

**April 12, 2010**

The Board of Commissioners of Franklin County, North Carolina, met for a Joint Meeting with the Franklin County Board of Education and the Vance Granville Community College Board of Trustees. The meeting was held at 5:00 P.M. at the Franklin County Schools Administrative Building on West River Road in Louisburg with the following Commissioners present: Chair Penny McGhee-Young, Vice-Chairman Sidney E. Dunston, Robert L. Swanson, Donald C. Lancaster, E. Shane Mitchell, David T. Bunn and Harry L. Foy, Jr. School Board members present: Chair Paige Sayles, John May, Mary Vollmer, Gil Johnson, Bernard Hall, Dr. Beverly Joseph and Rev. Dannie Williams. Also present was Vance Granville Community College President Randy Parker and Board of Trustees: David Brooks, Deborah Brown, John Foster, Opie Frazier, Abdul Rasheed, Donald Seifert, Chair, Ernest Thompson and Sara Wester.

The topic of discussion was the Early College High School program.

Assistant Superintendant Doug Moore opened with prayer.

Chair Sayles called the Board of Education meeting to order.

Chair McGhee-Young called the Board of Commissioner's meeting to order.

Chair Seifert called the Vance Granville Community College (VGCC) Board of Trustees' meeting to order.

Superintendant Dr. Ed Ingram gave an overview of the Early College High School program and how the program came into existence in Franklin County. He said a grant opportunity was originally examined in 2005. Due to challenges regarding facilities for the program, the grant proposal submitted by Franklin County Schools was rejected. The original proposal suggested offering the program at various school campuses rather than on a college campus. Mr. Randy Parker, Vance Granville Community College President, worked with the school system and offered temporary space. Now, VGCC is growing at a rapid pace creating immediate facility needs for students of both VGCC and the Early College High School program.

Utilizing a PowerPoint presentation, Mr. Parker provided an overview of the VGCC's growth and construction needs based and stated a new building is needed in Franklin.

Chuck Murray, Franklin County Finance Director, presented three funding options including the utilization of savings from the \$53 million school bond; floating a new General Obligation bond which would allow voters to make the decision; or using private placement funds as a way of raising capital.

A variety of facility options were mentioned including the use of modular units. Mr. Parker stated his feeling the problem would not be solved with modular units and commented that space for Early College High School students would no longer be available at VGCC's Franklin Campus by the Fall of 2011.

Staff was tasked to inquire about cost estimates for a new building as well as examining the same program in neighboring Nash County and what type of facility is used there.

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The meeting of the Board of Commissioners was adjourned at 6:37 P.M.

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Penny McGhee-Young, Chair

Kristen G. King, Clerk to the Board