

The Board of Commissioners for the County of Cabarrus met for a recessed session in the Multipurpose Room at the Cabarrus County Governmental Center in Concord, North Carolina on Wednesday, May 29, 2013 at 4:00 p.m.

Present - Chairman: Elizabeth F. Poole  
 Vice Chairman: H. Jay White, Sr.  
 Commissioners: Larry M. Burrage  
 Christopher A. Measmer  
 Stephen M. Morris

Also present were Mike Downs, County Manager; Jonathan Marshall, Deputy County Manager; Pam Dubois, Deputy County Manager; Ann Wilson, Finance Director; Paarth Mehta, Budget Analyst; and Megan Smit, Clerk to the Board.

Call to Order

Chairman Poole called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m.

RCCC - Presentation of FY 2014 Budget Request

Ann Wilson, Finance Director, briefly reviewed a section of the FY 2014 Proposed Budget as it related to the budget request from Rowan-Cabarrus Community College (RCCC). She stated the major decrease in the proposed request is due to the \$919,608.00 one-time capital funds RCCC received the previous year.

Ms. Wilson advised the RCCC debt service will increase by \$28,551.00 over the previous budget due to a scheduled 2014 increase in principal; and while the interest is scheduled to decrease, it will not decrease to an extent that offsets the increased principal.

Dr. Carol Spalding, RCCC President and Janet Spriggs, RCCC Chief Financial Officer, presented an overview of RCCC activities, trends and growth, as well as the following budget request for FY 14:

Budget Category	FY 2014 Request	Manger's Recommended Budget
Current Expense	\$1,932,829.00	\$1,932,829.00
Capital	\$213,000.00	\$213,000.00
Total	\$2,145,829.00	\$2,145,829.00

The Manager's budget also included \$230,569.00 for RCCC debt service.

Dr. Spalding advised they will continue to seek a location for the cosmetology program over the next year, as their current lease will be extended for two years, allowing time to secure a location for the program.

A discussion ensued. During discussion, Dr. Spalding and Ms. Spriggs responded to questions from the Board.

Jonathan Chamberlain, RCCC Chief Officer of Planning, Capital Projects and Environmental Operations, was also in attendance.

KCS - Presentation of FY 2014 Budget Request

Danita Rickard, Kannapolis City Schools (KCS) Board of Education Chair and Will Crabtree, Director of Business Operations and Transportation, presented the KCS FY 13 budget request as follows:

FY 2014 Capital Outlay		
Description	Site	Cost
Technology	System	\$426,334.00
Furniture	System	\$15,000.00
Equipment	System	\$30,000.00
Total		\$471,334.00

FY 2014 Current Expense		
Description	Site	Cost
Continuation	System	\$247,403.00
Expansion	Varies	\$335,623.00
Total		\$583,026.00

Ann Wilson, Finance Director, briefly reviewed a section of the FY 2014 Proposed Budget as it related to the budget request from Kannapolis City Schools (KCS).

Mr. Crabtree expressed appreciation for the Board's support, for one-time funding for KCS projects and for the partnership with the Cabarrus

County Information Technology Services Department. He also presented the KCS capital outlay request and current expense request in more detail.

A discussion ensued with Mr. Crabtree and Ms. Rickard responding to questions from the Board.

Dr. Pamela Cain, KCS Superintendent, was unable to attend the meeting.

**Break**

The Board took a short break at 5:21 p.m. The meeting resumed at 5:39 p.m.

**CCS - Presentation of FY 2014 Budget Request**

Mr. Lynn Shue, Cabarrus County Board of Education Chair, introduced the following persons in attendance from Cabarrus County Schools (CCS):

Dr. Barry Shepherd, CCS Superintendent; Kelly Kluttz, Chief Financial Officer; Kathy Auger, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources; Ailene Monroe, Board Clerk; Dr. Chris Lowder, Executive Director of School Operations; Jason Van Heukelum, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum & Instruction; Len Witke, Executive Director of Facilities Management; and Board of Education members Barry Shoemaker, Carolyn Carpenter, David Harrison and Dr. Jeff Phillips.

Dr. Shepherd expressed appreciation for everyone involved in the budget process. He reviewed spreadsheets comparing Cabarrus County Schools and Union County Schools per pupil expenditures, the top ten school districts as measured by End-of-Grade (EOG) and End-of-Course (EOC) test scores and equity in funding as measured by per pupil funding.

Ms. Kluttz reviewed the FY 2014 following budget request in detail:

Cabarrus County Schools FY 2013-2014 Summary of Local Requests	
Requested Funding Increases	
Local Current Expense	
Operating Expense - Continuation	\$1,257,820.00
Operating Expense - Expansion	\$5,636,780.00
Charter School Allocation	\$1,143,992.00
Special Olympics	\$670.00
<i>Total Proposed Local Current Expense</i>	<i>\$8,039,262.00</i>
Facilities & Operations	
Building Maintenance	\$1,053,855.00
Grounds Maintenance	\$522,183.00
<i>Total Proposed Facilities &amp; Operations</i>	<i>\$1,576,038.00</i>
Technology	
Operating Expense - Expansion	\$4,160,400.00
<i>Total Proposed Technology</i>	<i>\$4,160,400.00</i>
Capital Outlay	
Capital Projects with return on investment within 5 years	\$3,343,730.00
Capital Projects	\$5,658,159.00
<i>Total Proposed Capital Outlay</i>	<i>\$9,001,889.00</i>
<i>Total Local Request</i>	<i>\$22,777,588.00</i>

Cabarrus County Schools Funding Request (per pupil funding included) 2013-2014					
Current Expense					
	2012-2013		2013-2014		
	Adopted	Per Pupil (29,972)	Request	Per Pupil (30,743)	Increase Requested
ADM Funding	\$35,895,070.00	\$1,197.62	\$42,789,670.00	\$1,391.85	\$6,894,600.00
Charter School Allocation	\$677,000.00	\$22.59	\$1,820,992.00	\$60.76	\$1,143,992.00
Building Maintenance	\$5,541,763.00	\$184.90	\$6,595,618.00	\$214.54	\$1,053,855.00
Grounds Maintenance	\$1,293,720.00	\$43.16	\$1,815,903.00	\$59.07	\$522,183.00
Technology	\$2,728,966.00	\$91.05	\$6,889,366.00	\$224.10	\$4,160,400.00
School Nurses	\$793,633.00	\$26.48	\$793,633.00	\$25.82	-
Special Olympics	\$55,000.00	\$1.84	\$55,670.00	\$1.81	\$670.00
Total Current Expense	\$46,985,152.00	\$1,567.63	\$60,760,852.00	\$1,977.94	\$13,775,700.00
Capital Outlay					
Capital Outlay	\$1,020,000.00	\$34.03	\$9,001,889.00	\$292.81	\$7,981,889.00
Total Local Request					
Total	\$48,005,152.00	\$1,601.67	\$69,762,741.00	\$2,270.75	\$21,757,589.00

A brief discussion ensued regarding the proposed T8 lighting upgrades with Mr. Witke responding to questions from the Board.

Commissioner Burrage advised increased savings could be realized by transitioning to LED lighting.

Vice Chairman White advised handling the lighting project as a series of phases, with subsequent phases being financed by the return on initial investment.

Dr. Shepherd and Ms. Kluttz responded to questions regarding proposed salary and retirement increases, Arts Council funding, the hiring of teachers versus teacher assistants and technology funding. Dr. Shepherd also provided an overview of the services offered by the school system under the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act.

A lengthy discussion ensued regarding projected enrollment for the upcoming school year, charter school funding and state versus local funding. Dr. Shepherd and Ms. Kluttz responded to a variety of questions from the Board.

Ann Wilson, Finance Director, also responded to questions related to funding for school nurses.

Break

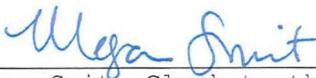
The Board took a short break at 7:26 p.m. The meeting resumed at 7:40 p.m.

General Discussion

The Board generally discussed the Rowan-Cabarrus Community College (RCCC), Kannapolis City Schools (KCS) and Cabarrus County Schools (CCS) FY14 budget requests. Mike Downs, County Manager, Pam Dubois, Deputy County Manager and Ann Wilson, Finance Director, responded to questions from the Board.

Recess of Meeting

UPON MOTION of Vice Chairman White, seconded by Commissioner Burrage, and unanimously carried, the meeting recessed at 8:42 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 30, 2013 at the Governmental Center.

  
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Megan Smit, Clerk to the Board