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Asheboro City Schools Meets with Randolph County Commissioners to Discuss Facility Needs

ASHEBORO – On Thursday, the Asheboro City Schools Board of Education hosted a combined meeting with Randolph County Commissioners to discuss the Asheboro High School renovation, expansion, and addition project.

After the initial welcome, Mr. Mike Mize, Director of Maintenance and Facilities shared a presentation about Asheboro City Schools' long-range facility plan and about the current shape of the district's facilities. "I'm proud of the great work our team has done in maintaining our facilities," said Mize. "However, we are at a critical point where we need to bring the internal systems of our buildings into the 21st century, in order to align with our educational program," he added.

Dr. Terry Worrell, Superintendent of Asheboro City Schools, commented that Asheboro High School was built in 1950, making the facility almost 70 years old. "Now is the time to add to our existing building to accommodate our student population and to work on updating the structural systems that will allow us to maintain our original buildings for another 70 years. We commend our maintenance department for their tremendous upkeep to our buildings, but we need to make the necessary repairs to our buildings to maintain our commitment to excellence," she added.

Following Mr. Mize, architects from Smith Sinnett Architecture, presented on the proposed addition to Asheboro High School. Tentatively, the addition will be built behind the Performing Arts Center. "This addition will address capacity needs at Asheboro High School. Right now your common spaces accommodate 950 students, but with this expansion, you'll be able to accommodate 1,450 students. The new common space will also provide additional areas for community use and the new portion will be compliant with ADA regulations, making it much easier to access for individuals with accessibility needs," said Rhonda Angerio, architect with Smith Sinnett Architecture.

"We're extremely pleased with the work that's being done to make the renovation, repair, and expansion project at Asheboro High School a reality," said Dr. Worrell. "This project will allow

us to preserve the original Asheboro High School building and to add a new state-of-the-art addition that will continue to serve students for many years to come,” she added.

The new proposed addition will include a multi-use commons space, 18 new classrooms, an expanded band and cafeteria areas, and several landscaped courtyard spaces for students to study and work in groups. “The new addition promises to support the number of innovative programs at Asheboro High School,” said Dr. Worrell.

The project will be ready to begin in the summer of 2018.

About Asheboro City Schools

Asheboro City Schools is a medium-sized school district in North Carolina, serving approximately 5,000 students at eight schools and one five-star Early Childhood Development Center. The district’s mission is to graduate responsible citizens who are prepared to succeed in higher education or the career of their choice. For more information, visit the district’s website at <http://www.asheboro.k12.nc.us/>.

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