

The Honorable Board of County Commissioners met in their said office at 3:00 p.m., Thursday, January 6, 1977, according to adjournment.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD PRESENT:

C. Waldo Marlowe, Chairman

Junior Dew, Vice-Chairman

Edward W. Williamson

L. A. Hinson

David L. McPherson

James E. Hill, Jr., Attorney

Emogene W. Suggs, Clerk

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman and he stated the purpose of the meeting was to continue the discussion of the reconstruction of Guideway Elementary School.

The approximate amount of funds needed for construction and furnishings had been determined as 343,246.93.

Possible means of appropriating funds was discussed by applying for State Literary Loan. It was determined that no loan could be applied for due to the fact that a higher amount of debt had been incurred than had been retired during the past fiscal year. Also County Surplus is not available to cover the total cost.

Chairman Marlowe reported to the Board that he had been in contact with agencies in Washington and would have forms within a few days to apply for a grant and/or loan through a federal agency.

A motion was made by Commissioner McPherson, seconded by Commissioner Williamson and passed to pursue applying for federal aid to replace the school as the first means of funds being supplied and to ask input from citizens of the County who might be of assistance in securing a grant and/or loan from Washington.

A motion was made by Commissioner Dew to allow the Board of Education to hire an additional CETA worker to be placed at Hallsboro Library. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Hinson and passed.

A motion was made by Commissioner Williamson to ask Chief Barker to meet with the Board on the third Monday to ask cooperation of the County Police in controlling the burning of trash in the County's containers throughout the County. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Dew and passed.

Commissioner Hinson reported to the Board on his findings concerning mental health programs in Duplin County which were impressive to him. The mental health programs in Columbus County were discussed at length and the Board agreed to consider the possibility of setting up a one-county mental health center beginning in FY 1977-78. The Board expressed much concern for all types of mental health services to be available on a 24 hour a day basis as needed.

The meeting recessed pending any additional information that might be forthcoming concerning the funding of rebuilding Guideway School that may need attention before the next regular meeting.

Emogene W. Suggs Clerk APPROVED: *Waldo Marlowe* CHM.

*See minutes
of 1-17-77*