

FORSYTH COUNTY

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

MEETING DATE: TBD AGENDA ITEM NUMBER: 2

SUBJECT: Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools Bond Proposal

COUNTY MANAGER'S RECOMMENDATION OR COMMENTS:

Dr. Beverly Emory will present the projects included in the resolution approved by the Board of Education at their regular meeting on April 26, 2016. The resolution formally requests that the County Commissioners provide funds to pay the costs of those improvements, anticipating a bond referendum on the November ballot.

SUMMARY OF INFORMATION:

ATTACHMENTS: YES NO

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____
COUNTY MANAGER

2016 Proposed WSFCS Bond Proposal

Project	Description	Cost Estimate
1 New Schools		\$58,502,400
New Middle School	New Middle School at Smith Farm, relieves SW Middle; capacity of 800	\$26,989,200
New Middle School	New Middle School at Robinhood Rd, relieves Jefferson & Meadowlark; capacity of 800	\$26,989,200
Pre-Kindergarten Center	Increase Pre-K capacity by 108; 6 pre-K classrooms	\$3,024,000
Land for Eastern Elementary	Land purchase for future needs	\$1,500,000
2 Replacement Schools		\$92,076,971
Brunson Elementary	Increase capacity from 400 to 800, 2 pre-K classrooms	\$25,225,200
Konnoak Elementary	Partial replacement, increase capacity from 400 to 750; 2 pre-K classrooms	\$18,986,625
Lowrance Middle/Paisley IB Magnet	Relocate Lowrance at Paisley; Increase Paisley's capacity from 627 to 1027	\$46,965,146
Ashley Academy	Shovel-ready design plans	\$900,000
3 Additions		\$32,193,000
Easton Elementary	Increase capacity from 300 to 550, 12 classrooms, 2 Pre-K classrooms, new cafeteria	\$9,009,000
Griffith Elementary	Increase capacity from 375 to 625, 12 classrooms, 2 pre-K classrooms, expand cafeteria	\$6,930,000
Ward Elementary	Increase capacity from 475 to 725, 12 classrooms, 2 pre-K classrooms, expand cafeteria	\$6,930,000
Wiley Magnet	Add 6 STEAM classrooms, increase capacity from 600 to 700, replace gym.	\$9,324,000
4 Renovations		\$72,520,018
East Forsyth High	Update 100-800 buildings, ADA Access, cafeteria	\$20,139,230
J.F. Kennedy High	Renovate CTE Classrooms	\$18,263,634
North Forsyth High	Renovate original 1963 building, less auxiliary gym	\$17,020,505
Philo-Hill Magnet	Increase capacity from 445 to 550	\$17,096,649
5 Safety Improvements		\$15,000,000
Stadium Improvements	Safety improvements to home sides at Glenn & Mount Tabor stadiums	\$6,000,000
Safety/Cameras	Update cameras to district standard for all schools, entry access controls for all middle schools	\$3,500,000
Student Safety/Transportation Improvements	Pedestrian and bus safety; site improvements at Wiley, Reynolds, Southeast, Meadowlark Elementary & Middle, & Parkland	\$5,500,000
6 Technology		\$24,220,000
Classroom & Media Center Updates	Equip approx. 1,840 classrooms w/ technology; refresh approx 1,860 classrooms; update all media centers with furniture, 3-D printer	
7 Maintenance		\$29,400,000
Maintenance & Capital Improvements	Replace building component systems at 35 schools	
8 Inflation		\$25,143,412
	Assessed over a 6-year construction period	
9 Contingency		\$944,199
Total Bond Proposal		\$350,000,000

**Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools
2016 Bond Project List with Ashley, Inflation and Contingency**

New Schools	Description	Cost
New middle at Smith Farm	Relieve Southeast Middle, capacity of 800	\$26,989,200
New middle on Robinhood Rd.	Relieve Meadowlark and Jefferson, capacity of 800	\$26,989,200
Pre-Kindergarten Center	Increase pre-K capacity by 108, 6 pre-K classrooms	\$3,024,000
Land for an eastern elementary	Land purchase for future needs	\$1,500,000
Replacement Schools	Description	Cost
Brunson Elementary	Increase capacity from 400 to 800, 2 pre-K classrooms	\$25,225,200
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Wiley Magnet	Add 6 STEAM classrooms, increase capacity from 600 to 700, replace gym	\$9,324,000
Renovations	Description	Cost
East Forsyth High	Update 100-800 buildings, safety, ADA access, cafeteria	\$20,139,230
John F. Kennedy High	Renovate CTE classrooms	\$18,263,634
North Forsyth High	Renovate original 1963 building, less auxiliary gym	\$17,020,505
Philo-Hill Magnet	Increase capacity from 445 to 550	\$17,096,649
Safety Improvements	Description	Cost
Mount Tabor and Glenn Stadium Safety Improvements	Safety improvements to home sides	\$6,000,000
Safety/Cameras	Update cameras to district standard for all schools, entry access controls for all middle schools	\$3,500,000
Student Safety and Transportation Improvements at Wiley, Reynolds, Southeast, Meadowlark Elem & Middle, Parkland	Pedestrian and bus safety, site improvements	\$5,500,000
Technology	Description	Cost
Classroom and Media Center Updates	Equip ~1,840 classrooms with technology; refresh technology in ~1,860 classrooms; update all media centers with furniture, 3D printer	\$24,220,000
Maintenance	Description	Cost
Maintenance and Capital Improvements	Replace building component systems at 35 schools	\$29,400,000
Inflation		
Assessed over a six-year construction span		\$25,143,412
Contingency		\$944,199
Total		\$350,000,000

WSFC Schools Website Information

Proposed 2016 Bond Referendum

On April 26, the Board of Education approved a resolution asking the Forsyth County Commissioners to hold a bond referendum asking voters to approve \$350 million for school construction, renovations and improvements. The list was presented at eight public hearings around the county and includes new schools, replacement schools, additions, extensive renovations and technology improvements at every school.

The list includes:

- A replacement school for Konnoak Elementary on its current campus
- \$29.4M in maintenance and capital improvements across the district
- A replacement school for Lowrance Middle at Paisley IB Magnet
- A replacement school for Paisley IB Magnet on its current campus
- A replacement school for Brunson, with the location yet to be determined
- A new Pre-K Center, with the location yet to be determined
- Additions at Easton, Griffith and Ward elementary schools
- Renovations for Philo-Hill Magnet Academy at its current campus
- Renovations for John F. Kennedy High School at its current campus
- Student safety and traffic improvements at Southeast Middle, Wiley Magnet Middle and Reynolds High, Meadowlark Elementary and Middle, and Parkland High
- New gym and additional classrooms at Wiley Magnet Middle on its current campus
- Renovations at East Forsyth High on its current campus
- A new middle school at Smith Farm Elementary
- A new middle school on Robinhood Road
- Design plans for a new Ashley Academy
- Land for a future eastern elementary school
- Renovations to North Forsyth High's original 1963 building (excluding the auxiliary gym)
- Technology updates for every school. The 56 schools that do not have classroom technology solutions will receive them for their classrooms, and schools that have the solutions will have them refreshed. Media centers at each school would also receive new furniture and a 3D printer.
- Safety improvements for the stadiums at Mount Tabor and Glenn high schools
- Updating cameras at all schools to district standards
- Adding entry-access controls to all middle schools
- The estimated cost of inflation of constructing the projects over six years
- About \$900,000 in contingency funds

To download a PDF of the project list, please [click here](#).

The board will present its resolution to county commissioners, likely in late May. County commissioners will decide whether to put it on the ballot and the total amount of the package.

WINSTON-SALEM/FORSYTH COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
Winston-Salem, North Carolina

AGENDA TITLE: Consider Approval of Resolution Petitioning the Forsyth County Board of Commissioners to Provide Necessary Funds for the Purpose of Paying the Cost of School Facilities (2016 Bond Referendum)

AGENDA TOPIC: Resolution Petitioning the Forsyth County Board of Commissioners to Provide Necessary Funds for the Purpose of Paying the Cost of School Facilities

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Since July 2015, the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Board of Education has been working to develop a proposal for construction, renovations and other improvements to address the increasing enrollment, facility and technology needs of the district. The Board's preliminary proposal was presented to the public in eight public meetings during the months of February and March to seek public's input. After considering the input and feedback from students, staff and members of the community, the Board has finalized its proposal and now seeks to petition the Forsyth County Board of Commissioners to include the final package as part of its 2016 Bond Referendum.

In order for the bond proposal to appear on the ballot in November of 2016, the Board must adopt a resolution requesting and petitioning the Forsyth County Board of Commissioners to provide funds for its facilities and capital needs. The resolution provides the reason for the Board's request, a description of the needs and work to be done (the Project), an estimated aggregate cost of the Project, and a formal request to the County Commissioners to issue bonds to provide funds for the costs of the Project.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board of Education approve the resolution petitioning the Commissioners to hold a bond referendum to provide funds for the costs of construction, expansion, improvement and renovation of school facilities.

The Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools' Board of Education met in a regular meeting in the Auditorium of the Education Building located at 4801 Bethania Station Road in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, the regular place of meeting, at 6:30 p.m. on April 26, 2016.

Present:

Absent:

Also Present:

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Dana Caudill Jones introduced the following resolution, which was read:

RESOLUTION REQUESTING AND PETITIONING THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS FOR THE COUNTY OF FORSYTH, NORTH CAROLINA TO PROVIDE NECESSARY FUNDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF PAYING THE COST OF SCHOOL FACILITIES

Section 1. The Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools' Board of Education (the "Board") hereby finds and determines as follows:

(a) It is necessary, in order to maintain adequate facilities for the proper operation and management of the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Public School Administrative Unit, to acquire, construct, renovate, expand and improve additional public school facilities, including, without limitation, _____ (collectively, the "Project").

(b) The estimated aggregate cost of the Project is approximately \$_____.

(c) It is necessary to request the Board of Commissioners for the County of Forsyth, North Carolina to provide the necessary funds to pay the costs of the Project.

Section 2. The Board hereby requests and petitions the Board of Commissioners for the County of Forsyth, North Carolina to take all necessary steps, by the issuance of bonds or otherwise, to provide funds for paying the costs of the Project described in Section 1 above.

Section 3. This resolution shall take effect upon its adoption.

Upon motion of _____, seconded by _____, the foregoing resolution was adopted by the following vote:

Ayes: _____

Noes: _____

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I, Beverly R. Emory, Secretary of the Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Schools' Board of Education, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true copy of so much of the proceedings of said Board of Education at a regular meeting held on April 26, 2016, as relates in any way to the adoption of a resolution requesting the Board of Commissioners for the County of Forsyth, North Carolina to provide funds to pay the costs of certain school and administrative facilities and that said proceedings are recorded in the minutes of said Board of Education.

I DO HEREBY FURTHER CERTIFY that proper notice of such regular meeting was given as required by North Carolina law.

WITNESS my hand and the official seal of said Board of Education this 26th day of April, 2016.

Secretary

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