

**MINUTES OF THE CALLED MEETING OF THE  
JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS  
JANUARY 7, 2016 – 6:30 P.M.  
PATRIOT ACADEMY**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bill Jarnigan who then asked everyone to stand for a moment of silence. Board members present were Chairman Jarnigan, Vice Chairman Jim Vines, Randall Bradley, Judy Cavanah, and Anne Marie Potts. Board members absent were Ralph Lowery and Jonathan Rogers. Dr. Charles Edmonds, Director of Schools and Secretary to the Board, was also present.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Bill Walker, White Pine Principal, led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Jarnigan pointed out that each board member received a copy of a proposed Resolution to provide broadband services and correspondence related to a proposal to re-name Building 8. He asked that each member review the information for discussion at the next board meeting. Chairman Jarnigan set the next regular meeting for Thursday, January 14, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. at the Patriot Academy.

**BUSINESS**

1. White Pine School Renovation and Addition

Langdon Potts, County Finance Director, reminded the board of the last meeting where architects had been evaluated and where the board directed him to negotiate a price with Cope Associates. He commented that negotiations were entered into with Cope Associates and they had come to an agreement on a rate for the White Pine School project. He commented that Mr. Jim Hinton from Cope Associates would be presenting a proposal to the board as to what could be done for White Pine School. He pointed out that if the board agreed to move forward with this plan that he and Dr. Edmonds would present it to county commission next week and would ask for approval to move forward with the contract. He requested that if the plan was approved that he be allowed to go ahead and do a Request for Proposal for a construction manager for the project.

Jim Hinton, architect from Cope Associates, passed out a drawing of a proposed plan for the White Pine School kitchen renovation and addition. He pointed out that this was a starting point and not the final design. He went over the demolition process, the proposed plan to increase the space of the existing kitchen and the connection of the new upper level to be

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accessed by a stairwell and elevator. He pointed out that the upper level included four (4) classrooms, small conference room, band room, restrooms, assistant principal office and two guidance offices. He stated that the grand total for 4 classrooms, band room, offices, support spaces, new lower level connector and kitchen renovation was \$2,115,326 including all fees. He went over the cost to add additional classrooms.

Board member Bradley asked for clarification on the total cost and if it included kitchen equipment to which Mr. Hinton responded that it did not. Mr. Hinton commented that he thought there might be some of the kitchen equipment presently being used that could be reused. Chairman Jarnigan responded that he was not in favor of using the old equipment.

Board member Bradley requested the total amount for the whole project including eight (8) classrooms and kitchen equipment. Mr. Hinton responded that the total for everything that needed to be done at White Pine School was \$2,967,601. Board member Bradley commended Mr. Hinton for his work.

Chairman Jarnigan recommended accepting the plans as presented and take them to county commission. He stated that if it was rejected, the board could make cuts.

Board member Cavanah commented that in her opinion the board was instructed to build 8 classrooms and the kitchen renovation.

Board member Potts commented that in her opinion, the board was instructed to take \$2M and see what could be done to address the kitchen and portables at White Pine School. She stated that she would prefer to go back to county commission with a \$2M plan but present what would be left out and what the total project would be.

Board member Vines commented that he would like to fix what had to be fixed and not have to go back to county commission later.

Board member Bradley commented that the number one priority at White Pine School is the kitchen and money is available at this time to do that.

Dr. Edmonds commented that in his opinion he felt the county commission would appreciate the board bringing the total plan as presented so they could see what could be done with \$2M as well as what it would take to do the total plan.

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Board member Potts commented on the timeline and the fact that the county commission did not meet in February. She pointed out that the debate was how to proceed in communicating with county commission to get the total funding.

The board requested that Mr. Hinton make modifications to the plan bringing it down to \$2M instead of \$2,115,326. Mr. Potts stated that he and Dr. Edmonds would present whatever the board approves to the county commission budget committee next Monday night.

Chairman Jarnigan made the motion to take the \$2M plan to the county commission with the focus on the kitchen including equipment as well as the needs in order to complete the project at White Pine School. Vice Chairman Vines seconded the motion and the motion passed 5-0.

Langdon Potts, County Finance Director, asked for the board's approval to move forward with a Request for Proposal for a construction manager. Dr. Edmonds recommended that the board allow Mr. Potts to move forward.

Vice Chairman Vines made the motion to allow Mr. Potts to move forward with a Request for Proposal for a construction manager for the White Pine School project. Board member Cavanah seconded the motion and the motion passed 5-0.

Board member Potts made the motion to ask county commission to consider funding the total project amount of \$2,967,601. Vice Chairman Vines seconded the motion and the motion passed 5-0.

**ADJOURN**

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

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Bill Jarnigan, Chairman

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Dr. Charles Edmonds, Director of Schools &  
Secretary to the Board

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