



The Alleghany County Board of Commissioners met in special session on Friday, September 27<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 am in the Commissioners meeting room of the Alleghany Administration Building, 348 South Main Street Sparta, NC.

Present: Chair Mark Evans, Commissioner Larry Prince, Commissioner Bill Osborne, Commissioner Bobby Irwin, Commissioner John Irwin, Superintendent Chad Beasley, Assistant Superintendent Brent Long, School Board Chair Amy Bottomley, Member Jason Carpenter, Member Donna Rhea, Member Suzanne Irwin, Member Chad Loggins, and Clerk to the Board, Drew Temple.

Commissioner Larry Prince made a motion to approve the agenda. Commissioner Bill Osborne seconded. Vote 5:0.

**AGENDA**  
Friday, September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2019  
11:30 am

- 11:30 Meeting called to order
  - Pledge of Allegiance and invocation
  - Approval of agenda
- A. 11:35 **Presentations to the Board:**
  - i. Schneider Electric
- B. 11:50 **General Business**
  - i. Funding for Alleghany High School track and stadium area
  - ii. Auditorium discussion
- C. 12:20 **Superintendent Comments**
- D. **School Board Comments**
- E. **Interim County Manager Comments**
- F. **County Commissioner Comments**
- G. **Adjourn**

**Presentations to the Board**

Graham Lewis with Schneider Electric gave a presentation about a project the school board wants to pursue to update Alleghany County Schools' HVAC and lighting systems.

Commissioner Larry Prince made a motion to support the energy savings project. Commissioner John Irwin seconded. Vote 5:0.

**General Business**

Funding for Alleghany High School track and stadium area

Brent Long explained the problems with the current Alleghany High School track and stadium area.

Brent Long said the track is not in compliance to hold track meets and the visitor bleachers are on the verge of being condemned and need to be replaced.

Brent Long said renovations to the track and stadium will be roughly \$700,000.

There was discussion between the boards about the financial status of the county and when and if this project is a possibility.

**Auditorium discussion**

Chad Beasley highlighted the potential opportunities and challenges at the auditorium building.

**Superintendent comments**

Chad Beasley thanked the Commissioners for the opportunity to meet, asked that the boards meet quarterly moving forward and talked about 5 and 10-year needs.

**School Board comments**

Amy Bottomley thanked the Commissioners for their support and for listening to the School Board's plans.

Suzanne Irwin agreed the boards should meet quarterly.

**Interim County Manager comments**

Chair Evans encouraged the School Board to go look at the lockdown device in the Tax/Tag office.

**County Commissioner comments**

Commissioner Larry Prince asked for a status update of the SROs.

Chad Beasley said the SROs are working out great and there may be some additional funding becoming available to offset the cost to the county.

Commissioner John Irwin thanked the School Board for being open and honest with the Commissioners about upcoming projects.

Commissioner Bobby Irwin said the auditorium could be a year-round venue for Alleghany county and asked to discuss the Lion's Club responsibilities with the school system.

Commissioner Bobby Irwin said he had the opportunity to spend time with the Special Education class today and it was an enjoyable experience.

Commissioner Bill Osborne thanked the School Board for keeping the lines of communication open and thanked Graham Lewis for his presentation.

**Adjourn**

Commissioner Larry Prince made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner John Irwin seconded. Vote 5:0.

Respectfully submitted,

Drew Temple,  
Clerk to the Board

Mark Evans,  
Chairman