

AT A CONTINUED MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF ROCKBRIDGE COUNTY  
VIRGINIA, HELD AT THE ROCKBRIDGE COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING,  
LEXINGTON VIRGINIA ON TUESDAY, JUNE 27, 2017 AT 6:00 P.M.

**PRESENT:** CHAIRMAN D. W. HINTY, JR.  
**MEMBERS:** R.S. FORD, J.M. HIGGINS, A.W. LEWIS, JR., R.R.  
CAMPBELL

**COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR  
AND CLERK TO BOARD:** SPENCER H. SUTER  
**FISCAL SERVICES  
DIRECTOR:** STEVEN J. BOLSTER

**SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS:** CHAIRMAN DAVID MCDANIEL, KEVIN BROOKS, WENDY  
LOVELL, LAURIE STRONG  
**ABSENT:** A.W. LEWIS III  
**SCHOOL STAFF:** PHILLIP THOMPSON, HAYWOOD HAND, JOHN MORRIS,  
MATT CROSSMAN

**Call to Order:**

Chairman Hinty and Chairman McDaniel opened the meeting at 6:03 PM and welcomed all present.

**Discussion:**

Chairman McDaniel reviewed the agenda noted that the executive committee had recently met to review the school's proposed capital improvement plan (CIP). Chairman Hinty added that the committee had been discussing the CIP for several months. Chairman McDaniel then introduced Kathy Cox with Trane, to provide a brief presentation on the results of the performance contracting project/study.

Ms. Cox introduced members of the Trane team in attendance, including Scott Wise, Craig Washburn and Ed Ashburn. Chairman McDaniel noted that the School Board had received part of the upcoming presentation a week prior and had asked Trane to go back and expand the study to include a more detailed look at other school facilities, including the elementary schools and administration building. He added that tonight would be both Boards' first look at the most recently requested information. He noted that Part I would be the originally requested/presented information, and Part II would be the new information.

Mr. Wise then presented the results of the study which recommended varying improvements to all school-owned facilities. There were two general sections: Part I - original scope, which included a total initial investment of approximately \$6.2M, and Part II - an expanded scope requested by the RCPS, to include additional work at the elementary schools, totaling approximately \$5.4M. The combined improvements totaled over \$11.6M.

With regard to the proposed work at the Vo-Tech Center, Mr. Brooks asked if the work would free up additional electrical capacity. Ms. Cox replied that it would. She then noted that the entire Part I project payback time was calculated to be 22 years. She noted that there were two potential funding mechanisms: 1) \$2.9M up front, or 2) \$191K annually for 22 years.

The Boards then discussed the merits of doing all upgrades at once, or whether to consider doing upgrades piecemeal. When Supervisor Ford asked about available interest rates and the County's bond rating, Ms. Cox explained that the Virginia Saves program applies the Commonwealth's bond rating.

At Chairman Hinty's request, Dr. Thompson gave those present an overview of new School Board staff members and new roles of existing staff.

Mr. Suter then requested clarification as to what the School Board's "ask" entailed, given the full scope of the Trane presentation. Chairman McDaniel noted that the current request is to fund Part I of the study (\$6,267,000) and portions of Part II, to include work at Fairfield and Central Elementary schools (\$2,106,000 combined), for a total of \$8,373,102. He noted that we could jointly look toward recommended improvements at other schools in the future.

It was discussed that \$4,422,000 of the Part I cost was for recommended improvements at RCHS. Supervisor Ford noted that the City of Lexington would be responsible for a portion of costs for any RCHS upgrades and suggested that City Council be brought into the discussion. City Councilwoman Marilyn Alexander was in attendance and agreed that a joint meeting should take place. Mr. Suter confirmed that he would speak with the City Manager to help coordinate such a meeting. The group then discussed scheduling and it was determined that, if we want to take advantage of the Virginia Saves program, the meeting would need to take place soon, in order to meet certain fall deadlines for application.

Mr. Suter noted that he would try to arrange for the meeting to take place in the first half of July.

After a brief break, Chairman McDaniel distributed and briefly reviewed the RCHS A&E study completed by Wiley Wilson. The study broadly recommended, as an option, an overall renovation to the high school and VoTech center, at a cost ranging from \$39,392,804 to \$40,357,044, depending on options. There were no questions.

Chairman McDaniel then distributed and briefly reviewed the schools' proposed CIP, noting that completed projects had been marked as such on the listing. Dr. Thompson noted a correction in the document - that the anticipated end of FY2017 CIP Escrow Fund balance shown should be adjusted from \$761,991.83 to \$755,233.

The group then discussed the merits of adding the School's CIP to the County's overall CIP, noting that it is helpful to look at all capital project expenditures in the same document moving ahead. It was determined that the Executive Committee should get together and prepare a working 5-year plan document for inclusion in the FY2019 budget discussion, with a target date of November to have a draft completed. Supervisor Ford noted that he was not - and remains not - in support of the Munis Software project, but that he supported the overall CIP.

Mr. Suter then announced to the group that the Centra Health Rivermont School was nearing completion of its renovations to the old Rockbridge Middle School; a ribbon cutting ceremony is planned for August 2.

On a motion by Supervisor Lewis, with a second by Supervisor Higgins, the Board unanimously adopted the FY2018 Schools CIP. Chairman Hinty then asked for an update on end-of-year minor projects/expenditures. Mr. Morris reviewed all such projects. There were no questions.

On a motion by Supervisor Lewis with a second by Supervisor Ford, the meeting was adjourned at 7:34 PM by unanimous vote.