

At a special called joint meeting between the Charlotte County Board of Supervisors and Charlotte County School Board held in Central Middle School of Charlotte County on September 29, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

Present:

Garland H Hamlett, Jr., Chairman
Robert L. Shook, Jr.
Kay M. Pierantoni
Tony Reeves
Donna Fore
Will Garnett

Absent: Gary D. Walker, Vice Chairman

Chairman Hamlett called the meeting to order.

Tony Reeves gave the invocation.

Motion by Kay M. Pierantoni, seconded by Robert L Shook, Jr. and carried with all other members present voting yes to approve the meeting agenda.

No citizens present for public comment period. Being no comment, the public comment period was closed.

Brett Arbogast, Executive Director of Operations of Charlotte County Public Schools, addressed the Board. Mr. Arbogast provided updates regarding current school construction, improvement, and renovation projects. Arbogast noted prior agreements between the Board of Supervisors and School Board and provided a draft resolution for consideration of the Board of Supervisors and School Board. The draft resolution for consideration describes construction, improvement, and renovations projects and outlines the responsibilities and commitments required from each board when entering future projects. Both boards noted the resolution would be considered at future meetings of each body.

Daniel Witt, County Administrator of Charlotte County provided comments regarding a potential Memorandum of Understanding between the Charlotte County Board of Supervisors and Charlotte County School Board. Mr. Witt asked for clarification of the intent of the agreement, noting more details are needed by county staff before proceeding to draft an agreement document.

Chairman Hamlett provided his understanding of the agreement, which is to provide a consistent financial contribution to Charlotte County Public Schools through the budgeting process.

Supervisor Fore stated her understanding of the potential agreement between both boards included five aspects: going together on projects, future joint meetings, aligned and understood goals, accountability, and responsibility.

Supervisor Pierantoni noted not enough money is currently allocated to the School Board and subsequently, the school system.

Supervisor Reeves stated if the Board of Supervisors wishes to provide additional financial contributions to the School Board, the amount should be a goal, not a requirement.

Robbie Mason, Superintendent of Charlotte County Public Schools, suggested the Board of Supervisors, when considering a funding agreement, not limit potential funding to physical plant expenses and consider other capital needs, such as school busses.

Administrator Witt noted the ongoing work to develop a capital improvement plan, displaying the needs over the next five years for both the school system and county government. Mr. Witt has asked Mr. Arbogast to provide updates to this document.

Being no further discussion or comments, the meeting was adjourned.