



Ms. Turner explained that the state and federal government would check to make sure that the expenditures would match up with what they placed on their application.

Mr. Blanchard presented the following 2021-2022 Capital Outlay Funding Sources:

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|------------------|------------------------------|
| \$235,000        | County Appropriation         |
| \$240,000        | ½-Cent Sales Tax (Estimated) |
| <u>\$137,011</u> | Carry Over Projects          |
| <u>\$612.011</u> | Total                        |

Mr. Blanchard asked Jamie Johnson, Director of Maintenance, to review the capital outlay projects for FY 2021-2022. Once Mr. Johnson completed that list, he presented the Current Expense Requests for FY 2022-2023.

After Mr. Johnson explained the current capital outlay requests, Mr. Blanchard provided the FY 2022-2023 Total Capital Outlay Request as follows:

|   |                  |                        |
|---|------------------|------------------------|
| County appropriation                                | \$235,000        | Capital Outlay request |
| Sales Tax Revenue (30% of ½)                        | \$240,000        | Capital Outlay request |
| Sales Tax Revenue (30% of ½) additional based on CY | \$ 60,000        |                        |
| Sales Tax Refund (estimated)                        | <u>\$ 2,398</u>  |                        |
| Total Capital Outlay Request                        | <u>\$537,387</u> |                        |
| Projected Expenditures:                             |                  |                        |
| Priority 1:   | \$395,000        |                        |
| Technology 1:1 initiative                           | <u>\$142,387</u> |                        |
| Total Capital Outlay Request                        | <u>\$537,387</u> |                        |

Mr. Blanchard provided some school statistics including ADM, proposed 2022-2023 Budget, Local Revenues, Historical Fund Balance Report, Expenditures Which Impact Our Local Budget, and Expenditures Impacting Local Budget.

After explaining items that will be affecting the local budget, Mr. Blanchard presented the following 2022-2023 Local Current Expense Request:

|   |                |                    |
|---|----------------|--------------------|
| 2021-2022 County Appropriation                                      | \$3,000,000    |                    |
| Fines & Forfeitures   | 120,000        |                    |
|   | Total Revenue  | <u>\$3,120,000</u> |
| Regular Budgeted Expenditures                                       | \$3,120,000    |                    |
| Additional Expenditures:  |                |                    |
| Local Cost of increase in Health Insurance (\$7,019 to \$7,460)     | 27,318         |                    |
| Local cost of increase in retirement rate (22.89% to 24.19%)        | 47,373         |                    |
| Local costs of 2.5% state mandated salary increases                 | 114,681        |                    |
| Position – Media Coordinator AT PCHS                                | 73,380         |                    |
| Position – English Teacher at PCHS                                  | 73,380         |                    |
| Position – Maintenance Position that was RIF'd                      | 53,604         |                    |
| 10% increase in utility cost (electric, etc.)                       | 56,800         |                    |
| Step increase on applicable salary schedules (all classified staff) | 63,681         |                    |
| Step increase on applicable salary schedules (directors)            | <u>13,651</u>  |                    |
|   | 523,868        |                    |
|   | Total Expenses | <u>\$3,643,868</u> |
| Additional appropriated request                                     |                | <u>523,868</u>     |
| TOTAL LOCAL COUNTY APPROPRIATION REQUESTED                          |                | <u>\$3,523,868</u> |

*\*\*possibility of additional funding needed pending further information received on the low-wealth funding and Safety grants. The "Additional" items could total approximately \$249,5331*

Tanya Turner explained why they are adding the two positions, Media Coordinator & English Teacher. Jamie Johnson explained why they are adding the one maintenance position, which was deleted when they had a reduction in force several years ago. Michelle Maddox explained the two-step increase on applicable salary schedules. Mr. Blanchard explained that the total of these additional appropriated requests were \$523,868 making a total local county appropriation request amount to be \$3,523,868. County Manager Heath stated that he found it interesting that the biggest chunk of the additional expenditures is the unfunded 2.5% state mandated salary increases of \$114,681. He asked Mr. Blanchard if they had breakdown of this \$114,681 that could be sent to our legislators to show that again a state mandated increase is being pushed to the local government. Ms. Turner said that she had shared that same concern when she recently attended a meeting in Raleigh. Mr. Heath said that this \$114,681 equals to about \$.01 on the tax rate. Ms. Turner explained more on how they determined these figures. Mr. Johnson said that he would like to thank the commissioners for assisting with the capital outlay expenditures over the ESSR funds. He and his whole department appreciates it. Commissioner Hoffler asked about the future of a Shirley Wiggins Track, which has been discussed for several years. Mr. Heath that this was covered under the ESSR funds. Ms. Turner said that the figure from the ESSR funds would not cover everything that they need. They will need about \$400,000 to \$500,000 more to complete the entire project. She stated that it would be nice to have some fundraisers to get those funds. Mr. Bunch stated that he would have loved to have included those items in the application for ESSR funds but could not include them. They are thankful that they received the funds for the track. Mr. Winslow asked Mr. Hoffler about the fund raising efforts from years past. Mr. Hoffler was not aware of that. Mr. Winslow stated that they went back and saw where Mr. & Mrs. Hoffler met with the Board of Education requesting that the track be named after Shirley Wiggins and that they would work on fund raising for it. Mr. Hoffler said that somehow, the word got out that there was not going to be a track and that is why the fund raising stopped. They will try to see about getting it started again. Mr. Johnson explained where they stand now with the building of the track. County Manager Heath asked if the Capital Outlay prioritized needs were in priority order or just randomly listed. He knows that we have to do the Technology 1:1 initiative but did not know what the priority listing would be for the balance of the needs. Mr. Blanchard and Ms. Turner answered his question. Board of Commissioners Chairman Wallace Nelson made a few comments and asked some questions about the Three Rivers Charter School closing and what happens to the money that they were getting. Mr. Blanchard and Dr. White answered his question. Russell Lassiter made a few comments stating that they are taking into consideration the County's finances and appreciates the support that the County does provide the Perquimans County School System. Mr. Peeler also made comments about creating an environment to encourage people to move to Perquimans County and show them that there is a partnership between the School System and the County. Dr. White thanked the Board of Commissioners and look forward to a great year.

CLOSING REMARKS AND QUESTIONS

Dr. White thanked Ms. Turner, Mr. Johnson, and Mr. Blanchard for their fine job presenting the Board of Education's budget requests for FY 2022-2023. Chairman Nelson thanked the Board of Education for their transparency tonight. This makes things better between the School System and the Board of Commissioners. Dr. White agreed with Mr. Nelson.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further questions or comments, Dr. White thanked the Board of Education and Board of Commissioners for coming tonight and adjourned the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

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Wallace E. Nelson, Chairman

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Clerk to the Board

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