OXFORD, NORTH CAROLINA June 11, 2020

The Members of the Honorable Board of Commissioners of Granville County, North Carolina met in a continued regular meeting on Thursday, June 11, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom conference call in order to adhere to the COVID-19 restrictions.

Present via Zoom were:

Chairman: David T. Smith

Commissioners: Tony W. Cozart Sue Hinman

Zelodis Jay Timothy Karan

Edgar Smoak

Owen T. Roberts, Jr. was absent.

County Manager: Michael S. Felts

County Attorney: James C. Wrenn, Jr.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

At 6:30 p.m., Chairman David T. Smith called the meeting to order. He then recognized Vice Chair Sue Hinman for the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance. Clerk to the Board, Debra A. Weary, did a roll call. Commissioner Roberts was absent and excused.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Chairman Smith stated that the meeting on June 1, 2020 was recessed and public comments on the proposed fiscal year 2020-2021 budget were accepted in written format or by email until Tuesday, June 2nd at 8:00 p.m. as required by the Act to Provide Aid to North Carolinians In Response to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Crisis, (S.L. 2020-3, SB 704, Section 4.31). The Board received one set of public comments on behalf of the school district from Granville County Public Schools' administration and Board of Education. He then recognized Clerk to the Board Debra Weary and she read the comments for the record.

Granville County Public Schools is proud to present the 2020-21 school budget for consideration.

We would like to begin by expressing sincere gratitude for the continued support of our school district and students. While we requested a need for an additional Social Worker and school-based Instructional Lead Teachers, our most mission-critical request is that you allocate funds to cover projected state-mandated salary and benefits increases, which include cost increases in health insurance, retirement and projected state-mandated salary increases for our current staff. The total requested to be included in the continuation budget is \$810,982, including Charter School pass through at 22%, in addition

to the much appreciated current expense funding of \$16,307,342 appropriated in the 2019-20 budget.

We continue to have many needs in the area of facilities and major maintenance. However given the current financial climate, we are requesting only the standard 2.5% increase for continuation funding this year. We will continue to work through our Master Facility Plan and defer projects as necessary.

We understand the funding challenges you have for the county and the balance you must invoke, but we ask that you see our requests as a strong investment in our community. We genuinely value your partnership and "thank you" in advance for your consideration of this year's budget proposal.

Chairman Smith stated that the comments were forwarded to the Board prior to the meeting and will be included in the minutes as part of the record. He asked if comments or clarification were needed.

COMMISSIONERS ADJOURN

Chairman Smith reminded Board members to identify themselves when speaking or making motions and also announced that votes would be done by a roll call by the Clerk.

Upon a motion by Commissioner Zelodis Jay, seconded by Commissioner Tony W. Cozart, and unanimously carried, the Board adjourned at 6:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Debra A. Weary, NCCCC, MMC Clerk to the Board