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3 **CHATHAM COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**
4 **PITTSBORO, NORTH CAROLINA**
5 **EMERGENCY SESSION MEETING**
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7 **Central Office Board Room**
8 **Thursday, July 30, 2009**
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12 The Chatham County Board of Education met for an emergency session on Thursday, July
13 30, 2009, at the central office in the board room at 2:00 p.m. Members present via
14 conference call were Chairwoman Russell, Vice-Chair McManus, and members Col.
15 Gerald Totten, and Flint O'Brien. Robert L. Logan, Superintendent; Board Attorney Trey
16 Allen from Tharrington Smith, LLP; and Board Assistant Sheila Tally were also present.
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18 Attendees at the meeting included: Dr. Robin McCoy, Assistant Superintendent for
19 Instructional Services; David Moody, Assistant Superintendent for Auxiliary Services;
20 Sarah Campbell, Administrative Assistant to Public Information Officer; Randy
21 Drumheller, Construction Manager; and Peggy Douglas, Director of Technology. Other
22 guests included *The Sanford Herald* reporter Erin Zurick.
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24 **Call to Order:**

25 Chairwoman Russell called the July 30, 2009, Board of Education emergency session to
26 order at 2:08 p.m.
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28 Chairwoman Russell announced that the purpose of the meeting was to approve a
29 resolution supporting applying for American Recovery Reinvestment Act funds (federal
30 stimulus funds).
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32 **Resolution for Use of Qualified School Construction Bond Funds (QSCB):**

33 Mr. Logan stated this is a great opportunity for our school district to apply for interest-free
34 qualified school construction bond funds. He stated these funds can be used for funding
35 construction, rehabilitation, or repair of public schools or the acquisition of land for such
36 facilities. He stated Chatham County Schools' allocation will be slightly over \$1.6 million
37 if the applications are accepted. He stated bathroom renovations are already in the
38 district's Capital Improvement Plan to be completed over a four-year program. Mr. Logan
39 stated he has been in contact with the county commissioners and county manager's office
40 and it was agreed to request funding for these projects through the Qualified School
41 Construction Bond Funds (QSCB). He stated the deadline for completing the applications
42 is July 31, 2009. He stated once the applications are submitted by the deadline,
43 amendments can be made if needed at a later date based on actual bids received.
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45 Col. Totten inquired about the wording "*which may include eligible equipment*
46 *expenditures*" in item #2 of the resolution which reads: "All QSCB funds allocated to
47 Chatham County Schools will be used for the construction, rehabilitation, or repair of
48 public schools, which may include eligible equipment expenditures." He asked for

49 clarification that administration was not adding anything additional to the original purpose
50 of the scope of the projects being proposed.

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52 Mr. Logan responded that this wording was prepared by legal counsel and mirrors other
53 similar resolutions Tharrington Smith has created for other school systems relating to the
54 request for QSCB funding. Attorney Trey Allen stated the language in item #2 allows for
55 maximum flexibility under the regulations.

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57 Mr. O'Brien asked for clarification on the process once the application has been submitted.
58 Mr. Logan responded that the next step is approval by the Chatham County Board of
59 Commissioners to support the bathroom projects by agreeing to the additional funds,
60 proceeding with the usual bond issuance procedures (including Local Government
61 Commission (LGC) approval) on the state's side, in addition to the federal requirements.
62 Any bonds issued for these purposes must also meet the requirements of North Carolina
63 law. Applications will be reviewed by a committee comprised of the Superintendent's
64 Bond Advisory Council (SBAC), the Executive Directors of the North Carolina School
65 Boards Association, and the General Counsel of the N. C. Association of County
66 Commissioners. The committee will recommend allocations of authority.

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68 Col. Totten stated it was his understanding that \$1.7 million was allocated from the federal
69 government for Chatham County some time ago and questioned the timing of the school
70 district receiving the information and the lateness of submitting the applications. Mr.
71 Logan stated that the district did not receive the official application package until recently.

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73 *On a motion by Col. Totten, seconded by Vice-Chair McManus, the Board unanimously*
74 *approved the resolution requesting Qualified School Construction Bond funding through*
75 *the American Recovery Reinvestment Act for restroom and related renovation projects at*
76 *the schools as presented. Mr. Hamm called his "yes" vote in prior to the telephone*
77 *conference.*

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79 *(A copy of the approved Qualified School Construction Bonds Resolution is attached at the*
80 *end of the minutes.)*

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82 *On a motion by Vice-Chair McManus, seconded by Mr. O'Brien, the Board unanimously*
83 *voted to adjourn the telephone conference at 2:20 p.m.*

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87 *Secretary, Chatham County Board of Education*

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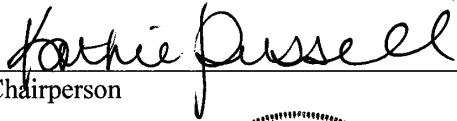
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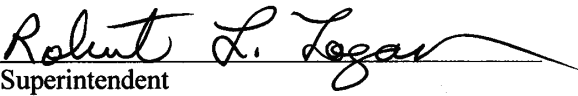
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ADOPTED this the 30th day of July 2009.

CHATHAM COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION


Chairperson

Attest:


Superintendent
Chatham County Schools



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