

**At a Joint Meeting of the
Sussex County Board of Supervisors
and the School Board
Held at the Sussex School Board Office
Thursday, March 5, 2026 at 6 pm**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Thomas W. Baicy, III
C. Eric Fly, Sr.
Phyllis T. Tolliver
Steve E. White

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Alfred G. Futrell
Wayne O. Jones
Rufus E. Tyler, Sr.

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Jeffrey C. Gary
Katrina G. Faltz
Doris C. Hamlin
Laurie S. Latham
M. E. Morris
Linda J. Skipper
Roslyn C. Tyler

STAFF PRESENT:

David J. Conmy, Deputy County Administrator/
Economic Development Director
Deste J. Cox, Treasurer
Jaime Poole, Interim Finance Director
Shilton R. Butts, Asst. to the County Administrator/
Clerk to the Board of Supervisors

1. Call to Order/Determine Quorum

Chair White called the March 5, 2026 Joint Board of Supervisors and School Board meeting to order.

2. The Invocation

The invocation was recited by all.

3. Approval of the Agenda

The agenda was approved by general consensus.

4. School Board's 2026-2027 Proposed Budget

Mr. Broderick reviewed the proposed Capital Improvement Plan that was developed for the next two years which was based on a thorough examination of School Facilities, Infrastructure and a Preventive Maintenance Plan. Enrollment projections are factored in when predicting future needs. Superintendent's CIP. Budget is presented to the School Board. Once approved, this CIP Plan is forwarded to the County Board of Supervisors for consideration & funding.

It was noted that the projected ADM is 1,000 students. The years the Central High, Middle, Elementary Schools, Schools Board Office and Operations Building construction dates were reviewed.

The SCHS Literary Loan was reviewed for the high school roof and HVAC project. It was noted that they were substantially complete. The School Board will spend just under \$4 million out of an approved project of \$7.5 million.

It was discussed that the High School and Middle Schools were both approved for State Construction Assistance Program Grants. They are based on LCI and our approval rate is 20% of the total Award.

Improvements for the next three proposed Elementary School CIP for 2027-2029 was discussed to include

- School Painting
- Technology – Student/Classroom Devices
- Technology – Teacher Devices
- Technology – Staff Devices
- Network Infrastructure Upgrades
- Repair/Replace Food Service Equipment
- Renovations/Space Needs

Improvements for the next three proposed Middle School CIP for 2027-2029 was discussed to include:

- School Painting
- Technology – Student/Classroom Devices
- Technology – Teacher Devices
- Technology – Staff Devices
- Network Infrastructure Upgrades
- Repair/Replace Food Service Equipment
- Renovations/Space Needs

Improvements for the next three proposed High School CIP for 2027-2029 was discussed to include:

- School Painting
- Technology – Student/Classroom Devices
- Technology – Teacher Devices
- Technology – Staff Devices
- Network Infrastructure Upgrades
- Repair/Replace Food Service Equipment
- Renovations/Space Needs

Improvement for the Sussex Campus/Operations CIP for 2027-2029 was discussed to include:

- S.B.O. Unfinished Wing
- Campus Security Enhancements
- Waste Water & Water Treatment Plants \$
- Campus Drainage, Roadways & Parking
- Technology - Network Infrastructure
- Repair/Replace Office Equipment
- Renovations / Space Needs/ Storage
- Athletic Fields

The Transportation CIP for 2027-2029 was discussed to include:

- Bus Fleet Replacement
- Bus Cameras & GPS Equipment
- Student Auto Fleet Replacement
- Staff Vehicle Replacement
- Maintenance Vehicle Replacement \$
- Communications Upgrades \$
- Campus Vehicles
- Bus Wireless

5. Citizens' Comments

There were no citizens' comments.

6. Adjournment

ON MOTION OF SUPERVISOR TOLLIVER, seconded by SUPERVISOR FLY and carried: RESOLVED that the Sussex County Board of Supervisors hereby adjourn the March 5, 2026 Joint Meeting of the Sussex County Board of Supervisors and School Board at 7:24 p.m. All Board members present voted aye.