

PASQUOTANK COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA
APRIL 7, 2014

The Pasquotank County Board of Commissioners met today in a work session on Monday, April 7, 2014 in the Community Room at the W.C. Witherspoon Memorial Library.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jeff Dixon, Chairman
Joseph S. Winslow, Jr., Vice-Chairman
Cecil Perry
Dr. William R. Sterritt
Gary G. White
Frankie Meads

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Lloyd E. Griffin, III

OTHERS PRESENT:

Rodney Bunch, Interim County Manager
R. Michael Cox, County Attorney
Sheri Small, Finance Officer
Karen Jennings, Clerk to the Board

Also present were School Superintendent Linwood Williams, members of the Board of Education, and school department directors.

The work session was called to order at 2:30 PM by Chairman Jeff Dixon who welcomed the Board of Education. Board of Education Chairman Barry Overman thanked the Board for the opportunity to discuss the needs of the school system. He called on Superintendent Linwood Williams who presented a list of the school capital replacement projects, equipment, and vehicles for the 2014-2015 budget in priority order. He also presented a list of long-range capital needs for the schools.

The Boards discussed the projects at length, particularly the NHS roof project. Mr. Williams said Phase IV of the project will be done this summer and he suggested, if possible, that Phases V and VI of the roof be bid at the same time in order to get a better price.

The Boards also discussed school revenues and fund balance. Finance Director Jim Agar explained that the school system must maintain a healthy fund balance and needs funds in-hand to handle emergency repairs throughout the school year. He said during the past year school fund balance was used to purchase vehicles, to replace heat pumps, to replace telephone systems, to repair a roof at the NHS Ag Building, and to renovate the Sheep-Harney Auditorium. Mr. Overman said the money needs to be available for emergency repairs when a heating system fails, a roof leaks, or a hurricane strikes in order to keep the students in school the required 180 days. He stated that they do not have the luxury of closing a school because they have nowhere else to put the students. He added that there are twelve schools in the system and nine of them are old and could experience dire maintenance problems at any time.

Mr. Williams advised that the Board of Education and staff are currently working on the school budget and will be coming before the Board of Commissioners in the near future to present the budget request.

Chairman Dixon thanked the Superintendent and the Board of Education for the information provided today. The work session was adjourned at 3:30 PM.


CHAIRMAN


CLERK TO THE BOARD