



PUBLIC INFORMATION

ITEM NO. 1

DATE OF MEETING: June 6, 2011

REQUESTED BY: Board of County Commissioners

SHORT TITLE: Pender County Public Schools System Quarterly Bond Project Update

BACKGROUND: The Board has requested a quarterly update on public school bond projects. Updates will be provided each July, October, January and April. An official of the System will be present to provide the update.



PENDER COUNTY
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Board of Education
Katherine Hering, Chairman
Karen Rouse, Vice-Chairman
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Allison Sholar
Superintendent

May 23, 2011

Rick Benton, Pender County Manager
Administration Building
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Dear Mr. Benton,

We are in the final stages of our School Bond Construction Projects. Completed purchase orders are being closed out and in some school projects there are funds remaining. I have proposed to the Pender County Board of Education a plan to use the remaining funds for items we have not been able to address. The School Board approved proposal on May 9, 2011.

If there are no objections from the Pender County Commissioners we will begin design and preparing bids immediately. We have met with the Topsail High School principal, staff and community supporters to discuss their needs. Attached is a letter from the supporters for that project and the information presented to the School Board.

I have asked the finance director (David McCole) to review the projects and if the balances are not correct the proper adjustments will be made. Bids will be presented to the Commissioners for review and approval.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



David Smith

Enclosures
cc: David McCole

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SCHOOL BOND FUND BALANCE

We are getting close to completing the school bond projects. There are funds left in some of the projects. Following is a listing of the projects and approximately fund balances and a proposal for spending the remaining balances for your consideration.

Topsail High School

There is approximately \$75,000.00 left in the land account and \$317,223.00 in the general construction account. Most of the funds come from savings in the road construction project for the high school.

The superintendent and I met with representatives from Topsail High School staff and the athletic boosters are very concerned about improvements to the restrooms, lack of space for visiting teams and location of the softball field. We were presented with a long range plan for discussion and consideration. After the discussion it was decided that the plans would be redrawn eliminating fields that are not practical to construct at this time.

The superintendent and I agreed to meet with one of the representatives to review the location of the softball field. I met with Mr. Williams and agree that the proposed field location would suit their needs much better than the present location behind the new school.

I told the staff and parents that I would gather information for the possible construction of a restroom and meeting area for the athletic teams. We also discussed leaving the existing softball field and lights for the middle school. The infield would be left intact and the fence extended so the field could be a multi-use area.

We are proposing for your consideration the construction of a 40' x 100' building. The building will be metal with colored panels, visitor restrooms, concession area and team locker rooms. I am not proposing to install lockers in the rooms at this time.

We have approximately \$392,338.00 in the Topsail High account. The estimate for the building is \$275,000.00 and does not include equipment for the concession area. The school and booster's club have some funds that they may choose to use for that purpose.

The cost of placing the softball field in the new area is expected to be about \$90,000.00 including lights. We are presenting this proposal for your consideration and if you approve it we will present it to the county commissioners for their approval.

Topsail Middle School

We have approximately \$95,000.00 remaining in the construction budget. The roof on the "B" Building needs replacing. This is the flat area over the hallways and the old shop areas. We have had a roofing consultant to inspect the roof. He gave us a report of the needed repairs and photos of the damaged areas. We have leaks in this area and have been patching them for some time. We recommend that the remaining funds be used to replace the flat roof of this building.

Heide Trask High School

There is over \$2000,000.00 left in this project. There are purchase orders that have not been closed out so I cannot give you an exact total. There are two projects we propose for the remaining funds.

Our first project would be to build or purchase a restroom building at the softball and baseball fields. It is approximately 1400' to the nearest restrooms. We are comparing prices of a restroom unit verses constructing a restroom building.

The 2nd project we recommend is the construction of tennis courts at Heide Trask High School. Pender High and Topsail High have tennis courts. These courts could also be used by the public and all three schools would have equal playing opportunities.

Rocky Point Primary

There is approximately \$131,000.00 left in this budget. We propose using this to improve the playgrounds and provide additional technology. We will coordinate the activity with out staff and the school principal.

Topsail Elementary School

There is about \$65,000.00 remaining in this budget. The school has been requesting more technology equipment. We will work with the technology Department, staff and school principal to determine the needs and provide the proper equipment.

Thank you for your consideration of these proposals. If you approve these recommendations we will proceed immediately.

Thanks,

David Smith



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April 26, 2011

Pender County Board of Education
Attention: Ms. Alison Sholar and Mr. David Smith
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Re: Topsail High School Outdoor Athletic Complex

Dear Ms. Sholar and Mr. Smith:

Thank you for taking the time to meet with representatives from the Topsail High School Booster Club Strategic Planning Committee and the Topsail High School Administration last week. We have been working diligently over the past few weeks to develop a strategic plan that allows our athletic program to meet the needs of our growing student population.

As discussed in our meeting, we would like to request that the Pender County Board of Education reconsider the location of the new girls' softball field. We would like to propose that the field be located in the vacant area between the new 8th grade wing at the middle school and the football stadium (the area currently being used as a football practice field). We are attaching a site plan which shows the preferred softball field location and layout. We are hopeful that by placing all of our "Game Fields" in one central location, we will be able to better control the entrance gate and thereby capitalize on gate revenue. We feel we are "leaving money on the table" by not being able to control the gate at many of our sporting events and with continued budget cuts, we want to take advantage of all revenue sources to the fullest extent possible. We are also hopeful that by consolidating our fields into one centralized area that we would eliminate the need for multiple restroom and concession facilities, thereby saving money while increasing revenue and also eliminating the recurring expenditure for port a johns because of lack of restroom facilities. We have also taken the liberty of working with the administration to assign various practice field locations so that all teams are assured of having the necessary practice space available and we have delineated these assignments on the site plan.

As far as middle school practice locations, we are proposing that the existing girls' softball field adjacent to the main Highway 17 entrance be converted into a Middle School multi-use field, leaving the infield area and lights in place so that it can continue to be used mainly as a softball practice field and game field for community use. As discussed, we would propose to pipe and fill the existing drainage ditch so that we can take advantage of additional practice or P.E. space in this area. This field could serve as a practice space for middle school softball and could also be available for middle school physical education classes. We feel that the middle school football team should be able to continue to hold its practices in the area between the existing high school baseball field and proposed high school softball field. The High School Administration and the High School Athletic Booster Club are committed to working with the middle school to ensure that the needs for practice fields on the middle school level are met.

Further, we would like to obtain pricing estimates to construct a metal building (approximately 30' x 50') which would house a concession stand and public restroom facility that would be located in the approximate area shown on the site plan. This location would allow the building to service the Football Stadium as well as the baseball and softball game fields. The existing restroom facilities at the Football Stadium are extremely outdated and are an embarrassment to our community. There have been several times when the facilities have had to be shut down entirely on a game night with over 1500 visitors in our stadium because of sewage issues and these facilities do not meet the capacity requirements for our stadium.

Please review the proposals outlined above as well as the enclosed Site Plan. If there are any additional questions that we can answer, please feel free to contact any member of the Strategic Planning Committee or the Topsail High School Administration for clarification. Committee member contact information is shown below.

Thank you again for your time and we look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,

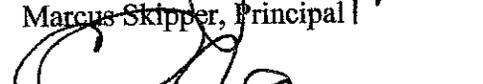
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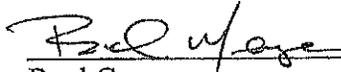
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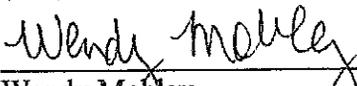
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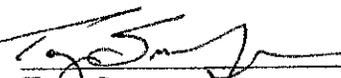
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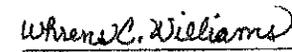
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