

MINUTES
ASHE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
May 8, 2019

The special meeting was held as scheduled in the annex beginning at 5:00 pm with all members present except Mr. McClure who was out of town due to family illness. The primary purpose of the meeting was to review the updated architectural plans for the middle school project. Architect Larry Greene, Principal Dustin Farmer, Assistant Principal Gordon Prince, Finance Officer Amanda Coldiron, Maintenance Director Jerry Baker, Civil Engineer Jason Herman and a member from the press were also in attendance.

The middle school administration and staff sent the architect ideas and suggestions before leaving for Spring Break. Mr. Greene gave an overview of the revised plans, noting that he was able to incorporate about 80 percent of their input into the plans. The proposed facility now has a total of 161,091 sf—110,241 on the first floor and 50,850 sf on the second floor—and there is 5,000 sf of storage space. This proposal is almost twice the size of the current middle school, so cost could become a factor. If bids come in over budget, it could take another six-eight months to re-draw and re-bid the project. Mr. Greene is going to provide the Board with his newest cost estimate of the project. The site work process can begin now. Mr. Herman will work on the erosion control plan so that the request for bids can proceed. Hopefully, the site work can begin in a July-August timeframe.

A motion by Vice Chairman Beckworth and a second by Mrs. Jones gave unanimous approval to the current footprint for the new facility. This same motion also gave the Civil Engineer the authority to move forward with the site work.

At the conclusion of this meeting, the Board took a short break before going into closed session for the purpose of considering a personnel action that involves an officer or employee of this Board [N.C. General Statute §143.318.11(a)(6)] and real estate [N.C. General Statute §143.318.11(a)(5)]. The Board went into closed session at 5:50 pm and returned to regular session at 6:12 pm. No action was taken.

There being no further business, the Chairman immediately adjourned the meeting.