

**Camden County Board of Commissioners  
Camden County Board of Education  
Joint Meeting  
October 10, 2019; 6:00 PM  
Camden County High School Media Center**

**Call to Order**

A joint meeting of the Camden County Board of Commissioners and Camden County Board of Education was called to order by the respective Chairmen on October 10, 2019 at 6:00 PM in the Media Center of Camden County High School. The primary purpose of the meeting was to discuss school facility options offered by MB Kahn Construction, Inc. at the September 16, 2019 joint meeting.

**Board Members Present**

Board of Commissioners: Chairman Tom White, Vice Chairman Clayton Riggs, Commissioners Garry Meiggs, Randy Krainiak, and Ross Munro.

Camden County Board of Education: Chairman Christian Overton, Vice Chairman Jason Banks, Board Members Kevin Heath, Sissy Aydlett and Chris Purcell.

County Manager Ken Bowman, Clerk to the Board Karen Davis, School Superintendent Dr. Joe Ferrell and School Attorney John Leidy were present as well as additional school faculty/staff and members of the community.

**Consideration of the Agenda**

Camden County Board of Education - A motion was offered by Kevin Heath and seconded by Chris Purcell to amend the agenda to include a Public Comment period during the meeting. The motion carried unanimously with five members voting aye and no member voting no. A motion was offered by Sissy Aydlett and seconded by Jason Banks to approve the agenda as amended. The motion carried unanimously with five members voting aye and no member voting no.

**Discussion**

Chairman Christian Overton explained that it was the decision of the Board of Education to consider Option 3 and Option 5 or a hybrid of both. It is expected that results of the Capital Needs Grant Application will be received by the end of October or first part of November.

**Option 3 (\$53M - \$55M)**

- Future School (K-3) Land Purchase
  - New High School (9-12)
  - New Athletics
- \*Existing MS building available for County use*

**Option 5 (\$45M - \$47M)**

- Future School (K-3) Land Purchase
  - New High School (9-12)
  - Use Existing Athletics
- \*Existing MS building available for County use*

Chairman White explained that the date to submit information to Board of Elections for a Bond Referendum to be placed on the November 2020 ballot is not in December as was previously believed. The correct deadline is July 31, 2020. This will allow more time for a definitive plan to be developed. He also mentioned the current debt service on school facility improvements, which is at \$8,755,759.

Some discussion took place in regard to possible uses of, and additions to, the Middle School.

Mr. Rick Ott of MB Kahn Construction explained that in Option 3, \$3.1 M of inflation was included in the estimate, not knowing when the project might begin; in Option 5, \$2.6 M of inflation was included in the estimate. In order to get closer to an actual number and narrow down the budget, an Educational Specification will need to be done, which is a 30-45 day process. This will allow a plan to be designed that can be presented to the public. One significant unknown is what the cost of the actual site work will be.

After some discussion in regard to next steps, Board of Education member Chris Purcell made a motion to instruct Dr. Ferrell to develop a Request for Qualifications for the Educational Specification study in order to move forward.

Mr. Ott stated that MB Kahn Construction conducted the study under an existing contract with the County and the contract can be extended to include the Educational Specification study.

Mr. Purcell withdrew his original motion and offered a motion to extend the contract with MB Kahn Construction to conduct the Education Specification study. The motion was seconded by Sissy Aydlett and carried unanimously with five members voting aye and no member voting no.

Commissioner Ross Munro offered the same motion; that the contract with MB Kahn Construction be extended to include the Education Specification study. The motion carried unanimously with five commissioners voting aye and no commissioner voting no.

Upon completion of the Educational Specification study, Mr. Ott will present the results at a joint meeting of both boards.

**Public Comments**

None.

**Adjourn**

There being no further matters for discussion a motion was offered by Sissy Aydlett and seconded by Kevin Heath to adjourn the Board of Education. The motion carried unanimously with five members voting aye and no member voting no.

There being no further matters for discussion Commissioner Garry Meiggs offered a motion to adjourn the Board of Commissioners. The motion carried unanimously with five commissioners voting aye and no commissioner voting no. Chairman White adjourned the meeting of the Board of Commissioners and Board of Education at 6:46 PM.

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Tom White, Chairman  
Camden County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:

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Karen M. Davis, NCCCC  
Clerk to the Board of Commissioners