

Item Title: Wake County Public School System CIP 2013 Reallocations and Appropriations (First Reading)

Specific Action Requested:

That the Board of Commissioners receives information from the Board of Education on their request to reallocate and appropriate funds in CIP 2013. If there are no outstanding questions, the Board of Commissioners will be asked to approve the following action items on January 19, 2016:

1. Reallocate a total of \$1,118,388 in CIP 2013, including \$918,388 of contingency funds for construction at Lincoln Heights Elementary and \$200,000 in startup design funds to account for scope and schedule changes at Vandora Springs Elementary.
2. Appropriate a total of \$47,448,387 in CIP 2013 for construction and public infrastructure at Bryan Road and Lincoln Heights Elementary schools, startup design at Vandora Springs Elementary, and design at Rolesville Elementary.

Item Summary

Overview

The Board of Education requests that funds in CIP 2013 be reallocated and appropriated as follows:

	Plan of Record/Budget			Appropriations		
	<u>Current</u>	<u>Reallocation</u>	<u>Proposed</u>	<u>Current</u>	<u>Appropriation</u>	<u>Proposed</u>
2013 Building Program						
New School Projects						
E-31 Bryan Road Elementary (South Garner, 2017- SA)*	26,007,414		26,007,414	1,050,000	24,957,414	26,007,414
Public Infrastructure	38,856,456		38,856,456	21,634,289	1,500,000	23,134,289
Existing School Projects						
Vandora Springs Elem (2018)*	3,150,000	200,000	3,350,000	1,150,000	200,000	1,350,000
Lincoln Heights Elem (2018)*	21,657,244	918,388	22,575,632	2,384,659	20,190,973	22,575,632
Rolesville Elem (2017)	11,555,169		11,555,169	950,000	600,000	1,550,000
Other Projects						
Startup Designs	18,577,677	(200,000)	18,377,677	-	-	-
Program Contingency	24,812,932	(918,388)	23,894,544	-	-	-
Total Reallocation/Appropriation	144,616,892	-	144,616,892	27,168,948	47,448,387	74,617,335
SA indicates Site Acquired						
*Budget Excludes Land Acquisition, Public Infrastructure. That work is reported in those line items.						

CIP 2013 Reallocations and Appropriations

The resolution reallocates a total of \$1,118,388 in CIP 2013. It includes the reallocation and appropriation of \$918,388 in contingency funds to cover the gap between the budget and anticipated bid amount for the Lincoln Heights Elementary renovation. The gap is largely due to the addition of collaborative spaces during the schematic design phase of the project. This would leave \$23,894,544 in contingency funds in CIP 2013. The item also reallocates and appropriates \$200,000 in startup design funds for the Vandora Springs Elementary renovation. These additional design funds are needed to cover increased costs associated with the delay of the project, the addition of collaborative spaces, and other changes to the scope of the design.

The Board of Education is requesting an appropriation totaling \$47,448,387. A \$24,957,414 appropriation would cover the construction costs for Bryan Road Elementary School in Garner. It is scheduled to open in August 2017 as a swing space for the Vandora Springs renovation and then as a new school in 2018. A \$20,190,973 appropriation is requested for construction costs at Lincoln Heights Elementary in Fuquay-Varina. This amount includes the \$918,388 in contingency funds. \$1.5M is included to cover the public infrastructure costs associated with these two projects. The appropriation also includes \$600,000 in additional design funds to cover scope changes to the Rolesville Elementary renovation. After discussions with school administration and the Town of Rolesville, the Board of Education voted to demolish the gym on the school's campus and add other building renovations.

The Board of Education is aligning the facility standards with the Strategic Plan and Vision 2020. The learning environment plays a key part in several of the objectives. A new initiative takes advantage of existing traditionally non-instructional space and expands the space to provide collaborative space for instruction. A single classroom space cannot address every student's learning styles. Collaborative space provides an opportunity:

- To support differentiated instruction & a wide variety of learning styles among students (visual, auditory, tactile, kinesthetic)
- For proximity & support of other "traditional" learning spaces.
- To support project-based learning.
- To support the 4 C's – collaboration, creativity, critical-thinking skills and communication.
- To engage & motivate students.
- To provide other learning opportunities in a crowded school.

CIP 2013 Status

To date, \$531.2 million has been appropriated in CIP 2013. Two new schools have been completed, eight new schools are in the construction phase and one major renovation is in the construction phase. The summer of 2016 will be very busy as six new schools and one major renovation project will finish up and become ready for new students later in August. At the same time, eight new projects are planned to begin construction prior to the start of school in August 2016.

Staff Comments

County staff continues to work with WCPSS through the Joint Facilities Core Team to monitor the status of CIP 2013 and plan for future building programs. Bids are expected

to be received for another round of CIP 2013 projects in early 2016, and County staff will monitor these bids as they are received. Staff is expecting to receive a large CIP 2013 appropriation request from the Board of Education next month that would include construction for several new schools and renovations, among other items.

History of CIP 2013

On October 8, 2013, Wake County citizens approved the authorization of \$810 million of general obligation bonds for the Wake County Public School System 2013 Capital Improvement Program. On October 21, 2013, the Board adopted the resolution declaring the results of the October 8, 2013 bond referendum. These bonds, plus cash appropriations, fund the WCPSS CIP 2013 Building Program. On November 18, 2013, the Board of Commissioners was asked to approve the original CIP 2013 Plan of Record, which consisted of \$43,800,000 from existing County funding, and \$939,954,793 in future funding for a total program amount of \$983,754,793. On June 16, 2014 the Board approved a Plan of Record increase in the amount of \$6,799,974 as a result of proceeds of the sale of the 3600 Wake Forest Road Site. On July 6, 2015 the Board approved a \$775,000 increase to the Plan of Record to reflect a reallocation of \$775,000 in CIP 2006 savings to CIP 2013. The Board approved a \$2.6 million increase to the Plan of Record on October 19, 2015 as part of another reallocation of savings from CIP 2006 to CIP 2013. The current Plan of Record totals \$993,929,767.

The Capital Improvement Program contemplates commitments through fiscal year 2017. It provides for construction of fifteen new schools: ten new elementary schools, three middle schools and two high schools. Additionally, the plan includes funds for five major renovations, start-up construction costs at five other schools, life cycle equipment replacement, educational equipment replacement, technology and security, land acquisition and start-up design for new schools, facilities assessments and program management and contingency. To date, \$531.2 million has been appropriated, two new schools have been completed, eight new schools are in the construction phase and one major renovation is in the construction phase.

CIP 2013 originally included funds for eleven new elementary schools, three new middle schools, two new high schools, six major renovations and startup renovation costs for three schools. On July 6, 2015 the Board of Commissioners approved the Board of Education's request for several changes to the program. Two projects were deferred to the next building program. The construction of a new elementary school in Holly Springs (E-46) was deferred due to site identification difficulties, and a major renovation at Vandora Springs Elementary was deferred due to swing space timing needs.

Attachments:

1. Presentation
2. BOC Resolution to Reallocate and Appropriate Funds in CIP 2013
3. Appropriation Summary for CIP 2013 as of January 19, 2016
4. Board of Education Resolution Requesting CIP 2013 Reallocations and Appropriations