

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF MCDOWELL COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SCHOOL BOARD – MARCH 3, 2017**

ASSEMBLY

The McDowell County Board of Commissioners met in a joint session with the McDowell County Board of Education on Friday, March 3, 2017, at 12:30 p.m., at the McDowell County Schools Central Office, 334 South Main Street, Marion, North Carolina.

MEMBERS PRESENT

David N. Walker, Chair; Tony Brown; Matthew Crawford; Lynn Greene

MEMBERS ABSENT

Barry McPeters, Vice-Chair

OTHERS PRESENT

Ashley Wooten, County Manager, Cheryl Mitchell, Clerk to the Board;
School Board members: Terry Frank, Chair; Bob Brackett, Vice Chair; Greg Barksdale; Patrick Ellis; Terry English; Amy Moomaw; Brian Piercy; Doug Mc Crow; Superintendent Mark Garrett; Suzanne Rampey; Brian Oliver; Laura Davis; Charlie Mae Mace
Chuck Hamrick, and associates with Holland Hamrick Architects, P.A.
Ginny Rhodes - McDowell News

OLD FORT SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION

School Superintendent, Dr. Mark Garrett presented two options for a new Old Fort school. Both options were for a 70,000 square foot building housing up to 500 students, and demolition of the gym and auditorium. Option #1 was for all new construction at an estimated cost of \$15.5 million, and would require soil testing since construction would be in a flood zone. In addition, Option #1 could be built in less time than Option #2 and would have more car and bus parking. Option #2 would keep the 1992 original addition and be built in three phases for an estimated cost of \$10 million. This option would take longer to build and cost more per square foot.

The school board would have the soil testing done before deciding which option to go with. Consensus from the Commissioners was in support of the option preferred by the school board.

DAVID N. WALKER
CHAIRMAN

CHERYL L. MITCHELL
CLERK TO THE BOARD