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**DUPLIN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
& BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONER'S JOINT MEETING**

Tuesday, January 10th, 2023

315 North Main Street

O.P. Johnson Education Building

Kenansville, N.C. 28349

The Duplin County Board of Commissioners met at 7:30 a.m. on Tuesday, January 10th, 2023 at the O.P. Johnson Education Building in Kenansville, NC.

Present: Commissioners: Dexter B. Edwards; Elwood Garner; Jesse L. Dowe, III.; Wayne E. Branch; and Justin C. Edwards.

Present: Board of Education Members: Brent Davis; Reginald Kenan; Pam Edwards; Claudius Morrissey; and David Jones.

Also Present: Mr. Davis H. Brinson, County Manager/Clerk to the Board; Trisha-Ann Hoskins, Administrative Officer/ Deputy Clerk; Tracey Chestnutt, Finance Officer; Tim Wilson, County Attorney, Superintendent of Schools Dr. Austin Obasohan; and Board of Education Staff including: Dawn George; Jason Ginn; Kristen Hall; Christy Johnson; Roger Jones; Ronald Moore; Nicole Murray; Kevin Smith; and Daren Tyndall.

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Board of Commissioners Chairman Edwards and Board of Education Chairman Davis.

Invocation

The invocation was given by Board of Education Member Pam Edwards.

A motion was made by Commissioner J. Edwards, seconded by Commissioner Branch, carried unanimously to go out of recess and into open session.

Breakfast

Approval of Meeting Agenda

Commissioners Approval

Motion was made by Commissioner Garner, seconded by Commissioner J. Edwards, carried unanimously to approve the meeting agenda.

Board of Education Approval

Motion was made by BOE Member Edwards, seconded by BOE Member Kenan, carried unanimously to approve the meeting agenda.

AGENDA

Duplin County Board of Education Update

Mrs. Dawn George appeared before the Boards to deliver the Capital and Fund Balance update.

Mr. Roger Jones appeared before the Boards to deliver the Duplin County Schools Facility update regarding the hurricane funding, capital, cares act funds, lottery funds and

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grants.

General Discussion

Members of both Boards had general discussion on items including: VW Settlement Grant; use of CARES (Coronavirus Aid Recovery & Economic Security Act) Act Funding to fund positions, capital projects, expenses, etc.; Duplin County School's 5-Year Facilities Plan, which Mr. Jones will provide, as requested by Mr. Justin Edwards; Capital Projects; Fund Balance; SRO (School Resource Officer) shortage; security; the school system's ADM (average daily membership) ; an anticipated \$2.5 million shortfall and potential loss of teachers when CARES Act Funding ends, etc. BOE Chairman Davis advised that school safety (i.e. equipment, fencing, etc.) is also a priority. Dr. Obasohan requested that the board also consider the power (i.e. financial/incentives) to recruit and retain quality teachers. Both boards agreed to form a committee consisting of two representatives from each board to work through the issues at hand, particularly the funds that will go away.

A motion was made by Commissioner Justin Edwards, seconded by Commissioner Dowe carried unanimously to appoint Mr. Branch and Mr. Garner to a working committee composed of two County Commissioners and two Board of Education Members to discuss various issues.

A motion was made by BOE Member Jones, seconded by BOE Member Morrissey, carried unanimously to appoint BOE Member Kenan and BOE Member Edwards to a working committee composed of two County Commissioners and two Board of Education Members to discuss various issues.

Scheduling of Bi-Annual Joint Meeting

It was agreed that the Committee will meet within the next two-three weeks. After the Committee meets once or twice, the next Joint Meeting will be scheduled.

ADJOURN

Motion was made by BOE Member Kenan, seconded by BOE Member Jones, carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting of the Board of Education.

Motion was made by Commissioner Garner, seconded by Commissioner J. Edwards, carried unanimously to adjourn until Tuesday, January 17th, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. for a Commissioners Meeting in the Commissioners Room at 224 Seminary Street, Kenansville, NC.



Davis H. Brinson
Clerk to the Board



Joint Meeting Agenda
Duplin County Commissioners and Duplin County Board of Education
Tuesday, January 10, 2023, at 7:30 a.m.
O.P. Johnson Education Building

1. Welcome and Opening Comments
 - A. Dexter Edwards, Chairman (Duplin County Board of Commissioners)
 - B. Brent Davis, Chairman (Duplin County Board of Education)
2. Invocation
 - A. Reginald Kenan (Duplin County Board of Education)
3. Approval of Agenda
4. Agenda Items
 - A. Duplin County Board of Education Update
 - B. Duplin County Board of Commissioners Update
5. General Discussion
6. Schedule Next Joint Meeting
7. Adjourn

Duplin County Board of Education and Duplin County Commissioners
Joint Meeting
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PLEASE SIGN IN

Name (Please Print)	Affiliation
1. Brent Davis	DCS
2. David Jones	DCS
3. Dexter Edwards	DCBC
4. Hood Garner	DCBC
5. Davis Brinson	Duplin County
6. Pam Edwards	BA of Ed
7. Dawn George	Board of Education
8. Nicole Murray	Board of Education
9. Kristen Hall	DCS Board of Education
10. Tim Wilson	County Attorney
11. Justin Edwards	DC Commissioner
12. Wayne Branch	"
13. Jesse Dowe	DC Commissioners
14. Claudius Murrisey	School Bd
15. Kevin Smith	DCS
16. Roger Jones	DCS
17. Jason Goin	DCS
18. Daren Tyndall	DCS
19. Ronald Myers	DCS
20. Austin Obasolu	DCS
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Duplin County Board of Education

Capital and Fund Balance Update

January 10, 2023

Capital Update

2022-23 Duplin County Capital Outlay Funding \$990,045

- Replace playgrounds at Wallace Elementary and Warsaw Elementary
- Replace one activity bus, two vehicles, one equipment trailer and one truck utility bed
- Purchase underground utility locating equipment and two LP gas fueled generators
- Athletic facility maintenance and equipment
- Fire alarm system repairs at Rose Hill Magnolia Elementary and North Duplin Elementary
- Upgrade fire doors, magnetic holders, and other safety improvements identified during fire inspections at all schools
- Stormwater Drainage improvements at East Duplin High School
- Student ADA accessibility improvements at Wallace Rose Hill High School
- Repair gym drywall, awnings and stage floor at North Duplin Jr. Sr. High School, Warsaw Elementary, and Wallace Rose Hill High School

Capital Update

State Public School Lottery Funding

Projects in progress:

- Electrical Switchgear repair/replacement at Kenansville Elementary, North Duplin Elementary, Rose Hill Magnolia Elementary, Wallace Elementary, and Warsaw Elementary \$322,000
- Beulaville Elementary School Multipurpose Gym addition \$2,286,783
- Balance of the Access Control System beyond what the School Safety Grant will fund \$363,027

Projects recently completed:

- DCS Center of Opportunity renovation (January 2021) \$507,301
- Beulaville Elementary School Chiller Replacement (April 2021) \$206,090

Capital Update

Hurricane Funding

Insurance Reimbursement

- \$79,849.03 remains of the nearly \$10M in insurance reimbursement funds received by Duplin County Schools from damages due to Hurricane Florence. This funding will be used to complete the repairs still in progress.

Headstart American Rescue Plan Grant and Disaster Relief Grant

- \$626,636 in one-time federal funding received since 2020-21 to support the restoration of Head Start services following hurricane Florence.
- Funding used to purchase/renovate existing building to serve as a Pre-K office and resource center. Project expected completion date in early 2023.

Capital Update

State K-12 Athletic Facilities Grant Funding

- \$121,302 one-time state funding to increase safety and improve athletics facilities in the 11 Duplin County schools that host athletics competitions
- Inspect, service, repair, and/or replace gymnasium and outdoor bleachers, gymnasium basketball goals, and athletic field irrigation systems
- Recondition gymnasium floors

Capital Update

State Center for Safer Schools - School Safety Grant

Capital Improvements

- \$994,700 for School Safety Equipment
 - Security Walls and Fencing
 - Access Control System and Hardware
 - Door Replacement and Repair

Also part of this grant....Non-Capital School Safety Services

- \$440,000 for additional School Resource Officers
- \$280,000 for services to students in crisis

Capital Update

Federal Emergency Connectivity Funding for Technology

- Additional federal grant funds became available in 2021 to assist school districts with providing internet access and technology to students to enhance remote learning
- \$2,649,174 received since 2021-22 for the purchase of 4,828 Chromebooks, 1,450 iPads, and 1,525 student hotspots

Capital Update

Federal CARES/ARPA/ESSER grants

- Capital projects for facility and technology infrastructure became allowable using federal CARES, ARPA and ESSER grants in 2021-22 for projects related to the ability to continue school operations in response to and through the prevention of the spread Covid-19.
- Of the \$44.1M Duplin County Schools has received, \$18M is planned to be used for capital improvements to facilities, and \$4.3M for technology infrastructure and equipment.
- The remaining \$21.8M is planned to be used towards non-capital expenditures. Examples are academic recovery efforts such as after school and summer school, services and supplies for physical and mental health and safety, academic and safety software, retention of positions that would otherwise be lost due to decreases in ADM, and retention and incentive pay in critical areas experiencing staffing shortages.

Capital Update

Federal ARPA/ESSER grants (continued)

District-Wide Projects

- HVAC upgrades and replacements
- Ventilation fan replacement in bathrooms and locker rooms
- Roof repairs to improve indoor air quality
- Added additional and repaired existing mobile classrooms to allow for smaller class sizes
- Upgrade child nutrition cooling and storage equipment
- Hot water installation at all high schools
- Storage upgrades for technology, maintenance, and transportation
- Replaced all school technology servers, the district's core technology switch and storage area network

Capital Update

Federal ARPA/ESSER grants (continued)

School Allotments and Innovative Projects

- Dinosaur Dig outdoor play area and an Obstacle Course for B. F Grady Elementary
- Outdoor Learning Area for Beulaville Elementary
- Furniture and room dividers for DCS Center of Opportunity
- Two Outdoor Classrooms and Outdoor Eating Area for Wallace Elementary
- Clear Touch Interactive Boards for Rose Hill Magnolia Elementary
- Furniture for Kenansville Elementary
- Computer equipment for Duplin Early College High School

Fund Balance Update

Capital Fund Balance

- Capital fund balance increased \$152,059 to \$1,038,256 in 2021-22 due to the sale of E. E. Smith Middle School.

Local Fund Balance

- Unassigned local fund balance increased \$1.2 M to \$4,873,340 in 2021-22 due to sustained operational savings from previous years' school consolidations and federal assistance received to help cover cost of operations during the pandemic.
- Growth in local fund balance will help fund future recurring costs associated with the long term effects of Covid-19 after the anticipated ending of federal assistance in September 2024.

Duplin County Schools Facility Update

Using Hurricane, Capital , Cares Act Funds, Lottery Funds & Grants

Hurricane Florence Funds

- Remediation
- Roof Patches
- Patching & Painting of flood cut walls
- Ceiling Replacements
- Removal of Carpet and VCT Flooring
- VCT Replacement in Classrooms , Hallways, and Offices
- Carpet replacement in Media Centers(BES,CES,EDHS, KES,JKHS,RHM,WARE)
- Classroom/Office Furniture , Cabinets, and Rugs
- Several Light Fixtures Replaced due to Water Damage
- Duct board repairs due to water damage
- Stage flooring replacements

Hurricane Florence Funds

- Duct board repairs due to water damage
- Stage flooring replacements
- Fine Arts Seating Repairs & Replacements
- Installation of Emergency Generator at WRH Fine Arts Bldg.
- Gym Floor Repairs

Roofs In General

JKHS Media Center now has completely new Metal Roof
TPO over Build Ups Roof
EPDM to TPO Roofs
EPDM Roof Silicone Coated
TPO replaced by new TPO Roofs
PVC roof over Build Up Roof
Metal Roofs (BFG RHM BES MAINT BUS) Silicone Coated
Shingled Modular Roof to Metal Roofs

Capital Funds

- EDHS total rekeying of all Doors
- Gutter Replacements at BES & CES
- A lot of Storm Drain Repair & Replacement
- Awning Installation & Repairs
- Lift Station Repairs
- Playground Equipment Replacement
- ADA Building Access Added
- Gym Floor Replacements
- Activity Buses/Vehicles/Maint. Equipment/Computers

Cares Act Funds

- Modular Purchases & Set Up now (NDHS, JKHS, DECHS, WRH)
- Modular Purchases & Set Up on the way (NDE, WARE)
- Architect retained for Modular Design & Construction bid of a 4 Classroom Modular unit to be built in place at NDHS
- Exhaust Fan Repairs made on all of the schools
- New HVAC Equipment purchased and installation ongoing across the District (All of our Chillers replaced, All High School Gym Units Replaced, New Heat Pumps, Split Systems, BARD Units, Mini Split Systems and a Boiler purchased)

Cares Act Funds

- RHM all Duct Board removed in all of the main Building. New Ceilings, Ductwork & LED Lighting) 2 New Cafeteria Units Added , All New Exhaust Fans
- NDE & WALE in Design Phase with a retained Architect/Engineer to do same thing there as RHM. WARE would be next
- CES is in the Design Phase with a retained Architect/Engineer to create drawings and bid HVAC Repair & Replacement of Equipment, Chilled Water Lines and Add Insulation
- Hot Water for all High Schools for Handwashing on the to do list
- Kitchen Freezer & Cooler Equipment

Lottery Funds

- WARE Switchgear Replacement (4/23) Testing
- BES Multipurpose Gym
- Security Card Access Systems

Grants

- Head Start American Rescue Plan Grant & Disaster Relief-Purchase of Building, renovate whole building from previous occupancy use (5/23)
- Athletic Facilities Grant- Gym Floor Repair , Basketball Goal , Athletic Field Irrigation
- Safe School Grant – Security measures(Fence , Walls), Door Repair & Replacements, Security Card Access Systems & Prop Alarms.
- Volkswagen Settlement Environmental Grant- Activity Bus

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