



**CURRITUCK COUNTY
NORTH CAROLINA**

March 23, 2021

Minutes – Special Meeting of the Board of Commissioners

5:30 PM CALL TO ORDER

The Currituck County Board of Commissioners met at 5:30 PM in a Special Joint Meeting with the Currituck County Board of Education. The meeting was held in the Sanderlin Auditorium at the Currituck Cooperative Education Center, 130 Community Way, Barco, NC, for the purpose of discussing the Currituck County Schools strategic plan, school expansion and construction, and related budget impacts.

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Michael H. Payment	Chairman	Present	
Paul M. Beaumont	Commissioner	Present	
J. Owen Etheridge	Commissioner	Present	
Mary "Kitty" Etheridge	Commissioner	Present	
Selina S. Jarvis	Commissioner	Present	
Kevin E. McCord	Commissioner	Present	
Bob White	Commissioner	Present	

Chairman Payment called the meeting to order.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS/BOARD OF EDUCATION JOINT MEETING DISCUSSION

The meeting began with the Board members participating in a visioning session facilitated by Dr. Mitch Owen, of Mitchen Leadership and Organizational Development.

The Visioning Session was followed by a joint presentation from County Manager, Ben Stikeleather, and School Superintendent, Dr. Matt Lutz, to discuss facility needs and school funding. Mr. Stikeleather presented capital funding needs for planned expansions of both Moyock Elementary School and Moyock Middle School and funding needs and method for construction of the new elementary school. A timeline for the design and construction of the three projects was presented, and he reported land acquisition for the new elementary school site was in the final stages. Mr. Stikeleather said the debt service for the new elementary school would cost \$4 million annually. A 2025 opening is anticipated for the new school. Dr. Lutz addressed the Board and discussed unfunded state mandates that included requirements to maintain smaller class sizes for elementary education. He reviewed the role of curriculum coaches and instructional aides positions, which would allow the establishment of standardized curriculum throughout the school system and provide training and support resources for both teachers and students.

Mr. Stikeleather provided a summary of the added costs to include the new school, classroom size legislation, curriculum coaches and instructional aides. With the Capital expense for new

construction at \$4 million annually, additional unfunded state mandates and instructional positions are projected to cost \$1,310,000 annually.

Following presentation, Commissioners considered what tax rate might be necessary to fund school needs. Taking into account the new property revaluations, the Board directed Mr. Stikeleather to calculate and report projected county revenues based on both a .45 cent and .46 cent tax rate.

ADJOURN

Motion to Adjourn Meeting

Discussion concluded and Commissioner Mary Etheridge moved to adjourn. Commissioner Jarvis seconded the motion. The motion carried, 7-0, and the meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Mary "Kitty" Etheridge, Commissioner
SECONDER:	Selina S. Jarvis, Commissioner
AYES:	Michael H. Payment, Chairman, Paul M. Beaumont, Commissioner, J. Owen Etheridge, Commissioner, Mary "Kitty" Etheridge, Commissioner, Selina S. Jarvis, Commissioner, Kevin E. McCord, Commissioner, Bob White, Commissioner