

**COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
JOINT MEETING with COLUMBUS COUNTY SCHOOLS  
BOARD of EDUCATION**

**Monday, May 12, 2014**

**6:30 P.M.**

The Honorable Columbus County Commissioners met on the above stated date and at the above stated time in the Dempsey B. Herring Courthouse Annex Building, located at 112 West Smith Street, Whiteville, North Carolina, for the purpose of conducting a joint meeting with the Columbus County Schools Board of Education.

**COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:**

P. Edwin Russ, **Chairman**  
Trent Burroughs, **Vice Chairman**  
Amon E. McKenzie  
James E. Prevatte  
Giles E. Byrd  
Ricky Bullard  
Charles T. McDowell

**APPOINTEES PRESENT:**

William S. Clark, **County Manager**  
Mike Stephens, **County Attorney**  
June B. Hall, **Clerk to Board**  
Bobbie Faircloth, **Finance Officer**

**OTHERS in ATTENDANCE:**

Alan Faulk, Superintendent Columbus County Schools  
Jonathan Williams, Assistant Superintendent Columbus County Schools  
Terry Dudney, Finance Director Columbus County Schools  
Bill Phipps, Attorney  
Junior Dew  
Barbara Yates  
Monty Herring  
Norris Ebron

**MEETING CALLED to ORDER:**

At 6:30 P.M., Chairman P. Edwin Russ called the Joint Meeting with the Columbus County Schools Board of Education to order. Chairman Russ stated he would turn the meeting over to Alan Faulk, Superintendent of Columbus County Schools.

**PRESENTATION by ALAN FAULK:**

Listed below are our requests that we are making for the upcoming fiscal year.

1. **Personnel (top priority):**

- Fifteen (15) teaching positions - \$703,800, including benefits  
(7 Elementary Art and 7 Physical Education teachers and one (1) Career Technical education teacher)

2. **Local Supplements:**

	<b><u>Certified</u></b>	<b><u>Non-Certified</u></b>
Whiteville City Schools	5%	2.5%
Columbus County Schools	3.5%	1.5%

Supplement Increases for Teachers:

1.5% Increase for Certified:	\$306,515
1% Increase for Non-Certified:	\$80,496

3. **Age of School Buildings (17):**

<b>SCHOOL</b>	<b>ESTABLISHED</b>	<b>AGE</b>
Acme Delco Elementary School	1951	63

Acme Delco Middle School	1926	88
Cerro Gordo Elementary School	1926	88
Chadbourn Elementary School	1952	62
Chadbourn Middle School	1948	66
East Columbus High School	1992	22
Evergreen Elementary School	1925	89
Guideway Elementary School	1978	36
Hallsboro Elementary School	1950	64
Hallsboro Middle School	1936	78
Nakina Middle School	1952	62
Old Dock Elementary School	1936	78
South Columbus High School	1992	22
Tabor City Elementary School	1927	87
Tabor City Middle School	1954	60
West Columbus High School	1965	49
Williams Township School	2006	8

4. **Facility Needs:**

<b>FACILITY(IES)</b>	<b>NEEDS</b>
Acme Delco Elementary School	Parking Solution - Need Land
Acme Delco Middle School Cerro Gordo Elementary School Chadbourn Middle School Nakina Middle School Tabor City Middle School	Gym Floors - \$85,000/each
Cerro Gordo Elementary School Acme Delco Middle School	Roofs - \$250,000 and \$400,000
East Columbus High School South Columbus High School West Columbus High School	Tennis Court Re-Surfacing - \$50,000/each
East Columbus High School South Columbus High School	Chillers - \$200,000/each
Evergreen Elementary School West Columbus High School Cerro Gordo Elementary School Chadbourn Middle School Hallsboro Elementary School Tabor City Elementary School Tabor City Middle School	Windows - Cost submitted in Budget sent to Administration

5. **Membership:**

<b>SCHOOL</b>	<b>Pre-K</b>	<b>K-5</b>	<b>6-8</b>	<b>9-12</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>
Acme Delco Elementary School	39	327			366

Acme Delco Middle School			158		158
Cerro Gordo Elementary School	21	240	128		389
Chadbourn Elementary School	37	299			336
Chadbourn Middle School			151		151
East Columbus High School				474	474
Evergreen Elementary School	22	184	120		326
Guideway Elementary School	18	166			184
Hallsboro Elementary School	50	387			437
Hallsboro Middle School			224		224
Nakina Middle School			225		225
Old Dock Elementary School	19	241			260
South Columbus High School				754	754
Tabor City Elementary School	47	403			450
Tabor City Middle School			238		238
West Columbus High School				447	447
Williams Township	41	469	234		744

### STUDENT ENROLLMENT

#### Eastern Side:

SCHOOL	PRE-K-5	6-8	9-12	TOTAL
Acme Delco Elementary School	366			366
Acme Delco Middle School		158		158
Hallsboro Elementary School	437			437
Hallsboro Middle School		224		224
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>803</b>	<b>382</b>		<b>1185</b>

#### Southern Side:

SCHOOL	PRE-K-5	6-8	9-12	TOTAL
Guideway Elementary School	184			184
Nakina Middle School		225		225
Old Dock Elementary School	260			260
Tabor City Elementary School	450			450
Tabor City Middle School		238		238
Williams Township School	510	234		744
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>1404</b>	<b>697</b>		<b>2101</b>

#### Western Side:

SCHOOL	PRE-K-5	6-8	9-12	TOTAL
Cerro Gordo Elementary School	26	128		389
Chadbourn Elementary School	336			336

Chadbourn Middle School		151		151
Evergreen Elementary School	206	120		326
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>803</b>	<b>399</b>		<b>1202</b>

**Western Scenario for Replacement (according to David Clinton, Architect):**

Pre-K - 5:	\$15,141,560	Probable Project Cost for Replacement
Middle School 6-8:	\$10,577,280	Probable Project Cost for Replacement
Pre-K - 8: (1200 - 1300 Kids)	\$23,959,040	Probable Project Cost for Replacement

Old Dock Elementary School Completion: \$4,857,440

**DISCUSSION:**

Discussion was conducted as follows:

1. Start looking at the needs of the school buildings and develop a long-range plan;
2. Figures to reflect the savings in each area versus the expense;
3. If the work is done, what will the payment be;
4. Approached by a group that is leasing some buildings;
5. The chosen locations of the schools that are proposed to be merged;
6. How would you prioritize;
7. The locations of the new school buildings;
8. Importance of class room size being conducive to learning;
9. Teachers getting relief on instructional supplies;
10. Re-instating of technology funds;
11. The Golden Grant Funding at Fair Bluff has ended;
12. Time to get a plan and find out how to make it happen; **and**
13. Finding the revenue to accomplish this task.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

At 7:29 P.M., Chairman Russ stated the meeting was adjourned.

**APPROVED:**

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**JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board**

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**P. EDWIN RUSS, Chairman**