

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

ASSEMBLY

The McDowell County Board of Commissioners met in a joint session with the McDowell County Board of Education on Friday, November 3, 2017, at 11:30am, at the McDowell County Schools Central Office, 334 South Main Street, Marion, North Carolina.

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

MEMBERS ABSENT

Barry McPeters, Vice-Chair; Lynn Greene

OTHERS PRESENT

Ashley Wooten, County Manager, Cheryl Mitchell, Clerk to the Board;
School Board members: Terry Frank, Chair; Bob Brackett, Vice Chair; Patrick Ellis; Terry English; Amy Moomaw; Brian Piercy; Doug McCraw; Superintendent Mark Garrett; Suzanne Rampey; Brian Oliver; Laura Davis; Charlie Mae Mace; and Becky Smith

OLD FORT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

School Superintendent, Mark Garrett presented preliminary cost estimates for a new Old Fort school. Due to new statute requirements smaller class sizes must be allocated for K-1-2 classes, requiring an 87,000 square foot building, instead of the previous estimate for a 70,000 square foot building. The new estimated building figures are \$20M. In order to accommodate the additional square footage, the engineer suggested a second floor to accommodate 4th-5th classes. The new facility will initially have a capacity of 450 students, with a core capacity of 500-600 students.

Supt. Garrett also presented a copy of the NC State Superintendent Needs-Based Public School Capital Fund Grant Application he had submitted for \$15M. He also presented a preliminary cost estimate on new construction versus renovation and additions proposals from Holland and Hamrick Architects.

The Commissioners expressed their appreciation to the School Board for keeping them up to date on the progress of the plans and funding for the Old Fort Elementary School Replacement Project. Each school board member expressed their appreciation to the working relationship they have with the Commissioners.

DAVID N. WALKER
CHAIRMAN

CHERYL L. MITCHELL
CLERK TO THE BOARD