

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

Specific Action Requested:

That the Board of Commissioners approves the following requests from the Wake County Board of Education for reallocations and appropriations in CIP 2013:

- 1. Reallocate and appropriate \$2,000,000 for startup design to accelerate the design of the North Ridge Elementary renovation by one year.**
- 2. Appropriate \$1,200,000 in design funds for Apex High School to cover the change in scope from a major renovation to a total replacement.**

Item Summary:

Overview

The Board of Education is requesting that funds 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						
Existing School Projects	-		-	-		-
Apex High (2019)*	7,985,445		7,985,445	3,900,000	1,200,000	5,100,000
North Ridge Elem*	125,000	2,000,000	2,125,000	124,998	2,000,000	2,124,998
Other Projects	-		-	-		-
Startup Designs	9,477,677	(2,000,000)	7,477,677	-		-
Total Reallocation/Appropriation	17,588,122	-	17,588,122	4,024,998	3,200,000	7,224,998

Apex High Design Appropriation

An additional design appropriation totaling \$1,200,000 is included in this item to cover scope changes for the Apex High School project. In early 2016, the Board of Education voted to change the project from a major renovation to a total replacement. This increased the cost of the project by approximately \$2,000,000, but a total replacement has several advantages including a more efficient layout, better configuration for bus loop and visitor traffic, and more space for outdoor learning environments. The additional design funds are already included in the project's budget and do not require a reallocation of funds from other sources. Construction funds for the replacement are included in WCPSS's 2017-2023 CIP. The project is scheduled for completion in August 2019. Green Level High will serve as the swing space for the two years that Apex is under construction (2017-2019).

North Ridge Elementary Startup Design

The item also includes a reallocation and appropriation of \$2,000,000 in startup design funding for North Ridge Elementary. On November 1, 2016, the Board of Education voted to accelerate the design of this renovation project by one year because its

planned swing space at Spring Forest became available a year earlier than originally planned. Spring Forest was originally going to serve as the swing space for the Stough Elementary Renovation in 2018-19 and North Ridge in the following year, but a closer swing space was identified for Stough, leaving Spring Forest open in 2018-19. Construction funds for North Ridge are included in the seven year capital improvement plan.

Staff Comments

The acceleration of the North Ridge renovation is a beneficial result of several changes to elementary renovation project schedules aimed at identifying closer swing spaces to ease the travel burdens on students and their families. The Apex High replacement project will result in a brand new school with several advantages over the renovation that was initially planned at only a slightly higher cost. County staff will continue to monitor the projects included in CIP 2013 as it enters its latter phases, while also preparing for the annual update of the new, seven year capital improvement program.

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. On February 15, 2016 the Board increased the Plan of Record by \$4,454,720 to reflect proceeds from the sale of the original H-6 site (CIP 2006). The Plan of Record currently totals \$998,384,487.

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, \$875.7 million has been appropriated, eight new schools and one major renovation have been completed. Currently, six new schools and four major renovations are in the construction phase. One new school will bid in spring 2017.

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 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. Resolution
2. CIP 2013 Appropriation Summary as of November 21, 2016
3. Board of Education Resolutions