



REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

ITEM NO. 8

DATE OF MEETING: April 2, 2013

REQUESTED BY: Pender County Board of Education

SHORT TITLE: Resolution by the Pender County Board of Education Pertaining to and Supporting School Safety

BACKGROUND: On December 14, 2012, a tragic school shooting took place at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Connecticut. This tragic incident took the lives of twenty elementary students and six staff members. Even though far away from Pender County, the incident reinforces the need to keep safety in the forefront and priority number one for all students, faculty, staff and facilities in the School District.

SPECIFIC ACTION REQUESTED: To consider a resolution from the Pender County Board of Education requesting additional funding for additional School Resource Officers, including funding for all additional equipment and training, be granted to the Pender County Sheriff's Office immediately for the purpose of serving the students of Pender County Schools. (See the attached signed Resolution from the Pender County Board of Education). The prorated cost to add two new School Resource Officers would be approximately \$8,834 for the remainder of the 12/13 Fiscal Year, and would be appropriated from the General Fund Contingency Account # 999 499400. ($\$53,000 \text{ year per S.R.O.} \times 2 = \$106,000 \div 12 = \$8,834 \text{ per month}$).

COUNTY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION

Respectfully defer to Board of Commissioners.

RESOLUTION

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Pender County Board of Commissioners that:

the Resolution by the Pender County Board of Education Pertaining to School Safety is hereby supported by the Board of County Commissioners by providing additional funding for additional School Resource Officers, including funding for all additional equipment and training, be granted to the Pender County Sheriff's Office immediately for the purpose of serving the students of Pender County Schools. The Chairman/County Manager is authorized to execute any/all documents necessary to implement this resolution.

MOVED _____ SECONDED _____

APPROVED _____ DENIED _____ UNANIMOUS _____

YEA VOTES: Brown ___ McCoy ___ Tate ___ Ward ___ Williams ___

George R. Brown, Chairman 04/02/13
Date

ATTEST 04/02/13
Date



PENDER COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

RESOLUTION

School Safety

WHEREAS, on December 14, 2012, a tragic school shooting took place at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Connecticut; and

WHEREAS, this tragic incident took the lives of twenty elementary students and six staff members; and

WHEREAS, this incident, while far away from Pender County, reinforces the need to keep safety in the forefront; and

WHEREAS, Pender County Schools maintains student and staff safety as a number one priority for all facilities in the district; and

WHEREAS, Pender County Schools diligently reviews all safety plans and procedures and conducts lockdown drills at each school in the district; and

WHEREAS, administration in Pender County Schools has participated in meetings, and will continue such meetings, with Emergency Management and the Pender County Sheriff's Office to review all safety plans and procedures; and

WHEREAS, administration in Pender County Schools intends to continue focusing on safety and will make additional upgrades to the infrastructure and existing security equipment, such as camera systems, throughout the school district; as well as personnel and procedures throughout the school system; and

WHEREAS, Pender County Schools has determined that additional security personnel would improve response time in the event of an emergency; and

WHEREAS, the request for the additional security personnel is supported by the Pender County Sheriff's Office, the County Manager's Office and Emergency Management; and

WHEREAS, the request for a school-wide security system not to exceed \$107,000.00; and

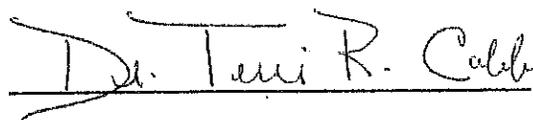
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Pender County School Board of Education hereby requests that funding for two additional School Resource Officers, including funding for all additional equipment and training, be granted to the Pender County Sheriff's Office immediately for the purpose of serving the students of Pender County Schools.

Adopted this 14th day of January, 2013.



Karen Rouse, Chair

Pender County Board of Education



Dr. Terri R. Cobb, Superintendent

Pender County Schools