

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA  
COUNTY OF AVERY**

The Avery County Board of Commissioners held a Special Joint Meeting with the Avery County Board of Education on Thursday, March 30, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. at the Avery County High School, 401 Avery County High School Road, Newland, NC. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss and take any action necessary regarding architect update on potential construction/renovation of the Avery County High School.

Members Present: Martha Hicks, Chair; Blake Vance, Vice-Chair; Faith Lacey; Tim Phillips; Wood Hall Young, Jr.

Members Absent: None

**Call To Order**

The meeting was called to order at 5:02 p.m.

Keith Tutterow led prayer.  
The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Dr. David Burleson stated that you know the needs we have with the Avery County High School and have seen the needs. Our goal is to work jointly to upgrade this high school. It will be 50 years old soon. You asked the Board of Education to talk with some architectural firms and see who would be the best group to get us into the upgrade. We talked with four different groups and we discussed what we heard and we are bringing to you tonight our recommendation which is Boomerang Designs. You know this group because you are working with this group. We think upgrading the high school is what is best for Avery County because every child in Avery County will come through this building at one time. It is our obligation to give them the most appropriate facility that we can.

Presentation given by Boomerang Designs; Rob Johnson and Rick Brown.  
Discussion regarding the preliminary schematics for Avery County High School.

Dr. Burleson said the two things that stuck out in our mind is most of their clients are repeat clients. They are the only firm that we talked to that had done the work like we needed done. This is just a preliminary discussion; a place to begin. As the Board of Education we are asking the County Commissioners to consider hiring Boomerang Designs to continue on the process for determining the best school for Avery County. We recommend the Board of Commissioners decide 1 of 3 things:

1. Do the Commissioners want to develop the contract and work with us in negotiations and it be the contract between you and Boomerang Designs?
2. Do you want us to negotiate the contract and you pay the price?

3. You have a contract with Boomerang Designs now for the Ag. Building, so is there the possibility to modify that contract to continue on working on the high school? Of course this would be subject to legal counsel approval.

We want to work together to meet the needs of our students. The key is to work as quickly as we can so we can meet the Summer 2019 completion date for the classrooms.

Dr. Burlison stated that he would recommend that the Board of Education seek legal counsel and the Board of Commissioners seek legal counsel to develop whatever contract is most appropriate for all of us.

**Adjourn**

**Chair Hicks declared the meeting to be adjourned at 6:07 p.m.**

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**Martha Hicks, Chair**  
**Avery County Board of Commissioners**

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Cindy Turbyfill, Clerk