

The Board of Commissioners for the County of Cabarrus met for a Budget Meeting in the Multipurpose Room at the Cabarrus County Governmental Center in Concord, North Carolina at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 14, 2022.

Present – Chairman: Stephen M. Morris
 Vice Chairman: F. Blake Kiger
 Commissioners: Diane R. Honeycutt
 Lynn W. Shue
 Barbara C. Strang

Also present were Mike Downs, County Manager; Rodney Harris, Deputy County Manager; and Lauren Linker, Clerk to the Board.

Call to Order

Chairman Morris called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Cabarrus County Schools Presentation of FY 2023 Budget Request

Dr. John Kopicki, Cabarrus County Schools (CCS), Superintendent, commended the Board for the facilities that have been provided for the schools. He also expressed appreciation for the support the Commissioners and county managers have given to the Cabarrus County School system.

Carol Herndon, CCS Chief Finance Officer presented the school’s budget request via a PowerPoint presentation. The following information was presented.

- Budget Development and Process
- Funding Considerations
 - o Operating Expense - Continuation
 - o Operating Expense - Expansion
 - Technology
 - Operational
 - Facilities and Maintenance Department (FMD)
 - o Capital Outlay
- Continuation Requests
- New Construction and Capital Improvement Projects (greater than or equal to \$500,000)
- Deferred Maintenance FMD Capital
- Non-FMD Capital Outlay
- Budget Committee Recommendation
- Charter School Enrollment

Continuation Requests

Description	General	Technology	Facilities	Total
Provision to increase locally paid certified staff (64) to match state increase (Year 2 of 2021-2023 Biennium Budget) <i>Average increase = 2.5%</i>	104,365	-	-	104,365
Provision to increase locally paid non-certified staff to match state increase (Year 2 of 2021-2023 Biennium Budget) <i>Increase to \$15.00/hour or 2.5%, whichever is greater</i>	282,252	53,129	123,167	458,549
Compression for non-teaching staff <i>One step increase every other year to reflect service years (2.5%) (average 1.25% yearly)</i>	166,417	19,248	68,314	253,979
Provision to maintain supplements at 12% (with 2.5% increase in salaries) * <i>Currently the County Budget includes funding local teacher supplement at 10.5%</i>	1,773,465	-	-	1,773,465
Provision to pay supplement for new teachers based on expected ADM growth	289,352	-	-	289,352
Provision for increase in employer retirement costs for locally paid staff (projected increase from 22.89% to 24.14%)	150,484	18,968	43,974	213,426
Provision for increase in hospitalization costs for locally paid staff (5% projected increase)	111,500	14,500	39,000	165,000
Inflation at 25% (Fuel and Maintenance/Repair costs)	-	-	1,189,386	1,189,386
Operational software	-	190,000	-	190,000
Provision for new school staff and expenses <i>Roberta Road Middle School</i>	177,297	-	-	177,297
<i>Cabarrus Health Sciences Institute</i>	245,132	10,600	-	255,732
Total Continuation	\$ 3,300,266	\$ 306,445	\$ 1,463,841	\$ 5,070,552

* CCS plans to fund via ESSER funding through June 30, 2024

Technology Expansion Requests

Rank	Description	Funding Request	Points
1	Additional Break-fix Technicians	210,000	9.19
2	Increase Chromebook Repair Budget	170,000	7.47
3	School Sound Systems	138,000	6.33
4	ID Card Printer Refresh	54,400	4.40
	Total	\$ 572,400	

Operational Expansion Requests

Rank	Description	Funding Request	Points
1	Permanent Substitute Teachers	1,872,000	8.35
2	Additional Pay for Specialized Instructional Support Personnel (SISP) - Leads	50,000	8.14
3	Additional Pay – Opportunity School	19,200	7.93
4	Staff Development	195,000	7.81
5	Specialized Instructional Support Personnel (SISP)- Coordinators District Level	400,000	7.33
6	Increase in Instructional Supplies	200,000	4.91
7	Subscriptions	45,000	4.63
*	Increase stipends for VEX Robotics Coaches	205,000	
*	Professional Development for Principals – National Institute for School Leadership (NISL)	100,000	
Total		\$ 3,086,200	

FMD Expansion Requests

Description	Department	Funding Request
Facilities & Grounds Sustainment Maintenance	Facilities & Maintenance Department	\$ 1,300,000
Total		\$ 1,300,000

Total Operating Expense Request Summary

Operating Expense	2021 - 2022	Continuation	Expansion	% Increase
Operating Expense	53,196,371	☆ 1,526,801	3,086,200	8.67%
Operating Expense - Technology	6,798,222	306,445	572,400	12.93%
Operating Expense – FMD	10,989,963	1,463,841	1,300,000	25.15%
Total	\$70,984,556	\$3,297,087	\$ 4,958,600	11.63%

Ms. Herndon reviewed a long list of new construction and Capital Improvement Project needs for FY23 totaling \$342,721,166. She then reviewed a list of deferred maintenance – FMD Capital projects totaling \$7,074,158, and Non-FMD Capital Outlay projects totaling \$1,716,000.

There was discussion throughout the presentation. During discussion, Ms. Herndon, Dr. Kopicki, and John Legrand, CCS Chief Operations Officer, responded to questions from the Board.

Commissioner Shue arrived at 4:27 p.m. and was present for the remainder of the meeting.

Kannapolis City Schools Presentation of FY 2023 Budget Request

Kevin Garay, Kannapolis City Schools (KCS), Superintendent, thanked the Board and County Manager’s office for their support.

Will Crabtree, KCS Director of Business Operations, presented the school’s budget request via a PowerPoint presentation. The following information was included in the presentation.

Proposal	CIP						Future Years
	FY 2022	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2027	
A. L. Brown Intercom System	75,000.00						
A.L. Brown Campus Master Plan (Renovations/Additions)		65,906,794.00					26,001,438.00
A.L. Brown High School Camera Replacement	171,000.00						
Central Office HVAC				100,000.00			
Forest Park Elementary	424,475.00						4,174,163.00
Forest Park Elementary HVAC Upgrades			3,000,000.00				
Forest Park Playground		100,000.00					
Fred L Wilson Boiler		100,000.00					
Fred L Wilson Parent Drive Paving				125,000.00			
Fred L Wilson Playground		100,000.00					
Fred L. Wilson Asbestos Abatement	126,800.00						
Fred L. Wilson Elementary Addition/HVAC Replacement		TBD					6,113,182.00
Fred L. Wilson Flooring Replacement	187,597.00						
G. W. Carver Floor Replacement	34,204.00						
Jackson Park Asbestos Abatement	44,600.00						
Jackson Park Boiler		150,000.00					
Jackson Park Elementary Addition, Roof, HVAC Replacement	335,280.00	TBD					9,331,432.00
Jackson Park Flooring Replacement	49,143.00						
Jackson Park Playground Replacement	100,000.00						
Jackson Park Renovate Restrooms				120,000.00			
Kannapolis Middle School HVAC (2005 Building)			3,000,000.00				
Kannapolis Middle School Irrigation		125,000.00					
North Kannapolis Elementary HVAC			3,000,000.00				
North Kannapolis Flooring Replacement	127,016.00						
North Kannapolis Playground Equipment	100,000.00						
North Kannapolis Roof Replacement				125,000.00			
Shady Brook Elementary HVAC			3,000,000.00				
Shady Brook Flooring							
Shady Brook Flooring Replacement	145,449.00						
Shady Brook Playground Replacement	100,000.00						
Tennis Court Renovations (A.L. Brown)			500,000.00				
Track Renovations (A.L. Brown)	366,000.00						
	2,386,564.00	66,481,794.00	12,500,000.00	470,000.00			45,620,215.00

Mr. Crabtree and Mr. Garay presented an overview of the of the following items:

- Capital Outlay buildings and grounds less than \$100,000 - \$2,560,000
- Capital Outlay Transportation - \$196,000
- Current Expense Continuation and Local Salaries - \$3,109,778
- Teacher Supplement Increase
- Charter Schools
- Current Expense Expansion - \$665,000

There was discussion throughout the presentation. During discussion, Mr. Crabtree, and Mr. Garay responded to questions.

Break

The Board took a short break at 5:53 p.m. The meeting resumed at 6:03 p.m.

Rowan-Cabarrus Community College Presentation of FY 2023 Budget Request

Dr. Carol Spalding, Rowan-Cabarrus Community College (RCCC) President, Kelly Kluttz, Chief Financial Officer, and Jonathan Chamberlain, Chief Officer Division of College Environment, presented RCCC’s budget request via a PowerPoint presentation. The following information was included in the presentation.

- 2018-2023 Strategic Plan Themes
- Enrollment
- Advance Technology Center
- Additional Workforce Development Programs
- FY23 Budget Requests Summary
 - Current Operating Budget Request - \$3,952,154
 - Capital Budget Request - \$13,909,000
 - Total Budget Request - \$17,861,154
- Current Operating Expansion Requests - \$197,454
- Capital Budget Requests - \$13,909,000
 - Building 1000 HVAC
 - Building 2000 Back-Fill Remodels
 - Building 3000 Refresh
 - Building 1000 Space Renovation
 - Trinity Church Road Property Acquisitions
- Future Budget Requests
 - Future Capital Budget Requests
 - 2024
 - Driver Training Range - \$12,935,000
 - South Campus Building 4000 Workforce Innovations - \$35,335,000
 - 2026
 - College Station Classroom Buildout - \$658,000
 - 2027
 - Southern Campus Site and Land Acquisition - \$1,000,000
 - 2029
 - South Campus Building 5000 Technical Programs Building - \$38,235,000
- Anticipated Needs
 - Growth in Transfer Programs Related to Science, Arts and Math
 - Acquire Adjacent Properties (PSNC)
 - Corporate and Continuing Education Growth
 - Large Meeting Space
- New and Expanded Programs

There was discussion throughout the presentation. During discussion, Dr. Spalding, Mr. Chamberlin, and Ms. Kluttz responded to questions.

Landfill Tipping Fee and Yard Waste Fee Increase

Kevin Grant, Environmental Management Director, reported part of the Landfill's budget proposal for FY23 includes fee increases. He stated this would be the first increase in four years. This would affect some of the landfill and yard waste tipping fees. Mr. Grant reviewed the proposed changes to the Fee Schedule. He further stated the fee increase would cover increased operating expenses and increase staffing. Mr. Grant advised there are three to four potential landfill expansion sites that could add 10 to 15 years to the facility. The proposed increase will also keep the County's fees in line with the private construction and demolition landfill in the county.

The proposed fee schedule is as follows:

FEE SCHEDULE EFFECTIVE: JULY 1, 2022

Construction & Demolition (C&D) Waste

\$42 Per Ton for Loads Weighing 1/2 Ton and Higher (1 ton minimum)
 \$25 Flat Rate for Loads Weighing Between 501 - 1,000 Pounds
 \$13 Flat Rate for Loads Weighing up to 500 Pounds

Uncontaminated Yard Waste

\$40 Per Ton
 Mixed Debris: \$45 Per Ton
 Special Handling Charge: \$30 Per Ton

ALL C&D WASTE LOADS SUBJECT TO STATE DISPOSAL TAX OF \$2.00 PER TON

NO C&D LOADS ACCEPTED AFTER 4:45 pm, MONDAY - FRIDAY AND 11:45 am ON SATURDAY

Residential Household Trash / Bulky Waste / Yard Waste

All Small, Loose Household Trash Must Be Bagged

Up to 5 - (32) Gallon Bags: \$6.00
 6 to 10 - (32) Gallon Bags: \$9.00
 Pickup Truck Sized or Trailer (up to 8 feet) Load: \$15.00
 Pickup Truck Sized or Trailer (up to 8 feet) With Sideboards Loaded over 20 inches High: \$24.00

*No Household Loads on Trailers Over 8' in Length Accepted. No Box trucks.

Disposal Fees Are Eligible for a \$5.00 Credit If You Bring Two (2) Kitchen Sized Trash Bags of Acceptable Recyclable Materials*

*Recyclable Materials Accepted (NO CHARGE)

Cardboard (Flattened)
 Aluminum / Steel / Tin Cans and Empty Aerosol Bottles
 Mixed Paper (newspapers, magazines, phone books, junk mail, cereal boxes, etc.)
 Plastic Containers (water / soda / cleaning / bathroom / food and beverage)
 NO Styrofoam or Plastic Bags

Televisions / Computers / Monitors / Electronics

Residents - NO CHARGE
 Businesses - \$0.30 Per Pound

White Goods (Appliances) / Scrap Metal - NO CHARGE

No Propane or Gas Cylinders. Any drum or tank must be open (top, bottom, side)
 Fluids must be drained from any power equipment.

Used Tires - Tires Delivered By Individuals Residing in Cabarrus County Will Be Accepted in Loads of Five Or Less at NO CHARGE

2:40:36

A discussion ensued. During discussion, Mr. Grant responded to questions from the Board.

General Board Discussion

A discussion ensued. During discussion, Commissioner Shue commented on concerns on the continuing escalation of operational costs for the schools. He also expressed concerns that personnel costs, which is the responsibility of the State, is shifting considerably more to the County.

Also, during discussion, Commissioner Honeycutt commented on the County tax rate.

There was lengthy discussion that included the aforementioned topics, debt bond ratings, etc.

Adjourn

UPON MOTION of Commissioner Honeycutt, seconded by Commissioner Shue and unanimously carried, the meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.



Lauren Linker

 Lauren Linker, Clerk to the Board