

**COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
JOINT MEETING with WHITEVILLE CITY SCHOOLS
BOARD of EDUCATION
Tuesday, February 25, 2020
6:00 P.M.**

The Honorable Columbus County Commissioners met on the above stated date and at the above stated time in the T-Building, Room 120, at Southeastern Community College, 4564 Chadbourn Highway, Whiteville, North Carolina 28472, for the purpose of conducting a Joint Meeting with the Whiteville City Schools Board of Education.

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

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

APPOINTEES PRESENT:

Mike Stephens, **County Manager**
Amanda B. Prince, **County Attorney**
June B. Hall, **Clerk to Board**
Bobbie Faircloth, **Finance Officer**

WHITEVILLE CITY SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION:

Kandle M. Rogers, **Chair**
Anna Richardson, **Vice Chair**
David Flowers
Coleman Barbour
Mark Whichard, **Superintendent**
Annette Hamilton, **Finance Officer**
Heather Dowless, **Administrative Assistant**

OTHER:

Diana Matthews, **The News Reporter**

MEETING CALLED to ORDER:

At 6:00 P.M., Chairman P. Edwin Russ called the February 25, 2020 Joint Meeting with the Whiteville City Schools Board of Education to order.

INVOCATION:

Reverend David Flowers delivered the invocation.

EVENING MEAL:

Chairman Russ announced the evening meal will be served.

INTRODUCTION of ATTENDEES (NAME and TITLE):

Each attendee present stated their name and title, beginning with the Whiteville City Schools Board of Education members and staff.

PURPOSE of JOINT MEETING and RECOMMENDED PROCEDURE:

Chairman Russ stated Superintendent Mark Wichard will present financial information relative to Whiteville City Schools.

DISCUSSION:

Superintendent Mark Whichard presented the following information relative to Whiteville City Schools.

ACADEMIC HIGHLIGHTS

**COMPOSITE PERFORMANCE by DISTRICT
ALL GRADE LEVEL and SUBJECT EOG and EOC COMBINED**

**GRADE LEVEL PROFICIENCY (Level 3 and Above)
SANDHILLS REGION**

Moore County Schools	61.1
Whiteville City Schools	60.03
Richmond County Schools	56.1
Cumberland County Schools	54.7
Hoke County Schools	54.7
Lee County Schools	53.4
Columbus County Schools	51.9
Harnett County Schools	51.6
Montgomery County Schools	51.2
Bladen County Schools	47.5
Scotland County schools	45.0
Anson County Schools	41.9
Public Schools of Robeson	40.3

Of Interest Regionally:

Clinton City Schools	54.6
Brunswick County Schools	59.5
New Hanover County Schools	65.0

CAPITAL PROJECT OVERVIEW FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020

Total Capital Outlay Budget:

BUDGET YEAR	APPROPRIATION	SALES TAX
2018-2019	\$204,832	\$541,076
2019-2020	\$210,977 +6,145	\$557,246 +16,230

COMPLETED CAPITAL PROJECTS 2019-2020

PROJECT	LOCATION	AMOUNT
Computer Lease Agreement	WHS	\$110,800
Gym Floor Rescreening	WHS / CMS	\$4,000
Legion Baseball Dugout Emergency Replacement	Legion Field	\$48,000
Fire Alarm System	WPS	\$24,000
Security Alarm Repair	CMS	\$8,900
Hot Water Heater Failure / Replacement	WPS	\$8,800
Building Roof Repair	CMS	\$57,800
Metal Canopy Replacement	EES / WHS	\$8,600
Floor Replacement / Tile Asbestos Removal	EES	\$52,100
Intercom/ Security Entrance System	NWA	\$2,300
Metal Detectors	WHS	\$9,200
Security Fencing	WPS	\$7,900
Electrical Room Roof Replacement	WPS	\$2,300
Camera Equipment Install / Replace	CMS / NWA	\$4,500
TOTAL AMOUNT:		\$349,600

2020 - 2021 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT GOALS

Safety and Security Needs:

Re-Key Two (2) School Campuses (CMS / NWA)	\$112,000
Replace Non-Functional Security Cameras / Additional Cameras	\$43,000

Intercom System for WPS, EES, CMS / NWA \$78,000
 Exterior / Main Entrance Camera and Entrance Control System for EES. WPS. CMS: \$7,200

Capital Facility Needs:

NEED	COST
Replace deteriorated carpet with tile / remove asbestos in subfloor at EES (Third and Fifth Grade Wings) and WPS Kindergarten	\$172,000 (Tile) +\$39,000 (Asbestos Tile / Glue Removal)
Resurface Asphalt Track with Composite Material at Legion Stadium	\$98,560
Roof Replacement at WPS Cafeteria Building	\$82,000
Metal Storage Facility (WPS, EES, CMS)	\$11,200
Activity Bud Paint / Refurbishment	\$5,500
Computer Replacement (Data Managers / Administrators / Counselors)	\$50,000

Recurring Capital Expenses:

EXPENSE	COST
Copier Leases	\$60,000
HVAC	\$75,000
Maintenance Contracted Services	\$38,000
Furniture and Equipment	\$20,000
Parking (Legion (Stadium))	\$2,000
Painting and Pressure Washing	\$15,000
Lawn and Floor Equipment	\$10,000
Landscaping Maintenance	\$2,500
Misc. Capital Outlay Needs	\$69,000

2020-2021 CAPITAL OUTLAY REQUEST: **\$989,960**

CURRENT EXPENSE FUND HIGHLIGHTS 2019-2020

2019-2020 Appropriation: **\$2,206,501**

\$990 Per Pupil
2,229 Students

Current Expense:

EXPENSE	COST
School Resource Officer Funding	\$20,000 Local Funding State Provides Funding for One (1) High School SRO Central Middle/North Whiteville Academy (069 Funding Source) Whiteville Primary/Edgewood Elementary School (\$24,467 from 039 - State Grant)
Classroom Supplies and Materials	\$31,000 (Required as a part of Federal Programs)
Celebrate the Arts	\$20,000

Employee Supplement	\$150,000
District Property / Liability Ins.	\$80,000
Charter School Funding	\$183,000
Maintenance (Salary/Facilities)	\$330,000
Electric/Water/Sewer	\$521,747

CURRENT EXPENSE COMPARISON:

YEAR	AMOUNT	DETAILS
2018-2019	\$2,155,966	2,301 Students (\$937 Per Student)
2019-2020	\$2,206,501 (Actual) \$50,535 (Increase 2.34%)	2,229 Students (\$990 Per Pupil)

State Average Per Pupil Expenditure by County: \$1,563

Columbus County Property Value Ranking: 93 / 100
 Columbus County Actual Effort Ranking: 95 / 100
 (Spending by ADM)

Report Findings by 2018 Study by The Public School Forum

Re-Occurring Expenses: Significant Contributing Factors:

Exceptional Children’s Program Area
 Retirement Rate Increase (19.7% to 21.44%)
 Hospitalization Rate Increase (\$6,306 to \$6,647)
 State Salary Raises (Increases Supplement Cost Payments)

2020-2021 CURRENT EXPENSE REQUEST: \$2,316,470

\$1,030 Per Pupil
 2,249 Students

2020-2021 TOTAL BUDGET REQUEST:

Current Expense: \$2,316,470 (5% Increase)
Capital Outlay: \$989,960

STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES - WHITEVILLE CITY SCHOOLS:

- Clean Schools / Facilities and Grounds
- Safe, Orderly, Caring Environments
- Efficient Processes and Procedures
- Rules and Procedures Govern Operations
- Data Informs, Guides and Directs our Instructional Practices
- Competitive Environment for School Performance
- Community Engagement and Involvement
- Respect for our Family of Educators

ADJOURNMENT:

At 7:13 P.M., Chairman Russ stated the Joint Meeting with the Whiteville City Schools Board of Education was adjourned.

APPROVED:

JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board

P. EDWIN RUSS, Chairman