

REQUEST FOR BOARD ACTION

**HENDERSON COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**

MEETING DATE: November 4, 2013

SUBJECT: Henderson County Public Schools – Construction Project Planning

PRESENTER: Steve Wyatt

ATTACHMENTS: Yes
1. Letter from Henderson County Public Schools

SUMMARY OF REQUEST:

The FY 2013-2014 Adopted Budget for the Henderson County Public Schools (HCPS) included \$127,343 that was to be utilized to fund a salary increase that had been included in the Governor's budget. That increase however, was not included in the final state budget.

The Henderson County Schools have requested that the Board consider leaving the \$127,343 in the HCPS budget, and redirecting those funds to be used for construction project planning. The funds could be utilized to pay for construction preliminary planning by architects and engineers.

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:

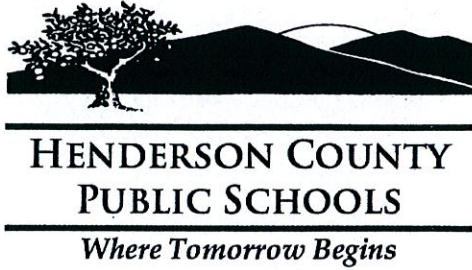
The Board is requested to approve the Henderson County Public Schools request, allowing them to redirect \$127,343 in funding to be used for construction project planning.

Suggested Motion(s):

I move the Board approve the Henderson County Public Schools request, allowing them to redirect \$127,343 in funding to be used for construction project planning.

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October 18, 2013

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RE: Redirect Funds for Construction Project Planning

Dear Mr. Messer:

During our October School Board meeting, the Board agreed to ask the County Commissioners to consider redirecting funds that were placed in our budget for a possible salary increase that had been included in the Governor's budget. As you know the Governor's proposed salary increase was not included in the final state budget and we had indicated that if it were not approved we would return the funds to the County.

It is my understanding that these funds (\$127,000) were approved and have been allotted to the school system on a monthly basis. We will certainly stand by our budget agreement and return these funds, but we would like to ask that the County Commissioners consider keeping the funds in our budget and redirecting them for the use of construction project planning. These funds could be utilized to pay for construction preliminary planning by architects and engineers.

We are very appreciative of the positive dialogue we are having regarding school construction projects. We do appreciate all the support the Commissioners and County staff have provided. Thank you for considering our request regarding these funds.

Sincerely,

Ervin W. Bazzle, Chairman
Henderson County Board of Public Education

EWB:spw

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