

**COLUMBUS COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
JOINT MEETING with WHITEVILLE CITY SCHOOLS
Tuesday, February 09, 2021
5:30 P.M.**

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

COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

Jerome McMillian, **Vice Chairman**
Chris Smith
Lavern Coleman
Brent Watts
Charles T. McDowell

APPOINTEES PRESENT:

June B. Hall, **Clerk to Board**
Bobbie Faircloth, **Finance Officer**

APPOINTEE ABSENT:

Amanda B. Prince, **County Attorney**

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT:

Ricky Bullard, **Chairman / Interim County Manager**
Giles E. Byrd

WHITEVILLE CITY SCHOOLS ATTENDEES PRESENT:

Marc A. Whichard, EdD, Superintendent
Kandle Rogers, Chair
Annette Hamilton, Finance Officer

MEETING CALLED to ORDER:

At 5:30 P.M., Vice Chairman Jerome McMillian called the meeting to order.

PRESENTATION by MARC A. WHICHARD, EdD, SUPERINTENDENT:**ACADEMIC HIGHLIGHTS**

Composite Performance by District, All grade level and subject EOG and EOC Combined, Grade Level; Proficiency (Level 3 and Above) **SANDHILLS REGION**

Whiteville City Schools 60.3

CAPITAL PROJECT OVERVIEW FISCAL YEAR 2020-2021**Total Capital Outlay Budget:****2018-2019:**

Appropriation	\$204,832
Sales Tax	\$541,076

2019-2020:

Appropriation	\$210,977 (Increase of \$6,145)
Sales Tax	\$557,246 (Increase of \$16,230)

2020-2021:

Appropriation	\$215,923
Technology	\$229,380
Sales Tax	\$474,065

**WHITEVILLE CITY SCHOOLS COMPLETED CAPITAL PROJECTS
2020-2021**

PROJECT	LOCATION	COST
District technology	WCS	\$235,991

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Gym Floor Rescreening	WHS/CMS	\$3,775
Dry Erase Board Replacement and Install	WCS	\$6,700
District Furniture Upgrades	WCS	\$4,000
Traffic Island / Barrier Replacement	CSS	\$12,000
Security Alarm Repair	CMS/EES/WPS	\$8,000
Legion Parking Lease with CCS	CCS	\$2,000
Maintenance Contracted Services		\$20,000
HVAC Repair and Replacement	WCS	\$25,000
Floor Replacement / Tile Asbestos Removal	EES / WPS	\$53,000
Painting	WCS	\$8,000
Copier Lease	WCS	\$17,000
Intercom / Security Entrance System	WPS/EES/CMS	\$8,000
TOTAL EXPENDITURES TO DATE:		\$403,466

**WHITEVILLE CITY SCHOOLS COMPLETED PURCHASES with
COUNTY SPECIAL TECHNOLOGY APPROPRIATION**

PURCHASE	COST
Chromebook Lease	\$110,800.10
122 Chromebooks Purchased	\$41,823.67
30 New Desktop Computers	\$22,499.80
WPS Chromebook Lease	\$10,659.67
Chromebook Cases	\$23,634.18
Offsite Google Backup Servers	\$11,710.48
New THINKSYSTEM Servers	\$14,863.38

THANK YOU !

**WHITEVILLE CITY SCHOOLS COMPLETED PURCHASES with
COUNTY CARES ACT APPROPRIATION**

PURCHASE	COST
338 Chromebooks Purchased	\$103,610.93
Document Cameras	\$4,575.74
Chromebook Cases	\$274.08
Ipad Cases	\$4,338.26
Hand Sanitizer	\$18,609.94
Anti-Bacterial Wipes	\$14,252.19
Spray Disinfectant	\$4,706.99
Disposable Face Masks	\$776.87

THANK YOU!

**2021 - 2022
SAFETY and SECURITY NEEDS**

Whiteville Primary School:

-Sinkhole repair adjacent to Kindergarten and Cafeteria:	\$2,000
-Additional Security Cameras Inside and on Playground:	\$4,000
-Awning on Front Sidewalk to Cover Car-Riders During Rain and Inclement Weather:	\$10,000
-Conversion of Mercury Vapor Security Lighting to LED:	\$4,000

Edgewood Elementary School:

-Removal of Storage Building no longer in use:	\$2,000
-Replacement and New Installation of Security Cameras:	\$3,000
-Conversion of Mercury Vapor Security Lighting to LED:	\$3,000

Central Middle School:

-Sinkhole repair in the Circle Parking Lot:	\$500.00
-Underground Fuel Storage Tank Removal (Leaking):	\$25,000
-Replacement and New Installation of Security Cameras:	\$4,500
-Conversion of Mercury Vapor Security Lighting to LED:	\$3,000
-Wood Replacement on Bench Seating in Courtyard:	\$875.00

North Whiteville Academy:

Emergency Entrance Exit Gravel Driveway at Rear Entrance:	\$3,000
Replacement and New Installation of Security Cameras:	\$2,000
Conversion of Mercury Vapor Security Lighting to LED:	\$1,500

**2021 - 2022
CAPITAL FACILITY NEEDS**

Whiteville Primary School:

AC Building Section A Roof Northwest Side (Replacement):	\$71,640
AC Building Section B Roof Southwest Side (Replacement):	\$31,875
AC Building Section C Roof East Side (Replacement):	\$79,490
Bathroom Stall Partition and Door Replacement:	\$6,000
Exterior Door and Window Replacement:	\$13,000
Classroom Carpet Replacements with LVT:	\$44,000
Classroom and Bathroom Painting:	\$3,000

Edgewood Elementary School:

Parking Lot Paving (Teacher Parking Lot: East Side):	\$10,641
Parking Lot Paving (Bus Use Area):	\$30,163
Parking Lot Paving (Circle Drive and Teacher Parking: West Side):	\$24,205
Classroom Carpet Replacement with LVT:	\$21,500
Window Replacement for Fire Safety:	\$40,000
Classroom Bathroom and Front Porch Painting:	\$8,000

Central Middle School:

Parking Lot Paving (Bus Use Area):	\$4,959
Install Concrete Flume at Bus Entrance:	\$6,000
Drainage Grading behind Outback Building w/ ABC stone:	\$7,500
Install new Drainage System from gutter to existing basin:	\$8,500
Resource Building Section A Roof (Replacement):	\$70,211
Resource Building Section B Roof (Replacement):	\$96,517
Gym Roof (replacement):	\$93,672
Classroom and Hallway Painting:	\$3,500
Replacement of Whiteboards in Classrooms:	\$4,300

Whiteville High School:

Removal of Auditorium Dead / Overgrown vegetation; Prep for Landscaping and Drainage improvement:	\$3,000
Auditorium Parking; removal of 300 cubic yards of soil / Install 200 tons of ABC stone:	\$25,000

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Auditorium / Gym / Staff Parking Lot Repaving:	\$60,582
Fencing along US 701 to Williamson Street and to Old Band Room (1,480 ft. Black Vinyl Chain Link with two 30 ft. roll gates):	\$42,000
Vocational Building Roof Replacement:	\$147,924
Science / Media Center / Hallway and Bathrooms Painted:	\$28,000
CTE Building Classrooms / Hallway and Bathrooms Painted:	\$3,500
Replace Carpet in Media Center with LVT:	\$13,607
Exterior Entrance / Exit Doors on CTE building replacement:	\$10,000

Legion Stadium Complex:

Drainage improvements to prevent flooding of Locker Rooms:	\$5,000
Locker Room Painting:	\$3,600
Locker Room Lighting Repair / Replacement:	\$4,100

Central Support Services Building:

Parking Lot Paving:	\$27,889
Painting:	\$600

Examples of Recurring Capital Expenses:

Copier Leases:	\$35,000
District Computer Lease:	\$110.00 x 3 Y e a r s (\$330,000)
HVAC:	\$75,000
Maintenance Contracted Services:	\$30,000
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:	\$50,000

2021-2022 CAPITAL OUTLAY REQUEST

\$1,690,350

CURRENT EXPENSE FUND HIGHLIGHTS

2020-2021

Current Expense:

School Resource Officer Funding: Local Funding **\$24,000** State Provides Funding for one (1) High School SRO, Central Middle / North Whiteville Academy (069 Funding Source), Whiteville Primary / Edgewood Elementary School (\$20,470 from 039 - State Grant)

Classroom Supplies and Materials: (Required as a part of Federal Programs)	\$50,000
Celebrate the Arts:	\$22,000
Employee Supplement and Benefits:	\$195,000
District Property / Liability Ins.:	\$87,000
Workers Compensation Ins.:	\$41,000
Vocational Rehabilitation:	\$25,000
Charter School Funding:	\$183,000
Maintenance (Salary / Facilities):	\$340,000
Utilities:	\$521,747

Current Expense Comparison:

<u>2018-2019</u>	<u>2019-2020</u>	<u>2020-2021</u>
\$2,155,966	\$2,206,501 (Actual)	\$2,272,697 (Actual)
	\$50,535 (Increase 2.34%)	\$66,196 (Increase 3.0%)

State Average Per Pupil Expenditure by County: \$1,714

Columbus County: \$865

Per Pupil Expenditure by County by similar Economic Conditions:

Robeson: \$590 Duplin: \$918 Caswell: \$1,076 Richmond: \$1,080 Bladen: \$1,369

Columbus County Property Value Ranking: 91 / 100

Columbus County Actual Effort Ranking: 95 / 100

(Spending by ADM)

Report Findings by 2020 Local School Finance Study: Public School Forum of NC

Reoccurring Expenses:**Significant Contributing Factors**

Exceptional Children's Program Area Retirement Rate Increase (21.68% to 24.30%)

Hospitalization Rate Increase (\$6,326 to \$6,642)

State Salary Raises (Increases Supplement Cost Payments)

2021-2022 Current Expense Request:

\$2,392,013

2021-2022 Total Budget Request:

Current Expense: \$2,392,013 (5.25% Increase)

Capital Outlay: \$1,690,350

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 6:19 P.M., it was the general consensus of the attendees, the meeting was adjourned.

APPROVED:

JUNE B. HALL, Clerk to Board

JEROME McMILLIAN, Vice Chairman