

**CASWELL COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES**  
**Joint Meeting with Caswell County Board of County Commissioners**  
**February 12, 2018**

The Caswell County Board of Education met with the Caswell County Board of Commissioners for a joint meeting held on Monday, February 12, 2018, at 4:30 p.m. in the Administration Building of Caswell County Schools. Members present: Chairman Gladys Garland, Vice Chairman Sylvia Johnson, Donna Hudson, Mel Battle, Tracy Stanley, Gordon Satterfield, and Ross Gwynn. Others present include: Interim Superintendent Dr. Sandra Carter, Maintenance Director Jerry Hatchett, Assistant Superintendent Andrew Tyrrell, and IT Director David Useche. Connie Kimrey recorded the minutes for the Board of Education.

Caswell County Board of Commissioners present include: Chairman Nate Hall, Vice Chairman Rick McVey, Kenneth Travis, William Carter, Sterling Carter, and Jeremiah Jefferies. Others present include: County Manager Bryan Miller. Commissioner David Owen was absent. Ashley Kirby recorded minutes for the Board of Commissioners.

Others in attendance: John & Elin Claggett, Vennie Beggarly.

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order. Introductions were made of those in attendance from Dewberry & Davis.

**II. BYHS Scope of Work**

Brian Bradner and Alan Burchette shared a presentation for renovation plans for Bartlett Yancey High School. Upon review of the presentation Superintendent Dr. Sandra Carter shared that the initial planning began with a renovation committee who met and had discussion and shared thoughts on needs as well as a wish list on a new high school. Visits were made to recently renovated area high schools. A list was compiled with needs and desires. Dewberry & Davis were hired to provide a Scope of Work and recently shared the presentation with the Board of Education. Dewberry & Davis has worked diligently to prepare all the requirements that were given as needs along with areas that require upgrades to meet state requirements. It was shared that it would take approximately two summers and one year to complete the renovations to include the bid process, shop drawings, tearing down of the facility and to provide units to be set-up before the beginning of school in August. Safety would be of the utmost concern during the entire process. In summary the proposed high school would address needed security, would be long lasting and address future needs.

A time for questions and answers was had prior to a light meal that was provided.

Continued discussion took place noting the new science labs/rooms that are needed. The sizes proposed in the drawings are slightly larger than state standards; however, they will allow for lab stations around the perimeter of the room and classroom in the middle.

Chairman Nate Hall shared Short Session Legislative Goals Update. The North Carolina Association of County Commissioners (NCACC) Board of Directors met on February 7, 2018 and approved legislative priorities for the short session. In addition to five goals established at last year's goals conference, the board approved a directive for NCACC to focus on a capital-inclusive solution to the state's K-3 class size mandate. The five goals are as follows:

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- Seek legislation to establish a new state-county partnership to address statewide public school capital challenges – including, but not limited to maintenance, renovation, construction and debt – through a dedicated, stable funding stream that is consistent from county to county and sufficient to meet the school facility needs of all 100 counties.
- Seek legislation to repeal the statutory authority under NC General Statute 115C-431(c) that allows local school boards to file suit against a county board of commissioners over county appropriations for education.
- Support efforts to preserve and expand the existing local revenue base of counties, and oppose efforts to divert fees or taxes currently allocated to the counties to the state. Oppose efforts to erode existing county revenue streams and authorize local option revenue sources already given to any other jurisdiction.
- Seek legislation, funding, and other efforts to expand digital infrastructure/broadband capability to the un-served and under-served areas of the state.
- Support legislation providing flexibility to align K-12 and community college calendar.

Chairman Hall noted there may be additional monies available going forth as this does pertain to education.

Discussion took place on having a bond on the May primary election or in the November election. It was stated that both boards need to work closely together and as timely as possible. The Board of Commissioners next meeting will be Monday, February 19, 2018 and will amend their agenda to include this topic. The Board of Education expressed their desire for the Board of Commissioners to support the Board of Education and approve the bond referendum for the public to vote on to see if there is a desire to move forward with the high school renovations.

Concerns shared included property taxes and a large portion of property owners do not have school aged children.

Commissioner Bill Carter questioned if any lottery money could be used. Superintendent Dr. Sandra Carter stated she would have the finance director look into this.

**VI. ADJOURN**

Ross Gwynn made a motion to adjourn the joint meeting at 6:16 p.m., Sylvia Johnson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. Commissioner Kenneth Travis moved, seconded by Rick McVey to adjourn the Board of Commissioners meeting. The motion carried unanimously. The next regular meeting of the Board of Education will be held on February 12, 2018, at 6:30 p.m. in the Administration Building of Caswell County Schools.

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Gladys Garland  
Chairman

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Dr. Sandra Carter  
Superintendent