

## **Rutherford County Schools**

### **Health & Education Items**

**August 23, 2016**

#### **2016/17 Capital Projects Budget**

There are two carryover projects from the 2015/16 Capital Projects Budget - Fund 177 which were not complete as of June 30, 2016. They are Barfield School Roofing at \$271,436 and the LaVergne High Running Track at \$30,702 for a total of \$302,138. Each year the outstanding purchase orders for these incomplete projects are liquidated on June 30. Then an amendment must be approved to take the leftover funds for these projects out of the Fund Balance, Committed for Capital Projects, in order to re-budget these projects so they can be finished. The opening fund balance for this fund is \$2,113,711 and will be \$1,811,573 after the amendment.

**Recommended motion** – to amend \$302,138 from the Fund 177 Account 34685, Committed for Capital Projects, and to increase the budget for Maintenance and Repair Services, 91300-335, by \$302,138 in order to re-budget the incomplete 2015/16 projects so they can be finished.

#### **Energy Efficiency School Initiative Contract and Loan for 2016/17 Projects**

The Rutherford County School System has been awarded \$2,137,047 in Energy Efficiency School Initiative (EESI) funds in order to install automated control systems on HVAC units in 19 of our schools and to change gym lighting from metal halide to LED at Rockvale Middle School and Rock Springs Elementary School. We will file for reimbursement from EESI as we pay for these items. The loan repayments will begin after the projects are complete. The repayments are included in the 2016/17 General Purpose School budget. The loan will include a 1.0% administrative fee since the projects exceed \$1,000,000. These project paybacks range from .7 years to 7 years. The energy savings will be enough to pay off the loan.

**Recommended Motion** --- to approve the loan from the Energy Efficiency School Initiative in the amount of \$2,137,047 at a 1.0% administrative fee to be repaid over a four year period with funds from the General Purpose School budget as presented.

#### **Architectural Fees**

The School Board is requesting County Commission approval of Architectural Fees for four projects, Rockvale High School at an estimated fee of \$1,962,000, LaVergne and Smyrna High School Restrooms

and Concessions at a combined fee of \$15,000, and the Rocky Fork Two Story Elementary School at a fee of \$1,204,000. Engineering would like to get these projects designed so that they can be bid by March of 2017 so we can proceed with construction as early as April. These early bids will give us the greatest opportunity for the best price since most contractors will be looking for and bidding their 2017 and 2018 work load. We will need funding approval by April 2017. The County Commission is aware of all of these projects because they have been on our Building Plan for several years now. The design funding for Rocky Fork Elementary can come from the \$5,549,000 already transferred from the GPS Unassigned Fund Balance. The other projects can be funded with internal borrowing in the Building Program from that transferred money.

**Recommend Approval** --- motion to approve funding Architectural Fees for Rockvale High School at an estimated fee of \$1,962,000, LaVergne and Smyrna High School Restrooms and Concessions at a combined fee of \$15,000, and the Rocky Fork Two Story Elementary School at a fee of \$1,204,000 as presented.