

**MARCH 8, 2001**

The Board of Commissioners of Franklin County, North Carolina, met in Special Session at 7:00 P. M. in the Wiley Mitchell Media Center, with the following Commissioners present: Chairman Robert L. Swanson, Vice Chairman George T. Wynne, Commissioner John R. Ball, Commissioner Harry L. Foy, Jr., Commissioner Edward Strickland.

The purpose of the meeting was to meet jointly with the Franklin County Board of Education to review the updated School Facilities Needs Plan and to discuss the funding requests presented to the Board by the Board of Education at the meeting held on March 5, 2001, for the South Central Elementary School and the Riverside Magnet School.

Mr. Tommy Piper, Assistant Superintendent for Auxiliary Services, reviewed with the Board the updated School Facilities Needs Plan as prepared by School Planning, Division of School Support, North Carolina Department of Public Instruction.

It was the consensus of the Board of Commissioners and the Board of Education that public school needs can no longer be supported primarily from property taxes and that the North Carolina Legislature must pass legislation to allow other sources of revenues to be available to counties.

Upon motion by Commissioner Wynne, seconded by Commissioner Ball with all present voting "AYE" duly carried proceed with securing financing in the form of a loan for the local funds for the South Central Elementary School and the cost of constructing a sewer line from the site of the school to the County's existing line on Cedar Creek; that the Board of Education should examine its own fund balances for the purpose of providing appropriations for the start-up costs for the Riverside Magnet School; and, that the Board of Commissioners concurs with the transfer of funds between the Current Expense and Capital Outlay Funds of the Board of Education, if necessary, to achieve the necessary appropriations for said start-up costs.

There being no further business to come before the Board, adjournment recorded at 8:00 P. M.

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Robert L. Swanson, Chairman Jean Gordon