V I R G I N I A:

At a joint meeting of the Washington County Board of Supervisors and Washington County School Board held Thursday, January 27, 2005, at 7:00 p.m., at the County Administration Building in Abingdon, Virginia the following were present:

PRESENT:

Washington County Board of Supervisors

John B. Roberts, Sr. Chairman
Phillip B. McCall, Vice Chairman
Bobby D. Ingle
Dulcie M. Mumpower
Odell Owens
Anthony S. Rector
Kenneth O. Reynolds

Mark K. Reeter, County Administrator
Mark W. Seamon, Accounting Manager

Washington County School Board

Ms. Elizabeth Lowe, Chair
Ms. Kathi Roark, Vice Chair
Mr. Billy Brooks
Mr. Buckey Boone
Dr. Ron Ely
Mr. Tom Musick
Mr. Dayton Owens

Dr. Alan Lee, Superintendent
Mr. Joseph Funk, Clerk
Mr. Ronald Walls, Director of Facilities Operation

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1. Call to Order

a. Washington County Board of Supervisors

The meeting was called to order by Mr. John Roberts, Chairman of the Board, who welcomed everyone in attendance.

b. Washington County School Board

Board Chair Elizabeth Lowe called the meeting of the Washington County School Board to order.

2. Invocation and Pledge of Allegiance

Dr. Alan Lee led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Approval of Agenda

Washington County Board of Supervisors

On motion of Mr. Rector, second by Mrs. Mumpower, it was resolved to approve the agenda as presented.

The vote on this motion was as follows: (7-0)

Mr. Ingle	***Aye***
Mr. McCall	***Aye***
Mrs. Mumpower	***Aye***
Mr. Owens	***Aye***
Mr. Rector	***Aye***
Mr. Reynolds	***Aye***
Mr. Roberts	***Aye***

Washington County School Board

On motion of Mr. Boone, second by Ms. Roark, it was resolved to approve the agenda as presented.

The vote on this motion was as follows: (7-0)

Ms. Lowe	***Aye***
Ms. Roark	***Aye***
Mr. Brooks	***Aye***
Mr. Boone	***Aye***
Dr. Ely	***Aye***
Mr. Musick	***Aye***
Mr. Owens	***Aye***

4. Facilities Presentation

Ms. Lowe welcomed everyone and said the School Board Members are seeking ideas and support of the Facilities Plan from the Board of Supervisors Members.

Dr. Lee said that the school division continues to upgrade and maintain facilities. The construction date of the oldest facility dates back to 1923, and the youngest facility was constructed in 1981.

He provided them with a handout for their review, which outlined a proposal for building an addition to the William N. Neff Center and the rationale for that proposal. The addition would house freshmen and sophomore students currently located at the Washington County Technical School. Dr. Lee asked that

School Board and Board of Supervisors members study this proposal and provide him with ideas and input.

Mr. Walls presented an update on the Facilities Plan, which included the following:

- Recommendations from the Schools' Facilities Committee, which was appointed by the Washington County School Board. Needs were identified by:
  - Site-based studies by school personnel at each school.
  - Visits to the schools by committee members.
  - Public information received through surveys and hearings.
  - The evaluation of other information such as enrollments, additional programs and personnel, etc.
- Timeline of development of the Facilities Plan.
- Available assets.
  - Additions will not require adding boilers or chillers at most sites.
  - Adequate land is available at each site for expansion.
  - Current buildings are in good repair and will not require any major expenses in the near future.
- Rationale for facility additions/upgrades included examples of storage rooms being used as classrooms, cramped library space, inadequately designed rooms for band, music, chorus, preschool, special ed, and computer labs, girls' locker room being used as guidance office, etc. At the high school level there has been an increased number of students participating in extra-curricular activities and an increased number of activities being offered. Rule change by VHSL mandating girls' basketball to become a winter sport makes for scheduling problems.
  - More emphasis is being placed on meeting individual student needs.
  - In 1989, 708 students were identified with a disability, and there were 46 special education teachers. In 2004, 1,045 students were identified with a disability, and there are 64 special education teachers.
  - Lower pupil-teacher ratios.
  - There are nine reading specialists.
  - There are dedicated classrooms for exploratory programs in the middle schools (24).
  - There are computer labs in all schools, which are required for state testing and remediation.
  - There are art teachers in elementary schools.
  - There is an additional music teacher at the elementary level.
  - Space is needed for School Resource Officers (4).
  - Tutoring during the regular school day is done to avoid transportation problems.
  - School nurses in middle and elementary schools (11).
  - Guidance counselors in elementary (7).
  - Instructional technology teachers (7).
  - Bookkeepers in elementary (7).
  - Federally-funded Title 1 Reading has been replaced by Kindergarten Intervention, Reading Recovery (12) and Pre-School (10)
- Additional programs since 1991 use space estimated at the equivalent of 67 classrooms to meet individual student needs.
- The 19 classrooms constructed since 1991 bring the space needed to 48 classrooms.

Cost Summary for Upgrades/Additions (Based on $95 Per Sq. Ft. for Additions and $115 for Gyms):

SCHOOL	COST	ADDITIONS/UPGRADES
Abingdon Elementary	$1,143,325	Library/7 Classrooms/Computer Lab
High Point Elementary	930,525	Library/4 Classrooms/Computer Lab
Meadowview Elementary	920,170	8 Classrooms
Valley Institute Elem.	693,975	Library/2Classrooms/Computer Lab
Total Elementary	3,687,995	
Glade Spring Middle	961,400	Library/Music/Exploratory/Classroom
E. B. Stanley Middle	878,560	5 Classrooms/Vocal Music/Exploratory
Wallace Middle	697,680	6 Classrooms/Computer Lab
Total Middle	2,537,640	
Abingdon High	3,990,500 228,000	Gym – 2,000 Seating Capacity Band Room Storage
John S. Battle High	3,049,800 228,000	Gym – 1,400 Seating Capacity Band Room Storage
Holston High	2,012,500 361,000 350,000	Auxiliary Gym with Cross Courts – 400 Seats Band Room Storage Upgrade Track and Add Baseball Field
Patrick Henry High	3,049,800 361,000 152,000	Gym – 1,400 Seating Capacity Band Room Storage Library
Total High	13,782,600	
Career & Technical	$2,,200,000 300,000	Addition at Neff Center Renovate 1964 Building
Total Career & Tech.	$2,500,000	
Total Construction	$22,508,235	
Architect Fees	1,350,494	
Grand Total	$23,858,729	

The Facilities Plan is divided into two proposed phases.

Phase I is estimated to cost $10,658.973, and the completion date would be four years from the time applications are submitted to the VDOE. It allows for additions as follows: libraries, computer labs, classrooms, music rooms, exploratory rooms, vocal music rooms, band storage, addition to Neff Center and renovation of 1964 Career & Technical building and architect fee.

Phase II is estimated to cost $13,199,756, and the completion date would be six years from the time applications are submitted to the VDOE. It allows for a gym at each high school and additional band room storage as well as upgrade to track and the addition of a baseball field at one high school, and architect fees.

Debt service was also discussed for both Phase I and Phase II from 2005-2028.

5. Discussion

The School Board and Board of Supervisors Members discussed the proposed Facilities Plan. School Board Members were asked to look closely at the Plan and prioritize needs that pertain to instruction and educational outcome. The Board of Supervisors will also study the Plan and communicate their thoughts and ideas back to the School Board.

6. Adjourn

Washington County Board of Supervisors

On motion of Mr. McCall, second by Mrs. Mumpower, it was resolved to adjourn the meeting.

The vote on this motion was as follows: (7-0)

Mr. Ingle	***Aye***
Mr. McCall	***Aye***
Mrs. Mumpower	***Aye***
Mr. Owens	***Aye***
Mr. Rector	***Aye***
Mr. Reynolds	***Aye***
Mr. Roberts	***Aye***

Washington County School Board

On motion of Dr. Ely, second by Mr. Musick, it was resolved to adjourn the meeting.

The vote on this motion was as follows: (7-0)

Ms. Lowe	***Aye***
Ms. Roark	***Aye***
Mr. Brooks	***Aye***
Mr. Boone	***Aye***
Dr. Ely	***Aye***
Mr. Musick	***Aye***
Mr. Owens	***Aye***

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Prepared by:

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Naoma A. Mullins, Recording Clerk

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Approved by the Washington County Board of Supervisors:

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John B. Roberts, Sr., Chairman