

Joint Meeting
Camden County Board of Commissioners
Camden County Board of Education
March 28, 2019; 6:00 PM
Camden County Public Library

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 Chairman and Vice Chairman on March 28, 2019 at 6:00 PM at the Camden County Public Library. The primary purpose of the meeting was to discuss the proposal of a facility study for a new high school in Camden County.

Board Members Present

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

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Those in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Consideration of the Agenda

Commissioner Garry Meiggs offered a motion to approve the agenda as presented. The motion passed unanimously with five commissioners voting aye and no commissioner voting no.

Welcome

Board of Commissioners Chairman Tom White welcomed all those in attendance.

Information Updates

- I. A presentation by Hayley Bowers and Bill Cram from M.B. Kahn Construction included the following:
 - A. Brief Introduction of M.B. Kahn Construction Company
 - B. Experience in Funding for Clients
 - C. Facility Study Process
 1. Research
 2. On-Site Interviews & Site Assessment
 3. Analysis
 - D. Budgeting
 - E. Educational Programming

F. Financial Modeling/Options

The following points were addressed during the question/answer period:

- ♦ Facility study can be completed in 3-4 months.
- ♦ Total amount possible from grant is \$15 million; have been granted just under \$2.3. As of right now there is no timeline according to DPI.
- ♦ Most popular funding sources – publically supported referendums on property tax; over the last five years more of a trend toward sales tax referendums.
- ♦ Approximate cost of facility study - \$25,000 (charged for hours worked with a not-to-exceed figure)
- ♦ Facility study will include projected five-year school population.
- ♦ Facility study will include evaluation of existing buildings for possible accommodation of growth.

Commissioner Garry Meiggs offered a motion to move forward with the Facility Study provided that the Board of Education agrees to pay half of the cost of the study. The motion passed unanimously with five commissioners voting aye and no commissioner voting no.

The Board of Education decided by consensus to vote on the Facility Study at its April 11, 2019 meeting.

- II. A presentation by Jimmy Hite of Hite Associates included the following:
 - A. Brief Introduction of Hite Associates (K-12 Designers & Planners)
 - B. Overview of Building Design
 - 1. Shape as a design principle
 - 2. Connectors
 - 3. Pitched roofs with overhangs
 - 4. Platform Technology
 - C. Construction costs are sensitive to supply and demand
 - D. Quality Interior Materials
 - E. Presented Camden High School Concept
 - 1. 147,770 square feet
 - 2. Steel frame with concrete block, brick veneer, metal roof
 - 3. Teracon recommends bridge lift of 4-5 feet
 - 4. If priced today, roughly \$35 million including site work, building, fees, furniture & equipment

Board of Education member Kevin Heath inquired as to the application for the second grant.

Commissioner Garry Meiggs offered a motion that the Board of Education proceed in applying for the second grant. The motion passed unanimously with five commissioners voting aye and no commissioner voting no.

Board of Education member Kevin Heath offered a motion that the Board of Education proceed in applying for the second grant. The motion was seconded by Sissy Aydlett. The motion passed unanimously with four board members voting aye, no board member voting no and one board member absent.

Board of Education member Jason Banks inquired as to placing the Bond Referendum for a new high school on the 2020 ballot.

Chairman White explained that he is of the opinion that it is too soon to make that decision.

County Manager Ken Bowman cautioned against putting the bond referendum on the ballot too soon as the citizens will need to understand the tax increase implications.

Dr. Ferrell reiterated that the Board of Education will vote on the facility study at its meeting on April 11, 2019.

Chairman White suggested that another joint meeting be scheduled upon completion of the facility study.

There being no further matters for discussion Board of Education Vice Chairman Jason Banks entertained a motion to adjourn. Sissy Aydlett offered a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Kevin Heath. The motion passed unanimously with four board members voting aye, no board member voting no and one board member absent.

Commissioner Randy Krainiak offered a motion to adjourn. The motion passed unanimously with five commissioners voting aye and no commissioner voting no.

The meeting adjourned at 7:20 PM.