

Item Title: Wake County Public School System Capital Improvement Program Appropriations and Reallocations

Specific Action Requested:

That the Board of Commissioners approves the following requests for appropriations and reallocations in the Seven Year Capital Improvement Program:

- 1. Appropriates a total of \$189,070,585 for construction funding at Herbert Akins Road Middle (M14), Fuquay Varina High, and West Millbrook Middle, and preliminary design funding for E-xx4 New Elementary and Baucom Elementary, along with program needs such as technology devices, mobiles, assessments, property acquisition, partial renovation improvement projects, program management, and program contingency;**
- 2. Reallocates \$5,500,000 to refund a previous reallocation for an early site package at Westbrook Middle and to fund an early site package at E-51; and**
- 3. Approves the request to appropriate and reallocate a total of \$5,000,000 of FY 2020 program contingency funding, not previously appropriated, to property acquisition to meet reductions to the FY 2021 plan as requested by the County.**

Item Summary:

Purpose: The Board of Commissioners is statutorily responsible to fund the school system's capital projects and approves all appropriations and reallocations of funds.

Background: On May 19, 2020, the Board of Education passed a resolution requesting funding for their FY 2021-2027 Capital Improvement Program from the Board of Commissioners. On June 15, 2020, the Board of Commissioners adopted the FY 2021 Budget, which included a total of \$322,762,199 million in planned funding for WCPSS capital projects in FY 2021. This item is the first of two planned appropriations of those funds. This item also appropriates and reallocates \$5,000,000 of program contingency from the FY 2020 plan. The Board of Education approved the request on June 15, 2020.

Board Goal: This action supports routine County operations.

Fiscal Impact: The resolution appropriates a total of \$189,070,585: \$45,060,788 is funded with cash transfers from the General Fund appropriated in the FY 2021 Adopted Budget Ordinances and the remaining \$144,009,797 is funded with debt. The associated future debt service is included in the County's financial model.

Additional Information:

The Board of Education is requesting that funds be reallocated and appropriated within the Seven Year CIP as follows:

WCPSS Seven Year Capital Improvement Program - FY 2021 Projects						
Project	FY 21 Plan	Current Budget (All Programs)*	Proposed Appropriations	Proposed Reallocations	New Proposed Budget	Remaining in FY 2021
New Schools						
E-35 South Lakes Elementary: Fuquay-Varina (2023)		35,707,358			35,707,358	-
E-41 Apex Friendship Elementary: Apex (2022)	39,052,538	2,418,564			2,418,564	39,052,538
E-44 Elementary: Fuquay-Varina (2023)	-	3,241,134			3,241,134	-
E-50 Parkside Elementary: Morrisville (2019)	-	31,787,796			31,787,796	-
E-51 Elementary TBD (2023)	-	5,241,134		500,000	5,741,134	-
H-12 High: Apex (2024)	-	6,108,797		1,777,661	7,886,458	-
M-14 Herbert Akins Road Middle: Fuquay-Varina (2022)	56,767,449	9,042,753	56,767,449		65,810,202	-
ES x4	3,389,914	-	3,389,914		3,389,914	-
MS/HS 11	4,923,269	-			-	4,923,269
Major Renovations						
Fuller Elementary (2021)	42,465,339	1,500,000			1,500,000	42,465,339
Fuquay-Varina High (2021)	4,000,000	104,006,251	4,000,000	(500,000)	107,506,251	-
East Wake Middle (2020)		64,235,662			64,235,662	-
West Millbrook Middle (2022)	74,857,462	10,234,786	74,857,462	(5,000,000)	80,092,248	-
North Ridge Elementary (2019)		32,120,252			32,120,252	-
Stough Elementary (2020)		35,549,193			35,549,193	-
Conn Elementary (2021)		41,962,142			41,962,142	-
York Elementary (2021)		44,391,963			44,391,963	-
Wiley Elementary (2021)		30,734,006			30,734,006	-
Swift Creek Elementary (2024)		-		3,222,339	3,222,339	-
Fuquay-Varina Middle (2024)		6,042,753			6,042,753	-
Baucom ES	4,994,972	-	4,994,972		4,994,972	-
Space Needs Analysis and Prioritization (SNAP)	1,051,000	-			-	1,051,000
Ongoing Program Components*						
Life Cycle Building Components	27,810,000	-			-	27,810,000
Life Cycle Furniture	2,015,000	-			-	2,015,000
PRIMP (Partial Renovation Improvement Projects)	4,243,600	-	4,243,600		4,243,600	-
Educational Equipment	1,060,000	-			-	1,060,000
Technology - Infrastructure	6,365,000	-			-	6,365,000
Technology - Devices	18,551,000	-	18,551,000		18,551,000	-
Property Acquisitions	5,927,270	-	5,927,270	5,000,000	10,927,270	-
Security	4,480,000	-			-	4,480,000
Mobile Classroom Relocations	1,339,000	-	1,339,000		1,339,000	-
Assessments	530,450	-	530,450		530,450	-
Program Management	9,469,468	-	9,469,468		9,469,468	-
Program Contingency**	9,469,468	-	5,000,000	(5,000,000)	-	9,469,468
Total	322,762,199	464,324,544	189,070,585	-	653,395,129	138,691,614
Amounts from Prior Year**	5,000,000					
*Current budget shown for new construction and renovation projects that span multiple years. Not included for annual our routine ongoing program components						
**Reallocating unused FY 2020 Program Contingency						

NEW CONSTRUCTION AND RENOVATION PROJECTS

The item includes appropriations totaling \$139,014,825 million for new construction and renovation projects detailed below.

Project	Location	Planned Use	Anticipated Occupancy
M-14 Herbert Akins Road Middle – New	Fuquay-Varina	Construction	August 2022
ES x4 - New	To be determined	Design	August 2024
Fuquay-Varina High – Renovation	Fuquay-Varina	Construction	August 2021
West Millbrook Middle – Renovation	North Raleigh	Construction	June 2022
Baucom Elementary - Renovation	Apex	Design	August 2025

OTHER PROGRAM COMPONENTS

Partial Renovation and Improvements (PRIMP)

This item also includes appropriations to address individual building needs or improvements that would not otherwise be addressed because the total needs analysis does not warrant a major renovation to an entire campus. A \$4.2 million allocation is included in this item to address these projects.

Technology – Devices

The \$18.55 million appropriation covers staff device replacements, student devices, and classroom technology. The specific details of the spending are unknown at this time due to the rapidly changing situation surrounding the coronavirus.

Other Ongoing Program Support Items

The item also includes ongoing program support appropriations for management on the school system's building program, land acquisitions, facility assessments, and mobile/modular relocations.

REALLOCATIONS

A reallocation of \$5,000,000 from West Millbrook Middle to H-12 (\$1,777,661) and Swift Creek Elementary (\$3,222,339) is needed to refund a previous reallocation for an early site package. The previous reallocation was approved by the Board of Commissioners on January 21, 2020 and allowed work to begin in spring/summer 2020 on West Millbrook Middle, which mitigated some schedule risks with no impact to H-12 or Swift Creek Elementary.

A reallocation of \$500,000 from Fuquay Varina High to E-51 is needed for an early site package. To support emerging dewatering scope related to the breaching of existing ponds on site.

A reallocation of \$5,000,000 of unused FY 2020 program contingency to property acquisition is needed to meet reductions to the FY 2021 plan as requested by the County. This reallocation was discussed and agreed upon by the WCPSS-County facilities core team during the FY 2021 budget development process.

Staff Comments

Staff recommends approval of the appropriations and reallocations as requested. The actions are in accordance with the planned funding schedule and accounted for in the County's financial model.

Attachments:

1. Resolution
2. Board of Education Resolution