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3 **CHATHAM COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**
4 **PITTSBORO, NORTH CAROLINA**
5 **SPECIAL SESSION MEETING**
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7 **Central Office Board Room**
8 **Monday, August 24, 2009**
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12 The Chatham County Board of Education met for a special session on Monday, August 24,
13 2009, at the central office in the superintendent's office at 2:00 p.m. Members present via
14 conference call were Chairwoman Russell, Vice-Chair McManus, and member Flint
15 O'Brien. Member David Hamm was present in person. Robert L. Logan, Superintendent;
16 Board Attorney Trey Allen from Tharrington Smith, LLP; and Board Assistant Sheila Tally
17 were also present.
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19 Attendees at the meeting included: Dr. Robin McCoy, Assistant Superintendent for
20 Instructional Services; David Moody, Assistant Superintendent for Auxiliary Services;
21 Beth McCullough, Public Information Officer; Susan Little, Chief Operating Officer; Dr.
22 Tina Hester, Assistant Superintendent for Human Resources; and Peggy Douglas, Director
23 of Technology.
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25 **Call to Order:**

26 Chairwoman Russell called the August 24, 2009, Board of Education emergency session to
27 order at 2:00 p.m.
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29 Chairwoman Russell announced that the purpose of the meeting was to approve a
30 resolution supporting applying for additional American Recovery Reinvestment Act funds
31 (federal stimulus funds) which must accompany a grant application district officials are
32 completing to be used for capital improvements.
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34 **Resolution for Use of Re-advertised Qualified School Construction Bond Funds**
35 **(QSCB):**

36 Superintendent Logan explained that North Carolina was allocated \$275,772,000 in
37 Qualified School Construction Bond Funds and \$86 million of these funds were not applied
38 for. The original allocations to the school districts were based on the size of each local
39 education agency (LEA). Those who were eligible to apply for the funds after the first
40 deadline of July 31 were able to re-apply for additional funds. Chatham's original
41 application was approved. Chatham County is applying for an additional \$2,818,200 for
42 roof replacements at nine of its schools. The deadline for completing the applications for
43 the re-advertised funds is August 26, 2009. Mr. Logan stated the district does not have an
44 inventory or roof survey giving the district the status of its roofs, but the district does have
45 in-house work that has been done to include pictures and knowledge of roofing conditions
46 at our schools. The schools to receive roof replacement if the funding is approved are:
47 Jordan-Matthews High, Moncure Elementary School, Horton Middle School, Chatham
48 Central High School, Bennett Elementary School, Bonlee Elementary School, J. S. Waters
49 Elementary School, SAGE Academy, and Silk Hope Elementary School.

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Mr. Logan reported he, Mr. David Hamm, Board member; Mr. David Moody, Assistant Superintendent for Auxiliary Services; and Mr. Randy Drumheller, Construction Manager; met with the Chatham County Board of Commissioners last week and shared the roof replacement proposal with them. Mr. Logan stated the Commissioners unofficially agreed to support the project proposal upon school board approval of the school district applying for this second round of funding for the purpose of roof replacement at the schools referenced.

Mr. Logan reported he has since been in conversation with Renee Paschal and Charlie Horne, County Manager, to discuss where the county would find these funds. He stated they are proposing school administration review the current Capital Improvement Plan and amend it to include the roofing projects. This action will require school administration and the Board to delay or take off some of the existing prioritized projects and add the roofing projects as a top priority.

Mr. O'Brien stated he did not have access during the meeting to review the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) and asked why roof replacements were not listed on the CIP as a priority. Mr. Logan responded, "To be brutally honest, the CIP was based upon the County Commissioners and Board of Education determining the things that needed to be done to the schools." He stated the school system does not have a quality facility management proposal prepared by a construction management firm, architect, or contractors. Mr. Logan stated this is something the district needs to have done. Chairwoman Russell stated the roofs were not reviewed at the time the CIP was developed.

Mr. O'Brien asked what the district would consider to "de-prioritizing" in the CIP. Mr. Logan stated this decision will need to be determined at a later date and the district is not prepared at this time to discuss in detail changes to the CIP. He clarified the reason this option was recommended by the Commissioners is the county has to have a debt service model. He stated multiple funding streams make up how Commissioners pay money back. Mr. Logan stated before bonds are sold, they have to identify how the money is to be paid back. Some of the areas of revenue include: property taxes, sales tax, ADM allocations from the state, and lottery proceeds from the state. Mr. Logan stated the ADM money is no longer received from the state and is not anticipated to be put back. He reminded the Board that the Governor could tap into the lottery proceeds funding to balance the state budget again this fiscal year. Mr. Logan stated the CIP (which runs until 2013) is already built into the debt service model and that is why the recommendation has been made to re-prioritize the school system's CIP.

Mr. Logan reminded the Board that the past droughts and a recent year of increased precipitation has caused the roof to dry out and crack, thus causing the roofs to need major repairs. He stated the district has been patching these damaged roofs and now it is time to replace them.

Mr. Logan reminded the Board the district is positioning itself to maximize accessible funding to complete the needed roof replacements. He stated the action taken today does not lock the Board into having to change the CIP. He stated if the district does not act by sending in an application, the district will not have the option to access the funds.

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On a motion by Mr. Hamm, seconded by Vice-Chair McManus, the Board unanimously approved the Resolution requesting Re-Advertised Qualified School Construction Bond funding through the American Recovery Reinvestment Act for roofing and related renovation projects at the schools as presented. Col. Totten emailed his “yes” vote in prior to the telephone conference.

(A copy of the approved Re-advertised Qualified School Construction Bonds Resolution is attached at the end of the minutes.)

On a motion by Vice-Chair McManus, seconded by Mr. Hamm, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn the telephone conference at 2:15 p.m.

Secretary, Chatham County Board of Education

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