

**MINUTES OF THE SCHOOL CAPITAL FUND
COMMISSION FOR BUNCOMBE COUNTY
SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, AUGUST 12, 2019 AT 3:00PM**

BE IT REMEMBERED: That the School Capital Fund Commission met for a special meeting on August 12, 2019, in the County Administration Building, 200 College Street, Third Floor Conference Room, in downtown Asheville, North Carolina at 3:00 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

County Staff Present: Don Warn, Finance Director; Brandon Freeman, Senior Attorney; Matt Evans, Financial Planning Analyst; Ron Venturella, Procurement Manager; Vance Bell, Information Technology Operational Services Manager; Jason Haynes, Information Technology Manager.

Approval of Agenda as Presented

Commission Member Max Queen moved that the Commission follow the agenda as presented at 3:08 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

Budget Increase for Radio Equipment Upgrade/Install - \$291,825

Staff presented the need for additional budget to be appropriated for the existing Radio Equipment Upgrade/Install project, initially budgeted at \$1,935,000. The lowest responsible, responsive bid was \$2,226,825. Commission Member Queen spoke to the importance of Radio Equipment and Signal Strength as they relate to school security. Queen asked Vance Bell the reason for the increase needed in the budget. Bell discussed that initial budget estimates were presented at \$2-2.5M. He further explained that after an assessment was completed at both school districts by Longent, a company specializing in wireless technology, the need was greater than initially thought.

Commission Members Newman and Belcher discussed with Longent (in attendance) and Bell about specifications of in-building wireless systems. Commission Member Belcher asked if this technology would be included in future buildings and spoke about safety in the schools. Bell confirmed that future buildings would include the upgraded technology.

Commission Member Belcher made a motion to increase the budget at the amount specified above at 3:33 p.m. The motion passed unanimously.

Adjournment

Commission Member Queen moved to adjourn the meeting at 3:34 p.m., the motion passed unanimously.

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By _____
Max Queen, Commission Chair

ATTEST

Donald P. Warn, Commission Secretary;
County Finance Officer