SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
JOINT MEETING OF EDGECOMBE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
AND
EDGECOMBE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
MARTIN MILLENNIUM ACADEMY
411 E. JOHNSTON STREET
TARBORO, NC
APRIL 18, 2016 AT 7:00 P.M.

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MEETING CALLED TO ORDER BY CHAIRS EVELYN WILSON AND LEONARD WIGGINS.

EDGECOMBE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Chairman Leonard Wiggins, Vice-Chairman Jonathan Felton, Rev. E. Wayne Hines, Mrs. Viola Harris, Mrs. Evelyn Powell and Mr. William Wooten.

ABSENT: Mr. Donald Boswell.

EDGECOMBE COUNTY STAFF PRESENT: Mr. Eric Evans, County Manager, Mahlon DeLoatch, County Attorney and Ms. Frangie Mungo, Clerk to the Board.

EDGECOMBE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION PRESENT: Mrs. Evelyn Wilson, Chairman, Mrs. Ann Kent, Vice-Chairman, Mrs. Olga Dickens, Mrs. Marva Scott, Mrs. Janice Davidson, Mrs. Evelyn Johnson and Mr. Keith Pittman.

ABSENT: None.

EDGECOMBE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS STAFF PRESENT: Mr. John Farrelly, Superintendent and Mrs. Rose Cole, Clerk to the Board.

STATE OF THE COUNTY
Mr. Evans provided a power point presentation on the following:

- **Accomplishments:**
  - **Countywide water system.**
  - **Sewer Expansion.**
  - **BioTech Training Facility.**
  - **Kingsboro Mega Site.**
  - **Landfill Gas to Energy project.**
- **Challenges:**
  - **Noncompetitive salaries in key positions.**
  - **High tax rate and limited revenue sources to lessen burden on tax payers.**
  - **Unfunded state mandates.**
  - **Rising costs of health insurance**
  - **Deferred capital improvements.**
- **Joint Use Agreement video presentation.**

STATE OF THE SCHOOLS
Mr. Farrelly provided a power point presentation on the following:

- **Core Values**
- **ADM is up; first time in ten years.**
- **No budget cuts expected; first time in five years.**
- **Graduation rate: 2009 – 56%; 2015 – 81%**
- **Student growth: 11 to 14 schools met or exceeded growth**
- **Innovation: Global Initiative**
- **Focus on literacy**
- **Community outreach**
- **Leadership matters**
- **Teachers matter: turnover rate is down; teacher working conditions survey results have jumped dramatically**
- **Safe schools**

- Next Wave: New innovative approached and programs; Mental Health support; target and talent.
- Local budgeting request for fiscal year 2016-2017: increase teacher's supplement by to become competitive. They are currently at 5%.

For 1% increase	For 2% increase	For 3% increase	For 4% increase	For 5% increase
$288,010.00	$547,088.00	$804,165.00	$1,061,243.00	$1,326,320.00

POTENTIAL SCHOOL MERGER UPDATE

Mr. Farrelly provided a power point presentation:

- Major concerns:
  - Impacted schools in NRM: Parker Middle, DS Johnson Elementary, Baskerville Elementary, Fairview Elementary and Rocky Mount High School.
  - Considerations: financial, facilities, high schools, transportation, staffing, leadership, professional development, programming, technology and infrastructure, curricular materials, community and re-district.

Projected local appropriation needs (based on per school formula):

- Total budget for 15-16 $7,963,194
- Cost per school $ 612,533
- Prelim local cost for 5 additional schools: $3,062,766

State appropriations:

- Cost per student from the state $ 6,605
- Preliminary estimate of the cost for 2000 additional students $13,210,115

Budget shortfalls (annual):

Allotted	Needed	Shortfall
Teachers: 97	120	$1,009,838
AP's MOE: 81.56	115	$ 481,607
C.O. Curriculum: 0	3	$ 175,000
Maintenance Director	1	$ 75,000
Maintenance Positions: 0	6	$ 300,000
Mechanics; 0	3	$ 150,000
Fuel Truck Driver	1	$ 50,000
Annual Shortfall		$2,241,445

One Times Costs:

24 School Buses ($80,000 per) = $1,920,000
Fuel Truck = $92,000
5 Maintenance Vehicles ($25,000 per) = $125,000

Unpredictable Cost Considerations

High School needs	Textbooks
Technology infrastructure	Athletics
Technology devices	Alternative Ed
Furniture	PD
Supplies and materials	

Capital Outlay Concerns:

Our annual allotment locally is about $530,000
If we added 5 schools it would increase to about $700,000
Over 5 years that equate to $2,650,000
In the NRM fiver year facility plan the projected costs for Fairview, Baskerville, Johnson and Parker = $3,711,967

OPEN DISCUSSION

Both Boards participated in a brief discussion.

ADJOURN

There being no further business Mr. Wooten moved to adjourn the meeting. Mrs. Powell seconded the motion, which carried by unanimous vote.

Frangie Mungo, Clerk to the Board