

The Bath County School Board met in a Joint Budget Work Session with the Board of Supervisors on Tuesday, September 13, 2106 at 5:00 P.M. at Hot Springs Fire House.

PRESENT:

**Mr. Roy Burns, Board Chair
Mrs. Rhonda R. Grimm, Board Member
Mr. Eddie H. Ryder, Board Member
Mr. Bryan Secoy, Board Member**

**Mrs. Claire Collins, Board of Supervisors Chair
Mr. Richard Byrd, Board of Supervisors Vice-Chair
Mr. Stuart Hall, Board of Supervisors Member
Mr. Eddie Hicklin, Board of Supervisors Member
Mr. Matthew Ratcliffe, Board of Supervisors Member
Mr. Ashton Harrison, County Administrator**

**Mrs. Carlyn Sue F. Hirsh, Division Superintendent & Clerk
Mrs. Sharon P. Fry, School Board Deputy Clerk**

Mrs. Collins, Chair, called the meeting to order at 4:59 p.m. with all Board of Supervisors members present. She reported on the emergency situation causing evacuation of the courthouse earlier today. In order to preserve the safety and well-being of those in attendance, the meeting location was moved to the Hot Springs Fire House.

**16-17: 048
CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Roy Burns, School Board Chair called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. with all School Board members present except Mrs. Lowry.

No changes were made to the agenda.

**16-17: 049
APPROVE OR
AMEND AGENDA**

- Melinda Hooker, BCHS Band Director, spoke in favor of paving the parking lot.
- Jimmy Hooker, parent, spoke in favor of paving the parking lot citing a lack of handicap parking spaces, rushing water through the parking lot, community use, and liability.
- Craig Phillips, spoke in favor of paving the parking lot stating funds have not been located in the 23 years since the parking lot was built. The poor condition of the baseball field, and the improvements to the football field. The football field renovation is not a permanent fix and more work should be done.

**16-17: 050
PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Mrs. Hirsh distributed a packet of information detailing the history and funds for the BCHS Parking Lot Project including the following:

- Letter to Mr. Harrison requesting an appropriation in the amount of \$330,671.74 for unanticipated revenue and for unspent funds returned at the end of the year. Mrs. Hirsh requested these funds be applied to the BCHS parking lot project.
- CIP Project FY16/17 Request Form – BCHS Parking lot – Total Capital Project Cost - \$580,000.
- Mattern & Craig Quantity & Cost Summary – Preliminary design #1 - \$580,199
- Mattern & Craig Quantity & Cost Summary – Preliminary Design #2 - \$551,199
- Mattern & Craig Conditions Assessment & Preliminary Engineering Report for the Rehabilitation of the BCHS Parking Lot - \$7,500
- BCHS Parking Lot Project – Surveying, Site Design (Final Drawings and Construction Documents) and Bidding - \$27,500
- National Forest Funds Distributions – FFY 2014, FFY 2013, FFY 2015

Mrs. Hirsh referenced two proposals noting lined parking spaces in different positions. She said the estimates were intended to include a surface that is easy to maintain, improve lighting, and have a clear path from parking lot to main building, and a sub structure of ground to support heavier vehicles. Mrs. Hirsh said the parking lot estimates did not include frills, only basic needs which require less maintenance.

Board member discussion included, but was not limited to:

- condition of parking lot
- high school student parking lot funds
- maintenance of gravel parking lot
- liability to staff, students, parents, community members, guests, and visiting teams on an unsafe parking lot
- consider phasing of parking lot project
- sediment pond upgrades to accommodate paved parking lot
- end of year school spending
- capital improvement plan time line
- committed funds/assigned funds
- federal funds resulted in unanticipated revenue for schools and must be spent on schools
- declining enrollment
- difficulty managing county budget when you don't know the amount of incoming funds
- desire to have state and local taxes to follow non-resident students

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ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

**1. BCHS PARKING
LOT PROJECT**

Mr. Byrd said he would like to see the parking lot paved, however, the county does not have \$580,199 to complete the parking lot project at this time. Mr. Ratcliffe and Mr. Hall expressed the same sentiment. Mr. Harrison said the County has authority to commit and assign funds in their budget. Mrs. Collins said committing the funds would meet auditor requirements and allow additional funds be earmarked for the parking lot project. Mrs. Collins recommended the Board consider USDA Rural Development Agency funding which might allow a reduced interest rate. Mrs. Collins said the state counts all travelers to Bath County and these numbers count as tourism funds. She suggested earmarking tourism money for the parking lot. Citing training in the past year for Mr. Andy Seabolt, County Building Code Official, Mr. Harrison encouraged the schools to have Mr. Seabolt meet with Mattern & Craig regarding the parking lot paving project. Mr. Hicklin said he would like to see the project completed sooner rather than later. Mr. Burns thanked the Board of Supervisors and Mr. Harrison for their time tonight. Mr. Ryder, Mr. Secoy and Mrs. Grimm spoke in support of the parking lot project citing safety and liability concerns for the school as well as community members.

In closing, the Boards agreed that Mr. Harrison and Mrs. Hirsh pursue a low interest or interest free loan from the USDA Rural Development Agency.

The School Board adjourned the meeting at 6:23 p.m.

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ADJOURNMENT



MR. ROY W. BURNS, CHAIRMAN



CARLYN SUE F. HIRSH, CLERK