

VIRGINIA: AT THE CONTINUATION MEETING OF THE DINWIDDIE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HELD IN THE MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM OF THE PAMPLIN ADMINISTRATION BUILDING IN DINWIDDIE COUNTY, VIRGINIA, ON THE 13th DAY OF AUGUST, 2003, AT 4:00 P.M.

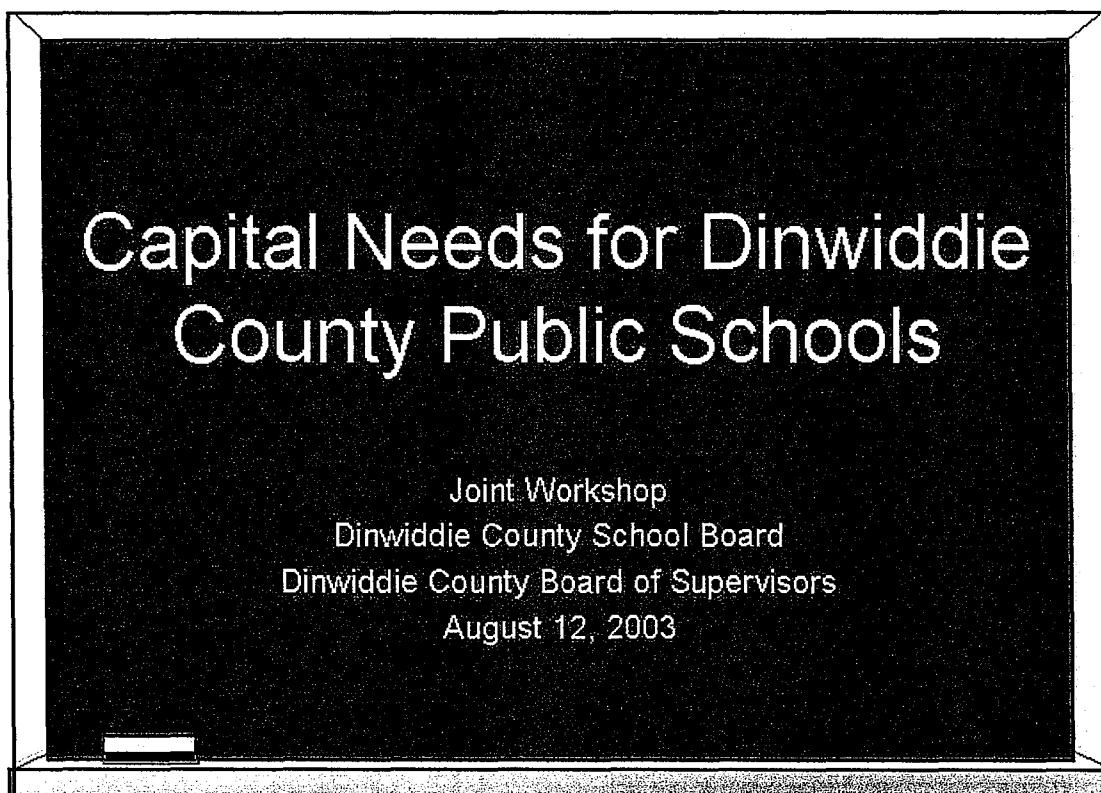
PRESENT:	ROBERT L. BOWMAN IV - CHAIR	ELECTION DISTRICT #3
	DONALD L. HARAWAY - VICE CHAIR	ELECTION DISTRICT #2
	HARRISON A. MOODY	ELECTION DISTRICT #1
	EDWARD A. BRACEY, JR.,	ELECTION DISTRICT #4
	AUBREY S. CLAY	ELECTION DISTRICT #5

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Mr. Robert Bowman, IV, Chairman, called the continuation meeting to order at 4:00 P.M.

IN RE: JOINT MEETING WITH SCHOOL BOARD -- DISCUSSION
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS

The two Boards met to discuss improvements to the schools. Dr. James Lanham, Assistant Superintendent of Administration, presented the following information to both Boards.



Background Information

- March - June, 2002
Phase I - elementary rezoning. GIS for school system developed to analyze data. Several scenarios were developed and community meetings held. This was completed in June 2002 and implemented for the 2002-2003 school year.
- March - November, 2002
Phase II - complete review of all school and support facilities resulting in a 10-year Capital Improvement Plan and a Strategic Plan for School Facilities Improvement. Six different long range facility scenarios to meet the needs of the school division for the next decade were developed.

Background Information

- January, 2002
Dinwiddie School Board issues and accepts RFP submissions for Architectural/Engineering Services for Educational Facilities Study and Attendance Zone Revision after obtaining funding from Board of Supervisors
- March, 2002
Dinwiddie School Board engages BCWH Architects and consulting team to complete Facilities Study and Attendance Zone Revision

Background Information

- December, 2002

School Board endorses Long Range Facility Scenario I which called for:

- New Rohoic Elementary to ease overcrowding and accommodate future growth
- New High School to ease overcrowding and accommodate future growth and new programs
- Renovated High School for Middle School to accommodate all middle school population in one building
- Reuse of Middle School for School Board, Alternative Ed., and Head Start

Background Information

- January – June, 2003

Scenario 1 presented as recommendation of School Board to the Board of Supervisors.

Board of Supervisors expressed concern regarding high cost of all scenarios, asked for clarification, suggested alternatives.

Board of Supervisors tour high school, middle school and Rohoic.

Points of General Agreement

- A solution to the overcrowding at Rohoic is needed
- A solution to address Middle School overcrowding and inadequacy of Annex is needed

Moving to middle ground

Our goals tonight:

1. Identify points of agreement
2. Answer questions
3. Restart this process

Current Points of Disagreement

- Long term capital needs at Dinwiddie High School
- Long term capital needs at Southside and Sunnyside

Other Related Issues to Consider

- Long term solution to school bus replacement issue
- Maintenance of existing facilities
- Alternative School, School Board Office Space, and Head Start Space
- Completion of final planning estimates for 10-year CIP for budget development

Rohoic Elementary

- We agree there is an overcrowding issue
- We disagree on the best solution
- School Board supports construction of a 700 student replacement school
- Board of Supervisors supports renovating existing Rohoic and building a smaller new school in northern corridor

Why does School Board support one school solution for Rohoic?

▪ Cost!

New Elementary	720 Students	86,400 SF	\$14,700,000
New Elementary	356 Students	56,000 SF	\$9,500,000
Rohoic Renovation/Addition	356 Students	14,000 SF New 42,800 SF Ren/Add	\$6,600,000
Total for two smaller schools: \$16,100,000			

Why does School Board support one school solution for Rohoic?

- **Cost!**

Utility Costs – Cost of operating more area with two schools (112,800 square feet vs. 86,400 square feet) is over \$300,000 in utility costs over ten years.

Duplication of Staff – two schools require more staff due to duplicated teachers and support staff: over \$5 million in ten year period.

Reduction of duplicate bus routes would save money in transportation.

Why does School Board support one school solution for Rohoic?

- **Meeting long-term needs**

A new school could be built with core facilities to support future expansion for continued growth.

- **Demographic Concerns**

One school solution would produce school with a more balanced demographic mix. Two school solution could produce two schools with very different student populations.

- **Safety**

Concerns about existing site- traffic, access, safety.

Rohoic Summary

The School Board supports a one school solution for Rohoic because of educational program, cost, safety, and meeting long-term needs.

- Aren't small schools better than larger schools?**
- Most communities are building elementary schools with larger capacities. However, design of these schools groups students together by age (K&1, 2 & 3, 4&5) in pods or wings - school within a school concept.
 - Across state and region students in larger schools perform at the same level as students in smaller schools.
 - Larger schools can offer more diverse learning opportunities for meeting a wider variety of student needs.
 - Most growing communities can't afford luxury of smaller schools

Dinwiddie Middle School

- We agree that there are a number of problems at the current middle school including crowding, the annex, cafeteria location, traffic and transportation concerns.
- We disagree on the best solution
- Scenario 1, when endorsed by the School Board, recommended renovating the existing high school for a middle school after a new high school was constructed.
- Without full support of a new high school, the School Board supports construction of a new 1350 student middle school
- Board of Supervisors supports additions to existing Middle School for 1350 students

Why does the School Board support a new middle school solution?

▪ Cost!

New Middle School
1350 Students

175,000 SF

\$29,700,000

Cost includes land acquisition.

Dinwiddie Middle School Addition/Renovation
1350 Students

90,000 SF New Construction
86,600 SF Renovation

\$21,000,000

Renovation estimates **do not** include costs of phasing construction; relocating students during construction (or trailers), additional right-of-way acquisition, land acquisition, etc.

Why does the School Board support a new middle school solution?

- Benefits to Learning

New school would be designed for middle school program with more appropriate classrooms, lab space, technology, etc.

Construction a new middle school would allow for division of students into more manageable grade level wings or pods and help improve both student achievement and student discipline in a large middle school.

Difficult to estimate "cost" of disruption to education in high stakes testing environment.

Why does the School Board support a new middle school solution?

- Cost

Cost savings in transportation would be realized if middle school could be built adjacent to the existing high school. Also would facilitate sharing teachers, resources, etc.

Why does the School Board support a new middle school solution?

▪ Safety

School Board has significant concerns about building additions and renovation while school is still operating on site.

School is vastly overcrowded, logistical issues of moving students safely to lunch, PE, Library on construction site, traffic flow issues during construction.

Strong feeling that annex portion is beyond rehabilitation, unsafe and needs to be torn down.

Middle School Summary

If a new high school is not an option, the School Board strongly supports building a new 1350 student middle school on a site adjacent to the existing high school and utilization of existing middle school as outlined.

Viable Alternatives for Buildings

- There are options available for utilizing both the Middle School and Rohio.
- Alternative School is needed to deal with specific portion of population needing different programs for success in school and to ensure other schools achieve accreditation.
- Current middle school, with some modification, could easily house an Alternative School (6-12), Head Start, School Board Administrative Offices, and Technology.

Viable Alternatives for Buildings

- Head Start needs appropriate classroom and office space for their program. Costs savings for program if they could move out of leased trailers.
- School Board office needs to consolidate operations into one location and also provide county with needed space in Pampin Building.
- Adequate maintenance, training, and storage is also needed for school's growing technology operations.

Viabale Alternatives for Buildings

- Rohoic could also be used for county or school needs.
- Rohoic location would also make property marketable to business community to recoup some construction costs.
- Rohoic could also be used for additional Social Services, Recreation, or other space, or eventually house expanded pre-school or vocational programs for the community.

High School Issues

- While there is disagreement, the School Board maintains there is overcrowding at Dinwiddie High School.
- If a new high school is not part of this plan, some work is needed to provide additional cafeteria space, locker room space, classrooms in the vocational wing, and some systems upgrade in areas that were not impacted by other renovation projects.
- We are in the process of further reviewing program needs for a high school of the future.

Southside and Sunnyside

- Renovations at Southside and Sunnyside are beyond the scope of the next phase of renovation projects, but remain in the 10 year plan.
- We will continue to monitor their infrastructure and systems as they are approaching the end of their life expectancy.
- Some kitchen work and ADA renovation may have to be accomplished within the scope of annual capital projects.

Transportation

- 71 buses in the current fleet will need replacement within the next five years.
- 2003 – 16 buses - \$880,000
- 2004 – 15 buses - \$849,750
- 2005 – 16 buses - \$933,592
- 2006 – 12 buses - \$721,200
- 2007 – 12 buses - \$742,836
- Total – 71 buses - \$4,127,378

Transportation

- Current CIP can support purchase of 7 buses. Request approval to order these buses to ensure their arrival sometime this fall.
- Cost for 7 buses estimated at \$385,000
- Remaining buses would need to be financed and debt service built into budget process beginning in 2004.

Other Projects

- There is other work that needs to be accomplished. However, this list can not be completed until a decision is made on Rohoic, the middle school, and the high school.
- These projects would include roof repair or replacement, bringing kitchens up to new code requirements, and meeting any ADA demands. ADA compliance is a concern because of continued growth of special needs population, the fact that these are public buildings, etc.
- Once these decisions are made, BCWH will finalize the 10-year Strategic Facilities Plan that will include timelines and costs for planning purposes. These can then be incorporated into the County Comprehensive Plan.

Reaching a Workable Solution

We are committed to reaching a solution to provide the *best possible facilities for Dinwiddie's students* while at the same time being *careful stewards of public funds.*

Reaching a Workable Solution

Working together,
we can make this happen!

The Boards decided to have the County Architect and School Architect exchange information and meet to discuss differences and come up with a written plan or plans for the Boards to review and agree upon.

IN RE: CLOSED SESSION

Mr. Clay stated I move to close this meeting in order to discuss matters exempt under section:

Industry - §2.2-3711 A. 5 of the Code of Virginia

Mr. Haraway seconded the motion. Mr. Moody, Mr. Clay, Mr. Haraway, Mr. Bowman, Mr. Bracey, voting "Aye", the Board moved into the Closed Meeting at 5:58 P.M.

A vote having been made and approved the meeting reconvened into Open Session at 6:14 P.M.

IN RE: CERTIFICATION

Whereas, this Board convened in a closed meeting under §2.2-3711 A.5 of the Code of Virginia - Industry

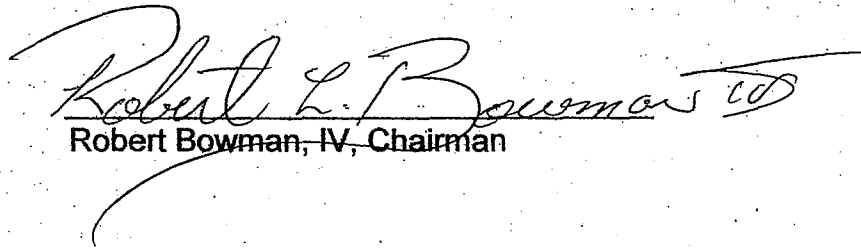
And whereas, no member has made a statement that there was a departure from the lawful purpose of such closed meeting or the matters identified in the motion were discussed.

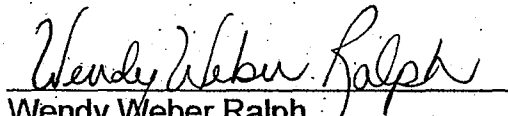
Now be it certified, that only those matters as were identified in the motion were heard, discussed or considered in the meeting.

Upon motion of Mr. Clay, Seconded by Mr. Moody, Mr. Bracey, Mr. Moody, Mr. Clay, Mr. Haraway, Mr. Bowman voting "Aye," this Certification Resolution was adopted.

IN RE: ADJOURNMENT

Upon Motion of Mr. Clay, Seconded by Mr. Moody Mr. Bracey, Mr. Moody, Mr. Clay, Mr. Haraway, Mr. Bowman, voting "Aye", the meeting adjourned at 6:15 P.M.


Robert Bowman, IV, Chairman


Wendy Weber Ralph
County Administrator

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