

**DAVIE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
PUBLIC FORUM
APRIL 19, 2012**

The Davie County Board of Education held a public forum at 6:30 pm on Thursday, April 19, 2012 at the Brock Performing Arts Center, 622 North Main Street, Mocksville, NC.

Board Members Present:

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

Others Present:

Dr. Darrin Hartness, Superintendent
Jeff Wallace, Human Resources and Operations Assistant Superintendent
Mr. Brian Starrett, Brooks Pierce
Tom Balke, Little Diversified Architectural Consultants
Dr. Jerome N. McKibben, McKibben Demographic Research
Bill Klein, KBR Building Group, Inc.

Chairman Renegar welcomed the audience and offered the invocation. Dr. Hartness provided context of where we are in addressing facilities needs and the purpose of the meeting tonight, which includes an opportunity of up to 1 ½ minute to ask questions. Facilities information has been posted on the Davie County Schools' website, including a video on the entire presentation from Little Diversified Architectural Consulting.

Report of School Facilities/Assessment – Mr. Tom Balke, Little Diversified Architectural Consulting, and his team presented two PowerPoint presentations for long range facilities plan for Davie County Schools and short term recommendations for Davie County High School, including cost models for the different suggested avenues.

Rules of Procedure – Dr. Hartness introduced Mr. Brian Starrett with the attorney's office to facilitate the question and answer session.

Previously Submitted Questions – Mr. Starrett presented the previously submitted questions:

- Eric Phillips: Are there any plans for bicycle parking facilities such as parking racks for securing bicycles? Why or why not?
- Tari Koty: Many studies have been done on what our needs are for facilities in our school system. These studies have made clear that our facilities are aging and outdated. When are we going to put the recommendations from these studies in motion?
- Ronald E. Keister: Has the Board of Education and Superintendent discussed the County's financial condition with the Commissioners and County Manager, including the County's projected range of available school facilities funding? If yes, please briefly

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describe the results of this discussion? If not, please explain why not? Based on the discussion with the Commissioners and County Manager in Question 1, have you established the facilities priorities to be addressed within these available funds? If yes, please briefly describe the priorities you have established. If not, please explain why not?

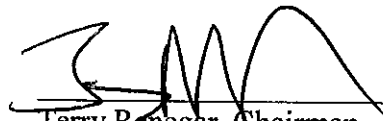
Questions from Public – Ten people presented questions to the Board:

- James Kowles, Farmington: 1) Presentation is incomplete without estimated cost, adding in soft costs and offsite costs. 2) What is the demographic center for the children 0-20 and does that move the center in the future?
- Dwight Goodman: What was the cost of the assessment? How much money has been spent the last ten years to do these assessments? How come we couldn't have done this long range study ten years ago?
- Bill Walwick, History Teacher at Davie High: Are there any costs at the current site to increase level of service on roads?
- Tari Koty, Advance: Between A, B and C, who will make this decision on what plan we will implement? How long do you think this might take? Is it going to be put to a vote to the people? Will we have another public meeting between you and the commissioners concerning this issue?
- Jimmy Reece, Pinebrook: Is the realignment of elementary school definitely going to happen? If so, are they going to look at the middle schools as well? Where are the potential locations for a new high school?
- Rachel Helms, Farmington: Would like to ask the Board to work with the Commissioners to come to a clarification of what each phase or each model will be incurred to the tax payers. It is important for us to realize the consequences in terms of property taxes.
- Ken White, Advance: When we guesstimate about our school population remaining pretty flat, what if tomorrow somebody announced they are moving a head quarter to Davie County, with a 1000 jobs, would that skew what our school population could be? How do we factor that in? What do you see of inward migration from outlying communities? Is it the same in reverse? Is it 25% of those jobs come in from outlying areas?
- Jeff Plott, Mocksville: How would this new high school, if built, how would that 21st Century classroom differ from any classroom today at the current high school or any school in Davie County? Why is it different from what we have right now? How will it differ?
- Jeanna White, Pinebrook/Farmington: Who would have the authority to make a decision about plans A, B and C for the high school? Is that going to be able to be done by the Board, who are the educators, or is that going to have to be done by the County Commissioners, or is the whole county once again going to make a decision when they may not be the most up to date on what the actual needs are for education? As part of doing the immediate renovations that are part of the \$6 million, are science and math labs any part that to get them up to par for STEM and DPI?
- Anita Klein, Advance: Have the County Commissioners put a time stamp on the \$5 million that they have allotted? Collectively, do you feel this is a prudent use of \$6

million? \$6 million would be a hefty down payment for an unbelievable 21st Century school.

The architect and members of the Board of Education addressed the questions presented, based on their perspectives.

Wrap Up – On behalf of the Board, Chairman Renegar thanked the audience for being in attendance and offered to stay after the meeting to answer specific questions for the Board members. Dr. Hartness extended thanks to the Brock for allowing us have the forum here, to the Technology staff for putting this together, the architectural team and the audience for being here and the Board of Education for hosting the public forum. Dr. Hartness invited the community to make calls with comments or suggestions to him or Mr. Wallace and the Board members will be available, as well.



Terry Renegar, Chairman



Darin L. Hartness, Ed.D., Secretary

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Approved: 7-10-12