

**MINUTES OF THE SCHOOL CAPITAL FUND  
COMMISSION FOR BUNCOMBE COUNTY  
SPECIAL MEETING HELD, ON MONDAY, APRIL 1, 2022 AT 10:02 AM**

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**BE IT REMEMBERED:** That the School Capital Fund Commission met for a special meeting on April 1, 2022, remotely at 10:02 a.m. where and when the following business was transacted:

The Commission meeting was called to order with the following Members present:

Charlotte Sullivan, Commission Member  
Brownie Newman, Commission Member  
Terri Wells, Commission Member  
Matt Kern, Commission Member

**County Staff Present:** Matt Evans, Financial Analyst; Ronnie Lunsford, Facilities and Project Manager; Sue Robinson, Accountant; Don Warn, Finance Director

**Approval of Agenda as Presented**

Commission Member Terri Wells moved that the Commission follow the agenda as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

**School Project Updates and Budget Increase**

Mr. Evans gave some brief context, stating that both Asheville City Schools and Buncombe County Schools are seeing cost escalations when bidding projects. The Commission invited both schools to discuss projects that are seeing cost escalations. Buncombe County Schools noted that an additional \$1,965,000 was needed for various recently approved projects: Erwin High Storm Sewer (\$35,000), Fairview Elementary Paving (\$40,000), Haw Creek ES – Phase 2 of 2: Renovations (\$225,000), North Buncombe MS Additions & Renovations (\$175,000), North Buncombe MS On Campus Softball Field (\$100,000), North Buncombe MS Reroofing (\$250,000), Oakley Elem Reroofing (\$275,000), Reynolds HS Fire Alarm Replacement (\$150,000), Reynolds Middle Electrical Switch Gear (\$40,000), WD Williams ES FY22 Renovations (\$675,000). Asheville City Schools noted that an additional \$2,650,000 is needed for the recent Lucy S. Herring Campus wide project.

Tim Fierle and Clark Wyatt represented Buncombe County schools, speaking to the current trends they are seeing. Both Fierle and Wyatt noted that the projects on the list attributed to Buncombe County Schools could start if budget was in place. The Commission voted to recommend the increases for Buncombe County Schools in the amount of \$1,965,000.

The Commission heard from Ronnie Lunsford, who represents Asheville City Schools and manages their School Capital Fund Commission projects. Commission members questioned the high increase in budget. Commission member Kern asked Lunsford if there was a possibility to speak to the contractor who responded to the Herring Elementary project bid. Additionally, the Commission asked Lunsford to gather more information from Asheville City Schools regarding the possibility of postponing the project.

Vice Chair Sullivan motioned to continue the meeting at 10 am on April 5. The motion passed unanimously.

The commission reconvened at 10:04 AM on April 5 with representatives from Asheville City Schools present. Mr. Lunsford gave a quick update from the Herring project contractor, noting that cost savings would be minimal. After hearing from Asheville City Schools maintenance staff, it was determined that the best course of action would be to defer the HVAC portion of the Herring project and to continue with the rest. Asheville City Schools will cover approximately \$50,000 in needed costs related to HVAC from their own funds in the meantime. No action was taken by the Commission in regards to budget increases for Asheville City Schools. Mr. Lunsford noted that Asheville City Schools would carry on with the other areas in the project and the budget conversation related to HVAC could be revisited at a later time. The meeting was adjourned.

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By   
Commission Chair or Commission Member

ATTEST

  
Donald P. Warn, County Finance Officer