

March 28, 2022

The Carroll County Board of Supervisors held a recessed meeting on March 28, 2022 in the Board Meeting Room of the Carroll County Governmental Center.

Members Present:

Rex L. Hill
Tracy Moore
Ronnie Collins
Jody Early
Joey Dickson
Robbie McCraw

Others:

Michael Watson
Crystal Adams
Justin Martin
Steve Durbin

COME OUT OF RECESS

Mr. Moore called the meeting out of Recess.

CLOSED SESSION – PURSUANT TO VIRGINIA CODE SECTION 2.2-3711

Mr. Collins made a motion, seconded by Mr. Early, to enter Closed Meeting under Section 2.2-3711- A1, A8.

Roll call vote was as follows:

AYES:	Rex Hill	Tracy Moore
	Jody Early	Joey Dickson
	Ronnie Collins	Robbie McCraw

NAYS: Nay

COME OUT OF CLOSED SESSION

Mr. Collins made a motion to come out of Closed Session. Mr. McCraw seconded the motion.

A (1) Discussion, consideration, or interviews of prospective candidates for employment; assignment, appointment, promotion, performance, demotion, salaries, disciplining, or resignation of specific public officers, appointees, or employees of any public body; and evaluation of performance of departments or schools of public institutions of higher education where such evaluation will necessarily involve discussion of the performance of specific individuals. Any teacher shall be permitted to be present during a closed meeting in which there is a discussion or consideration of a disciplinary matter that involves the teacher and some student, and the student involved in the matter is present, provided the teacher makes a written request to be present to the presiding officer of the appropriate board. Nothing in this subdivision, however, shall be construed to authorize a closed meeting by a local governing body or an elected school board to discuss compensation matters that affect the membership of such body or board collectively.

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Jody Early
Ronnie Collins

Joey Dickson
Robbie McCraw

NAYS: Nay

CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED SESSION

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WHEREAS, Section 2.2-3711(D) of the Code of Virginia requires a certification by the Board of Supervisors that such Closed Session was conducted in conformity with Virginia law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Carroll County Board of Supervisors hereby certifies that, to the best of each member's knowledge, (I) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act were heard, discussed or considered in the Closed Session to which this certification applies, and (II) only such business matters as were identified in the motion by which this Closed Session was convened were heard, discussed, or considered in the meeting to which this certification applies.

Roll call vote was as follows:

AYES:	Rex Hill	Tracy Moore
	Jody Early	Joey Dickson
	Ronnie Collins	Robbie McCraw

NAYS: None

AMEND AGENDA

Mr. Moore made a motion, seconded by Mr. McCraw to amend the agenda to include Committee Appointments before the USDA Bond Refinancing.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Mr. Hill made a motion, seconded by Mr. Early to reappoint Mary Coulson to the Mount Roger Community Service Board.

Roll call vote was as follows:

AYES:	Rex Hill	Tracy Moore
	Jody Early	Joey Dickson
	Ronnie Collins	Robbie McCraw

NAYS: None

USDA BOND REFINANCING

Mr. Rose with Davenport told nothing has changed. If we had waited, the rates have moved over 20 basis. We recommend that you approve the resolution and then the EDA and School will do their resolution. We are delighted; this is a good result.

Mr. Durbin told you have before you all of the documents to move forward with the bond refinancing. I have been working on the title update, but we are in good shape to move forward.

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Mr. McCraw made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hill to approve the USDA Bond Refinancing Resolution.

Roll call vote was as follows:

AYES:	Rex Hill	Tracy Moore
	Jody Early	Joey Dickson
	Ronnie Collins	Robbie McCraw

NAYS: None

REVISED BUDGET CALENDAR

Mr. Watson told these changed due to advertising requirements.

Mr. Early made a motion, seconded by Mr. Collins to approve the revised Budget Calendar.

Roll call vote was as follows:

AYES:	Rex Hill	Tracy Moore
	Jody Early	Joey Dickson
	Ronnie Collins	Robbie McCraw

NAYS: None

SCHOOL BUDGET PRESENTATION

Mr. Collins made the following declaration. "Today's discussion involves the county budget, and this discussion may include funding for the Carroll County School Board. As many of you know, I have a position of employment with the Carroll County School Board. With regard to the proposed funding of the School Board, the proposed funding would affect the entire School System generally and not myself individually, and as a consequence, I am a member of a group of three or more individuals who are employed with the Carroll County School Board and similarly affected by the decision on the proposed funding. Therefore, in this situation, the exception to the Virginia State and Local Government Conflict of Interests Act, Va. Code Section 2.2-3112 (b)(1) applies to this situation. In compliance with that section, I hereby declare that I am able to participate in this discussion and voting on this topic fairly, objectively and in the public interest."

Dr. Burnette told that he appreciates the opportunity to speak and share about our budget this year. On the PowerPoint, we show some of our goals this year. We did have some challenges, and they were reviewed as well as shown on the handout. We have noticed this year an increase in students who have social and emotional issues. He reviewed some statements about what education in a pandemic is like. The revenue projections were reviewed, and they are our best guesses right now. We will not know until they reconvene again. The increase in Federal funds is our COVID money. There is a slide that shows what our ESSER funding is going to be spent on, they are all Capital Improvement projects. We are a people business so about 80% of our budget is personnel costs. The expenditure projections were reviewed, and they are budgeting on a 5% raise because that is what they seem to be agreeing on. You got a letter from me probably last week asking about putting \$500,000 back in our budget that was removed last year. We received a school bus rebate in the amount of \$100,000. Basically \$20,000 per bus to replace those. We have to scrap those old buses and drill a hole through the block of the engine. We would like to maintain a replacement of 5 buses per year. It is not in our budget, that is why

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we were asking for the \$500,000 from last year be put back in. Maybe not \$500,000.

Mr. Moore asked if they are wanting that this year.

Dr. Burnette replied this year because we have to order those buses by April 18th.

Mr. Moore told if the Board deemed to do it, we could get by with \$420,000.

Dr. Burnette told it would be \$425,000. The information on our bids is we just voted to reject those bids. They came in at a time when it is just not good. Gas prices are the highest they have been and there is so much uncertainty. We have scaled our project down to the minimum.

Mr. Hill asked if it is possible to do it in phases.

Dr. Burnette told they have to have the money spent by September 2024, or you give it back. I appreciate your time and thank you guys. You have tough decisions, and I understand that. We are able to take care of a lot of stuff that we would have not been able to before with the Esser Funds.

Mr. McCraw asked if there is a plan if it doesn't work out for the renovations that you can use it for.

Dr. Burnette told our plan would be to do the auxiliary gym as a standalone.

Mr. Moore asked if that would be combining the field house.

Dr. Burnette told that is all gone. The biggest thing with the Covid money is it had to be used to respond and prepare for a pandemic and that was by adding space. I told you last year that I wouldn't have to ask for money for this project, and I am trying not to eat crow.

Mr. Early asked on the school buses, do you have to scrap those? Does that mean that Maynard Joyce will not be able to store hay.

Dr. Burnette told that he can still use them for hay, if they are not rusted. There was a tragic accident on 58, and it could have been much worse if those buses were not solid.

CARROLL COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS



2022-2023 School Operational Budget

Budget Goals

- Support High Quality Instruction That Promotes Student Achievement in a Safe and Secure Learning Environment.
- Maintain Quality of Instruction with Appropriate Class Sizes Throughout the System with Focus on Grades K-3.
- Provide Open Lines of Communication to Keep Staff, Students, and Stakeholders Well Informed.
- Maintain Equitable Salaries, Benefits, and Incentives, as well as Staffing Positions to Ensure a Quality School System
- Support extra-curricular activities that prepare students to be lifelong learners and active members of the community.
- Work collaboratively with all stakeholders to develop a responsible budget that allows Carroll County Public Schools to provide a 21st century education
- Secure funding to update and maintain the Districts aging bus fleet in order to provide safe transportation of the county's children.
- Undertake capital improvements necessary to keep present school/community facilities in good condition and to accommodate new and existing development by preserving, modifying, and replacing existing infrastructure within sound fiscal practices.

Budget Challenges

- COVID-19 issues such as learning loss and return to in-person instruction
- State provided 5% salary increase for SOQ positions only
- Increase in minimum wage from \$11.00 to \$12.00 per hour effective January 1, 2023.
- Increased cost (fuel, tires, paper, materials/supplies, etc)
- Shrinking work force and increased wages in our locality
- 10.3% increase in health insurance rates
- Difficulty in finding specialized positions such as Speech Pathologist, Psychologist and Math Teachers.
- Increased needs in special populations (speech learning disabilities, etc.)
- Increase in social/emotional learning and student mental health issues
- Funding to continue bus fleet replacement schedule

Education in a Pandemic

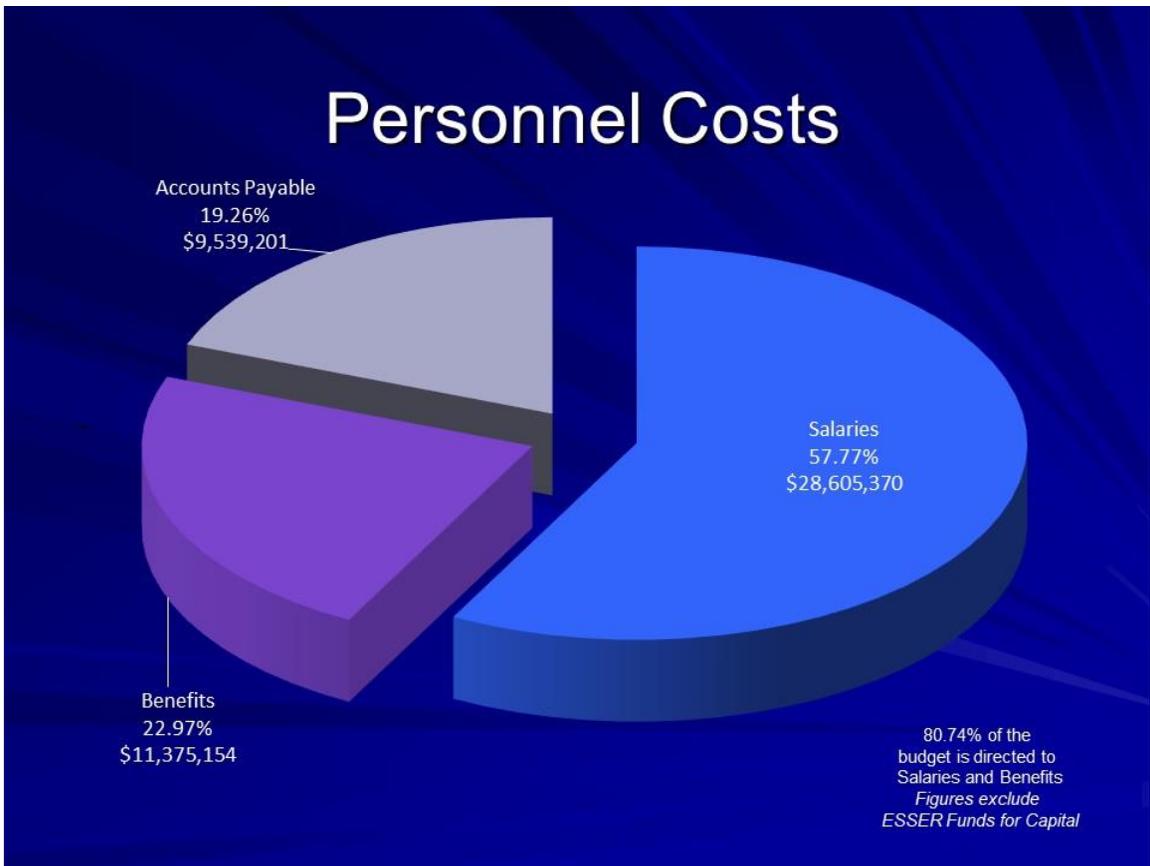
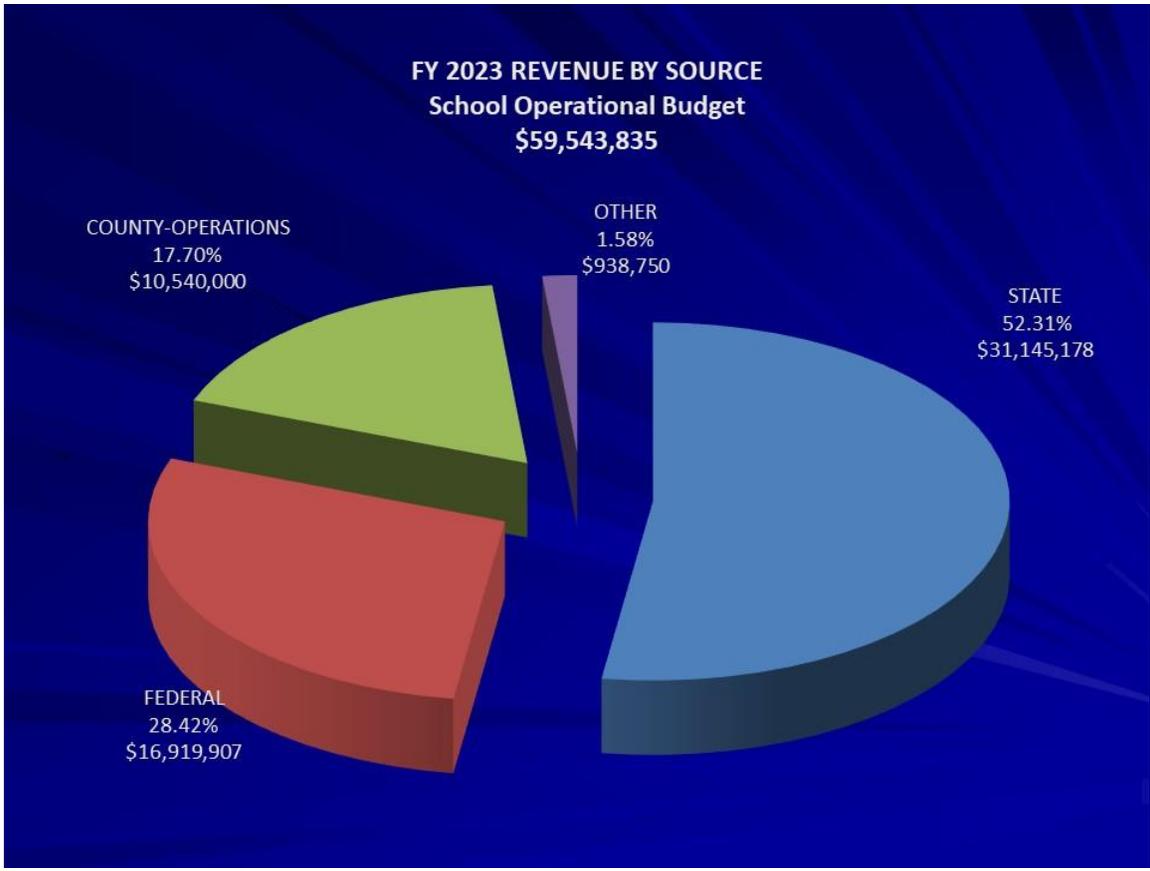
- As the United States approaches 2 full years of the COVID-19 pandemic, mental illness and the demand for psychological services are at all-time highs—especially among children – *CDC*
- Emerging evidence shows that the pandemic has negatively affected academic growth, widening pre-existing disparities. In core subjects like math and reading, there are worrisome signs that in some grades students might be falling even further behind pre-pandemic expectations. *USDOE – Education in a Pandemic*
- For many elementary and secondary school students with disabilities, COVID-19 has significantly disrupted the education and related aids and services needed to support their academic progress and prevent regression. And there are signs that those disruptions may be exacerbating longstanding disability-based disparities in academic achievement - *USDOE – Education in a Pandemic*
- Annual inflation rate in the US accelerated to 7.9% in February of 2022, the highest since January of 1982- *US Bureau of Labor Statistics*
- Gas prices jump 8 cents one day after breaking record; diesel prices now highest ever – *USA Today* (March 9th)

All School Revenue Projections

	2021-2022	2022-2023	
	Budget	PROPOSED	+/- difference
SCHOOL OPERATING REVENUE SUMMARY			
STATE REVENUE	\$28,833,140.00	\$31,145,178.00	\$2,312,038.00
FEDERAL REVENUE	\$5,877,376.00	\$16,919,907.00	\$11,042,531.00
COUNTY REVENUE	\$10,540,000.00	\$10,540,000.00	\$0.00
OTHER REVENUE	\$970,700.00	\$938,750.00	(\$31,950.00)
TOTAL SCHOOL OPERATING REVENUE SUMMARY	\$46,221,216.00	\$59,543,835.00	\$13,322,619.00

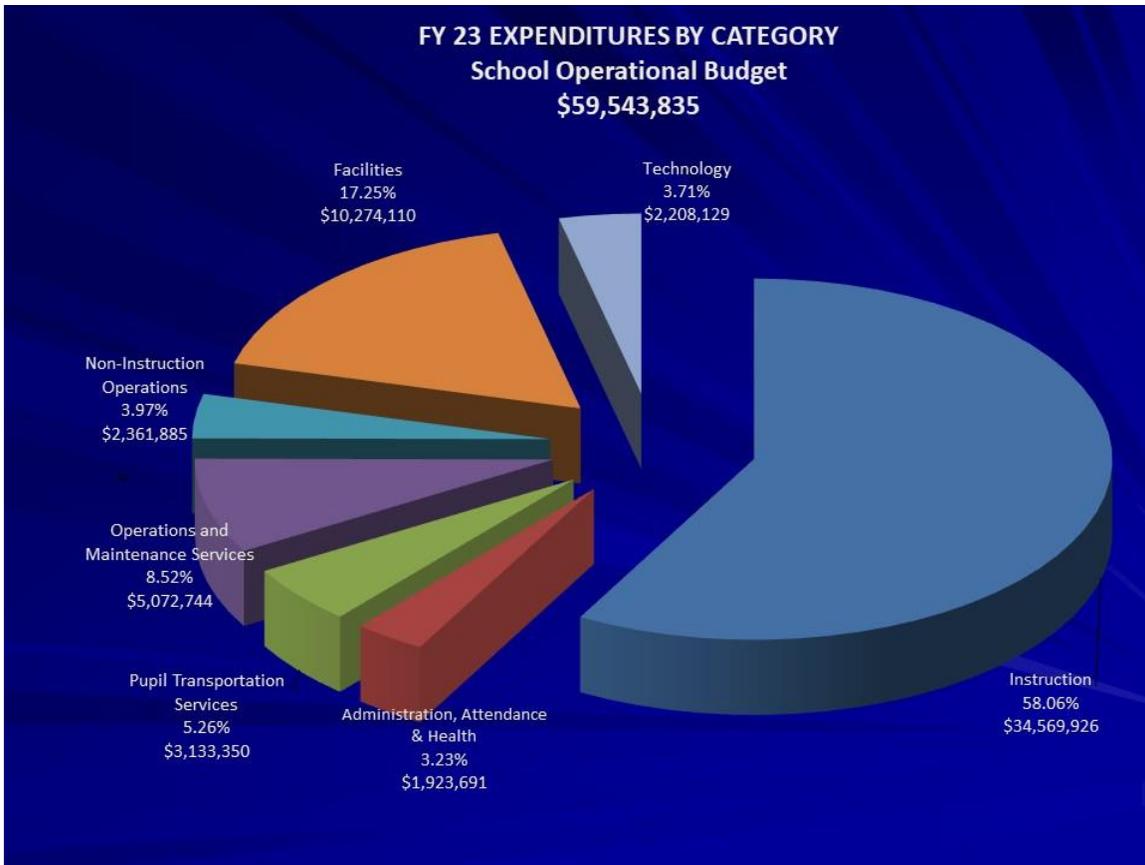
ESSER FUNDING Capital Projects

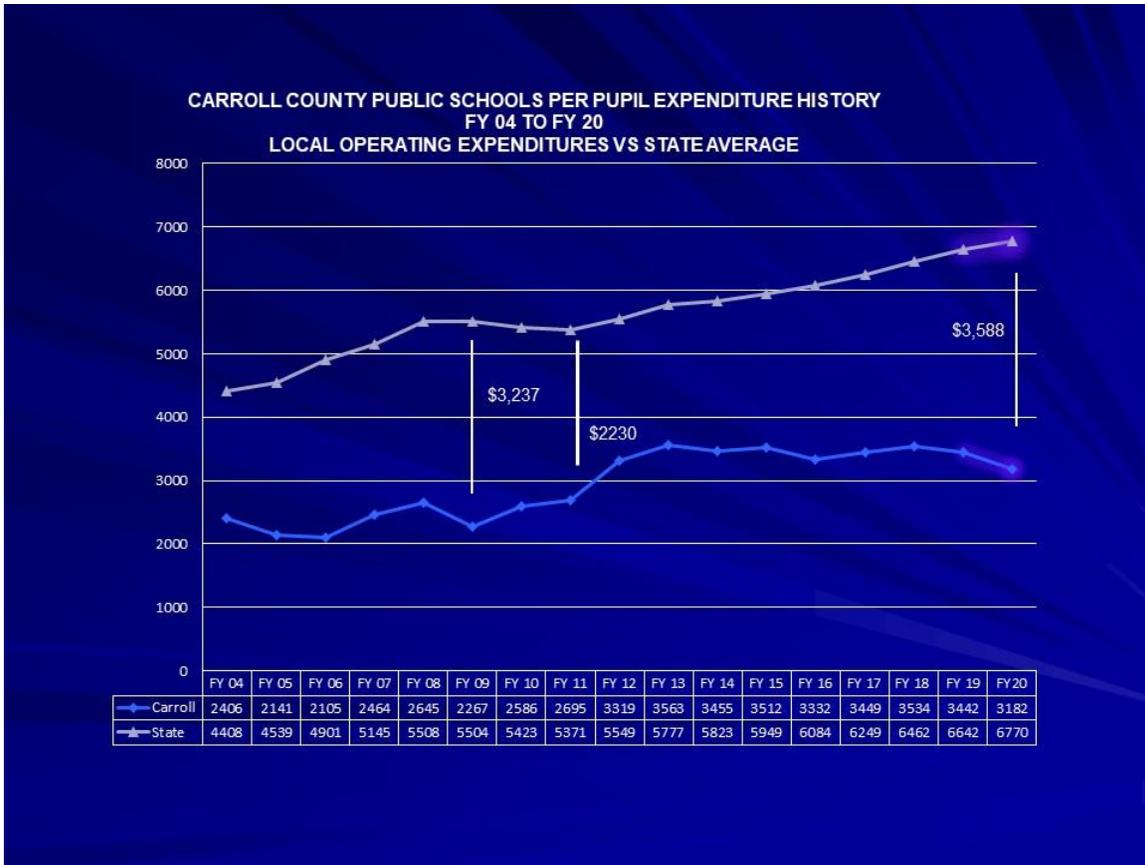
Project (Funded by ESSER II)	\$ 3,710,448.00
CCEC - Coal Fire Boiler Replacement (1995)	
CCHS - Main Building Roof- Remainder of Roof	
CCMS - HVAC Replacement- partial (Boilers Installed 1978)	
GBES - RoofLast Covered in 1992	
GVES - Coal Fired Boiler Replacement (1995)	
LES - Coal Fired Boiler Replacement (2000)	
LES - RoofLast Covered in 1987	
OES - Coal Fired Boiler Replacement (1988)	
Project (Funded by ESSER III)	\$ 6,630,400.00
CCHS - CCHS Renovations/Additions	
Project (Funded by CSLFRF)	\$ 676,038.00
CCHS - Ventilation Upgrades	
Total ESSER Funds (II, III & CSLFRF) dedicated to Capital Projects	\$ 11,016,886.00



All School Expenditure Projections

	2021-2022 Budget	2022-2023 PROPOSED	+/- difference
SCHOOL OPERATING EXPENDITURES SUMMARY			
Instruction	\$32,439,928.00	\$34,569,926.00	\$2,129,998.00
Administration, Attendance, and Health	\$1,786,351.00	\$1,923,691.00	\$137,340.00
Pupil Transportation Services	\$3,177,489.00	\$3,133,350.00	(\$44,139.00)
Operation and Maintenance Services	\$4,673,711.00	\$5,072,744.00	\$399,033.00
School Food Services and Other Non-Instructional Operations	\$1,776,152.00	\$2,361,885.00	\$585,733.00
Facilities	\$250,000.00	\$10,274,110.00	\$10,024,110.00
Debt and Fund Transfers			
Technology	\$2,117,585.00	\$2,208,129.00	\$90,544.00
Contingency Reserves			
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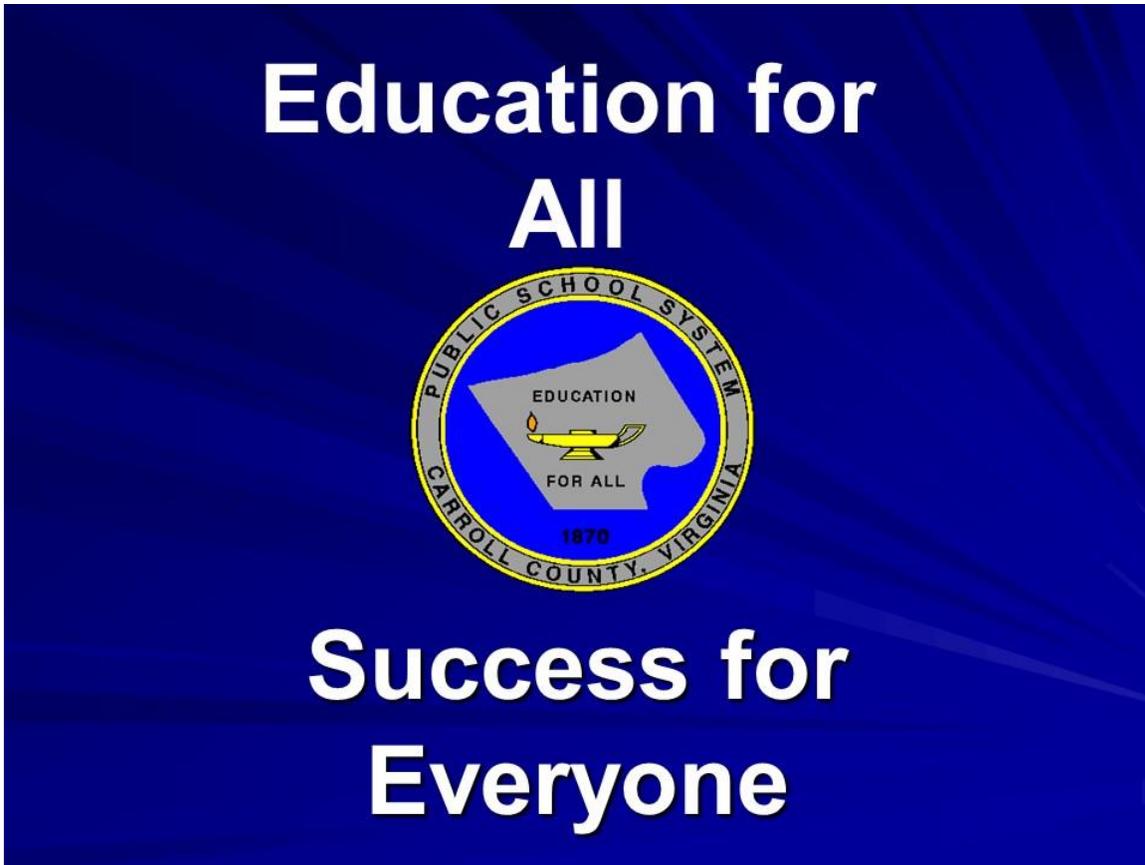


2021 DERA School Bus Rebate Selection

Congratulations! The application submitted to the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) 2021 Diesel Emissions Reduction Act (DERA) School Bus Rebates by Carroll County Public Schools has been selected for funding. The amount of \$100,000 has been reserved for your use in this program to scrap and replace five buses. As a selectee, you may now move on to the next step in the rebate process.

*The deadline for submitting your purchase order to EPA is **Tuesday, May 31st, 2022.**

*The deadline for submitting your scrappage letter, scrappage photos, new bus invoice, new bus proof of delivery, and Payment Request Form is **Friday, October 28th, 2022.**



COUNTY BUDGET DISCUSSION

Mr. Watson told that we are pretty solid on this year, we are just waiting on the State to approve the budget. We won't know on Constitutional Offices until it is approved. It is going to be a tight budget next year, we have been extremely fortunate this year with the increase in the sales tax and the decrease in jail costs but those things won't continue. Hopefully we will know more at the next meeting.

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NAYS: None

ACCEPTANCE OF PROPERTY

Mr. McCraw made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dickson to accept the transfer of the Carter Home back to Carroll County.

Roll call vote was as follows:

AYES:	Rex Hill	Tracy Moore
	Jody Early	Joey Dickson
	Ronnie Collins	Robbie McCraw

NAYS: None

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Collins made a motion, seconded by Mr. Dickson to adjourn the meeting.

Roll call vote was as follows:

AYES:	Rex Hill	Tracy Moore
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	Ronnie Collins	Robbie McCraw

NAYS: None

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Chairman