in Public School Capital Building Funds, \$75,000 in CTE Funds for constructing and equipping Ellis Middle School



2007

\$37 million bond rejected by Davie voters- \$30 million for construction of a second high school, \$7 million for renovations at DCHS
38% For 62% Against



2007

Davie County Early College High School Opens on the Davie Campus of Davidson Community College



2007

\$2.2 million requested and approved for renovations to DCHS completed using a local capital appropriation.
(Called Phase I)



2010

\$31.3 million in Certificates of Participation denied by Local Government Commission for the construction of a new high school-with career and technical education, administrative offices, and preschool classrooms planned on the campus of the current DCHS.
(\$29.3 million for High School, \$2 million for Early College)



2011


\$1.2 million in county government fund balance appropriated for Early College Renovations/Expansion of Gantt Building

Spring of 2011-Board of Education discusses a plan to eliminate mobile units at Davie High School, renovate cafeteria and locker rooms, and build an auditorium with an estimated cost of \$7-\$8 million. Concerns over spending significant money on the current campus.




2011

Board of County Commissioners approve current expense budget contingent upon the Board of Education appropriating \$1 million and the BOCC funding \$5 million to further renovate DCHS.



September 2011

- 1- The Board of Education presented with a draft RFQ for architectural services for renovations at DCHS
- 2- The Board of Education presented with a draft RFQ for a facility assessment to be conducted to determine needs across the district for the next 5-10 years.
- 3- The Board of Education requested \$500,000 be drawn down from the lottery fund to go toward design services and construction.



School Bond Summary Since 1960

5 School Bonds Have Passed	
1960	
1968	
1978	
1995	
2003	


3 School Bonds Have Failed	
1967	
2003	
2007	

Sources: Davie County Board of Elections; Roth, M. (2011) History of Davie County Schools.

Enrollment and Population Trend


- ADM (Average Daily Membership) 2001-02 to 2010-11
 - Total ADM increased by 11% from 5928 to 6583
 - Elementary (K-5) ADM increased by 3.5%
 - Middle School (6-8) ADM increased by 16.5%
 - High School (9-12) ADM increased by 20.3%
- 2010 US Census Data for Davie County, NC
 - Population change from 2000 to 2010 is 18.4%, from 34,835 to 41,240

Sources: NCDPI, ADM Best 1 of 2 by school and grade, data provided September 2011; www.census.gov



2011-12 10th Day Membership

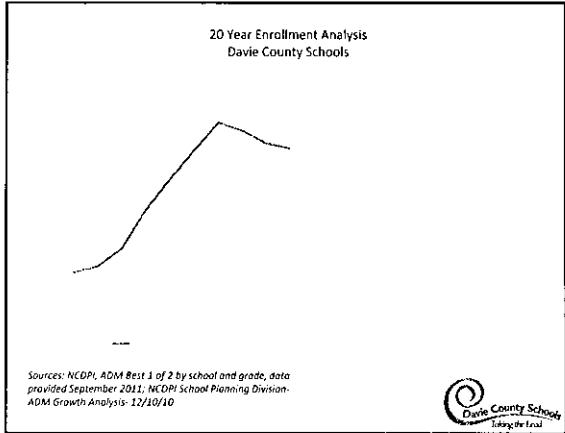
- 2011-12 10th Day of School Membership = 6486, down 86 students from the 10th day in 2010-11 or -1%.
- K-5= 2966, -73 from 2010-11
- 6-8= 1591, +5 from 2010-11
- 9-13= 1929, -18 from 2010-11



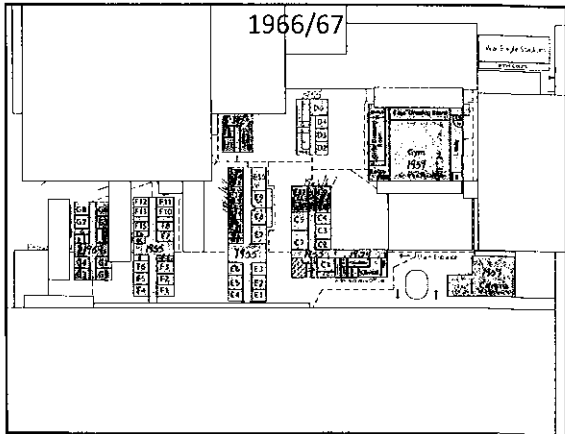
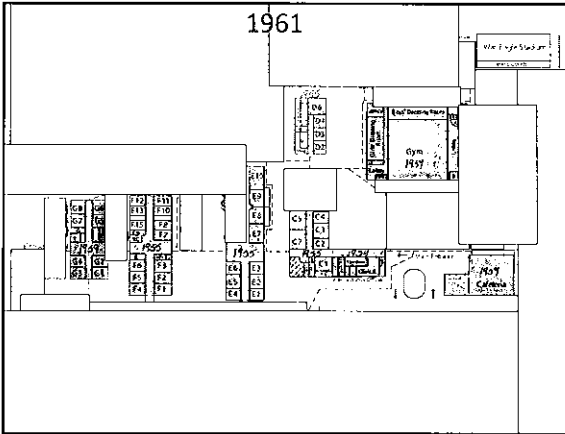
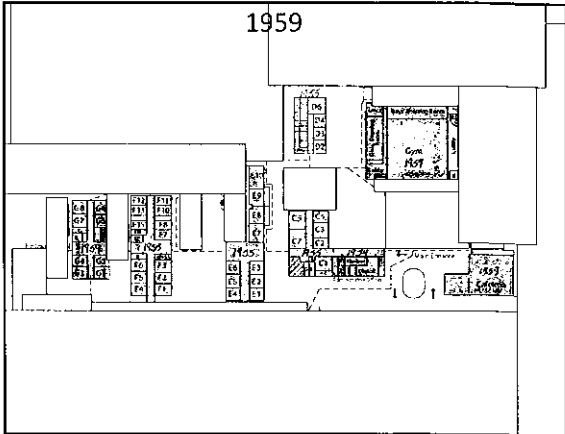
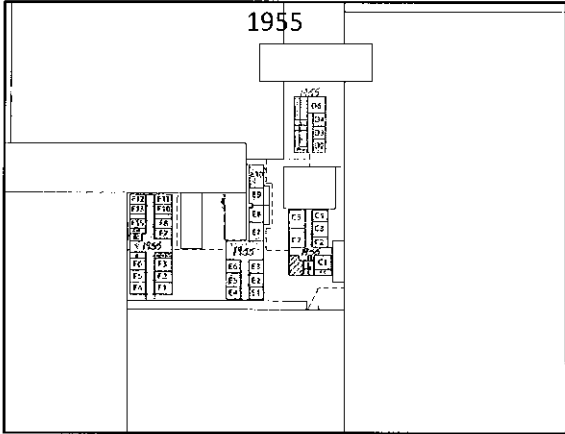
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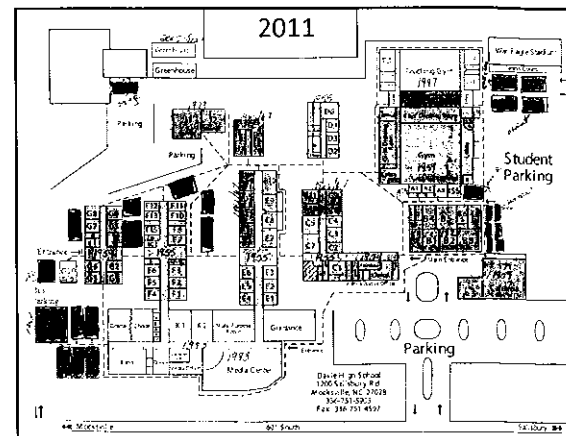
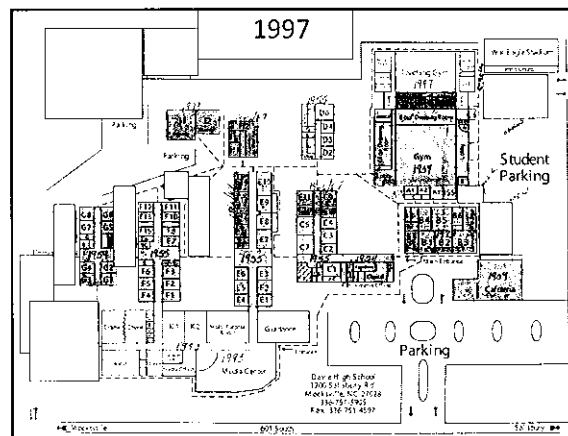
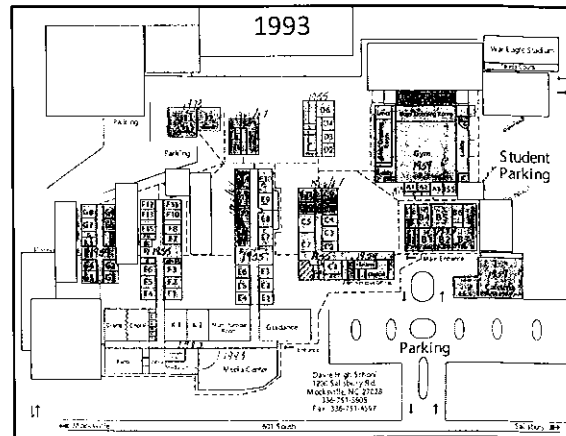
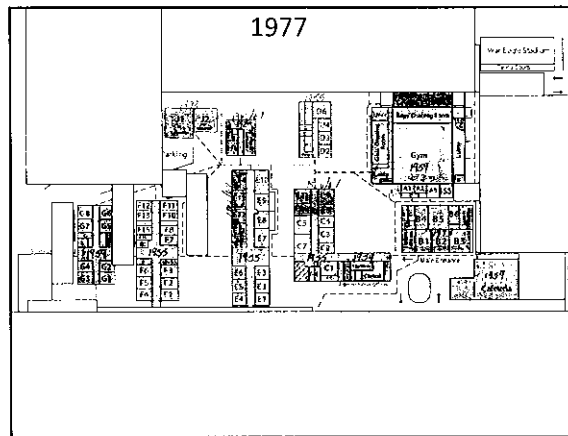
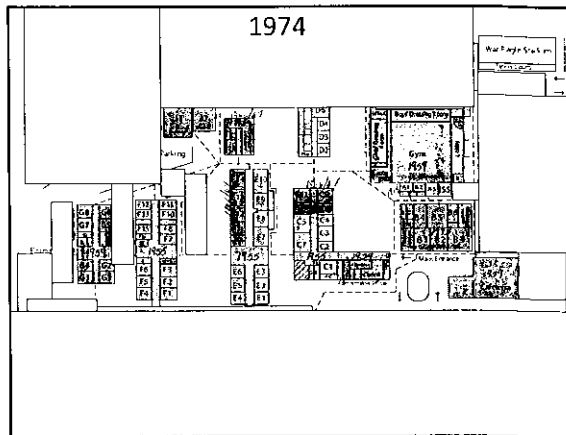
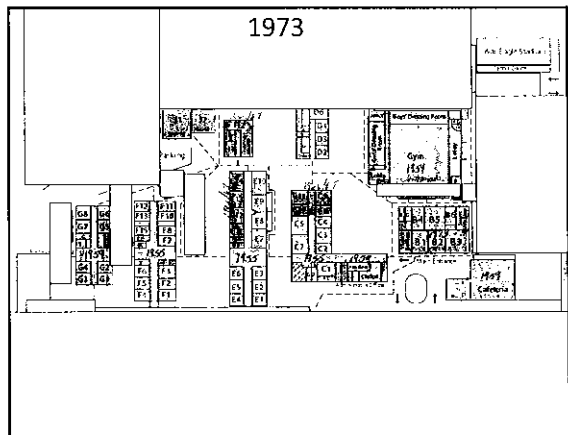
School	10 th Day Membership
Cooleenmee	462
Cornatzer	347
Mocksville	677
Pinebrook	520
Shady Grove	599
William R. Davie	361
North Davie Middle	506
South Davie Middle	550
William Ellis Middle	530
Davie Early College HS	180
Davie County HS	1740
Central Davie Academy	14
Total	6486





History of the Davie County High School Campus





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Here we are, what can we agree on as we move forward and begin a facilities assessment and long range plan for Davie County Schools?



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