

**MINUTES OF THE SCHOOL CAPITAL FUND
COMMISSION FOR BUNCOMBE COUNTY
REGULAR MEETING HELD, REMOTELY, ON MONDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2020 AT 3:03 PM**

BE IT REMEMBERED: That the School Capital Fund Commission met for a regular meeting on October 12, 2020, remotely at 3:03 p.m. where and when the following business was transacted:

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

Brownie Newman, Commission Member
Max Queen, Commission Member
Joe Belcher, Commission Member
Charlotte Sullivan, Commission Member
Gene Bell, Commission Member

County Staff Present: Brandon Freeman, Senior Attorney; Mason Scott, Business Administrator II; Matt Evans, Financial Planning Analyst; Sue Robinson, Accountant; Becki King, Accounting and Reporting Manager; Ronnie Lunsford, Facilities and Construction Coordinator

General Discussion

Senior Attorney Brandon Freeman discussed remote meeting laws.

Approval of Agenda as Presented

Commission Member Joe Belcher moved that the Commission follow the agenda as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Approval of September 14, 2020 Meeting Minutes

Commission Member Brownie Newman moved that the minutes be approved as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Public Comment

Commission Member Max Queen opened the floor for public comment at 3:08 p.m. Ms. Ann-Patton Hornthal spoke on behalf of *Friends of Haw Creek*, thanking the commission for their consideration of the Haw Creek Elementary project that was included on the project list.

Montford Retaining Wall Discussion

Commission Member Queen spoke briefly about the Montford Retaining Wall project, noting that the Commission had sent a memo to the Historic Resources Commission. Matt Evans added that the Historic Resources Commission had responded stating that they would only consider planning designs in their decisions, not cost. Ronnie Lunsford added an update to the discussion, stating that Asheville City Schools had plans to speak with the Historic Resources Commission soon. Commission Member Queen shared that another update will be on the agenda for the next regular scheduled meeting.

SCFC Financial Update Review

Matt Evans briefly discussed the relationship between rising sales tax projections and debt service trends. Mr. Evans stated that the Commission should allocate \$17,000,000 for the 2022 funding cycle to keep debt service payments level.

Discussion and Consideration of New Funding Requests – 2022 Funding Cycle

After much discussion, the Commission approved funding of \$16,367,823. Together with the projects approved at the September 14, 2020 School Capital Fund Commission meeting, the 2022 funding cycle allocation is \$17,137,823. \$4,007,823 was approved for Asheville City Schools:

- Multiple ACS Schools – Security: \$110,000 (Approved at September 14, 2020 meeting)

- Vance Elementary School Campus Wide Projects: \$3,897,823

\$13,130,000 was approved for Buncombe County Schools:

- Multiple BCS Schools – High Priority Security Upgrades: \$660,000 (Approved at September 14, 2020 meeting)
- Haw Creek Elementary – Phase 2 of 2: Renovations for Bldg Code, Security & K3 Class Size Reduction: \$8,520,000
- W.W. Estes Elementary – Phase 1 of 5: 3 Classroom Addition: \$1,950,000
- Valley Springs Middle – Phase 1 of 3: HVAC & Energy Management Controls Replacement: \$1,511,000
- Fairview Elementary – New Drive Queue: \$489,000

Adjournment

Commission Member Joe Belcher made a motion to adjourn at 4:03 PM. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 4:03 PM.

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By *C. Max Queen*

Max Queen, Commission Chair

ATTEST



Donald P. Warn, Commission Secretary;
County Finance Officer