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Commissioners Approve Bond Applications, Consultant and Public Meeting

FAYETTEVILLE – The Cumberland County Board of Commissioners took three actions Monday in a special called meeting.

- The board approved applications for the issuance of additional Qualified School Construction Bonds totaling \$16.32 million by the Cumberland County Board of Education to the N.C. Department of Public Instruction. In July, the commissioners approved the application for the issuance of \$15.9 million in bonds.

The Board of Education was notified on Aug. 12 that \$86 million of the 2009 Qualified School Construction Bond money was still available to local education agencies that wished to apply for the stimulus money. The repayment of the bonds will be the responsibility of the Board of Education through utilization of sales tax and lottery funds.

The additional \$16.32 million will be used for the construction of classrooms at six schools, new media centers at two schools, and a replacement heating and air conditioning system at Reid Ross Classical School.

“We’re still trying to eliminate the use of temporary huts for classroom purposes and to address future growth needs related to Base Realignment and Closure,” said Tim Kinlaw, associate superintendent for auxiliary services for Cumberland County Schools.

- After a presentation from Stephen Straus of Developmental Associates, the board voted to hire the consultant to assist the county in its search for a new county attorney. Straus outlined an assessment process that he said has proven successful for local governments in hiring top executives. The closing date for the county attorney position is Sept. 18. The commissioners hope to have a new attorney hired by the end of November.

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- The board also voted to hold a public meeting in the Grays Creek area to inform the community about the county's plans for the Grays Creek Water & Sewer District. That meeting will be scheduled before Oct. 19, the date set for another public hearing before the commissioners on the topic.

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