MINUTES OF THE SCHOOL CAPITAL FUND
COMMISSION FOR BUNCOMBE COUNTY
SPECIAL MEETING HELD, ON THURSDAY, MAY 28, 2026 AT 1:00 PM

BE IT REMEMBERED: That the School Capital Fund Commission met for a special meeting on May 28, 2026, in the County Administration Building, 200 College Street, 1st Floor Conference Room in downtown Asheville, North Carolina at 1:00 p.m. where and when the following business was transacted:

The Commission meeting was called to order with the following Members present:

Terri Wells, Commission Chair
George Sieburg, Commission Vice-Chair
Kimberly (Kim) Plemmons, Commission Member
Amanda Edwards, Commission Member

County Staff Present: Matt Evans, Financial Planning & Analysis Manager; Keri Clark, Financial Analyst; Ronald Lunsford, General Services Facilities/Project Manager; Melissa Moore, Finance Director; Samantha Kirk, Information and Communication Specialist II

Approval of Agenda as Presented
Commission Member Kim Plemmons moved that the Commission adopt the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Commission Member Amanda Edwards and passed unanimously.

Public Comment
Commission Chair Terri Wells opened the floor for public comment. There was no public comment.

GO Bond Information Update
Commission Chair Terri Wells shared that the proposed $130 million General Obligation (GO) Bond for school capital projects has been delayed to a future funding cycle following discussions with both school systems. Commission Member Kim Plemmons expressed disappointment that the GO Bond will not move forward for FY27 but acknowledged the continued need for the projects and encouraged the Board of County Commissioners to remain strategic in future funding decisions.

FY27 Recommended Projects Updates
Financial Planning and Analysis Manager Matt Evans reviewed the FY27 Recommended Projects approved by the Commission at the previous meeting and provided updates to the No Referendum Additional Projects List. Originally, Glen Arden Elementary was included as a $6,000,000 project for HVAC and general renovations if a GO Bond referendum did not occur. Due to the delay in GO Bond funding, Buncombe County Schools requested that the project scope be revised to include design costs only. As a result, the requested funding for the project was reduced to $3,000,000.

The Commission also discussed the Asheville High School Security project for Asheville City Schools. At the previous meeting, the Commission approved $187,966 for the design phase of the project. Staff reaffirmed that $1,650,000 would be repurposed from the FY26 Asheville City Schools Priority School Security project approved in the prior year, leaving an additional funding need of $41,686.

Commission Chair Terri Wells moved that the Commission approve the updated additional projects to be recommended to the Board of County Commissioners for FY27 pay-go funding, totaling $12,036,686. The motion was seconded by Commission Member Amanda Edwards and passed unanimously.

Asheville City Schools

FY26 Priority School – Security	$(1,650,000)
FY 27 Asheville High School - Security	$1,691,686
Asheville City Schools Total	**$41,686**

Buncombe County Schools	
FY27 Glen Arden Elementary Design	$3,000,000
FY27 Valley Springs Middle - Athletic Field Renovations - Stormwater	$750,000
FY27 Multiple BCS Schools - District-Wide Network Infrastructure	$3,000,000
FY27 C.A. Erwin Middle - Phased Roof Replacement	$1,300,000
FY27 North Buncombe Middle - Phased Roof Replacement	$400,000
FY27 Leicester Elementary - Phased Roof Replacement	$320,000
FY27 North Buncombe High - Fire Alarm Replacement	$550,000
FY27 W. W. Estes Elementary - Playground Replacement	$475,000
FY27 Emma Elementary - Playground Replacement	$450,000
FY27 Black Mountain Primary - Car Rider Line Expansion	$750,000
FY27 BCS Aquatics - Mechanical & Building Upfit	$ 1,000,000
Buncombe County Schools Total	**$11,995,000**

Adjournment

Commission Member Kim Plemmons moved to adjourn the meeting at 1:24 p.m. The motion was seconded by Commission Member Amanda Edwards and passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 1:24 p.m.

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By Terri Wells
Terri Wells,
Commission Chair

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M Moore
Melissa Moore,
County Finance Officer