

# DAVID'S BOE MEETING BRIEF

Breaking down Board of Education meetings

## FY 2026 BUDGET

Following the approval of Wicomico County's FY 2026 budget by the County Council, the Board of Education has adopted a revised budget to reflect this increased funding, allowing for the addition of the following:

- A new Elementary Behavioral Intervention Program.
- Six new teachers and assistants for an alternative education setting catering to students in grades 3, 4, and 5.
- Six new teachers aimed at reducing classroom sizes in Pre-K and Kindergarten.
- Four new teachers dedicated to class size reduction.
- Two additional special education teachers.
- One new teacher for an expanded CTE nursing assistant program.
- One new Social Studies teacher.
- Four new assistants for in-school suspension support.
- Four new college counselors.

I extend my gratitude to the County Executive and County Council for their commitment to education.

## EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES MASTER PLAN

The Educational Facilities Master Plan (EFMP) was approved by the board at this meeting, specifically studies the issues affecting our facilities in detail and creates a framework for prioritizing and scheduling major school projects.

The EFMP contains multiple indexes which allows development of a priority order of where dollars should be spent. Beginning on page 139 of the EFMP, you will find a report for each school listing each of the above index values and a list of facility needs. The combined index can be found on page 131 & 133.

The EFMP is available at:  
[www.wicomicoschools.org/page/planning-construction](http://www.wicomicoschools.org/page/planning-construction)

## CONSENT ITEMS

- **Personnel Matters:** At each meeting the Board approves appointment of staff, leaves of absence for medical or to further the staff member's education, promotions, and separations. Since these are personnel related, discussion occurs in a closed session.
- Award a contract extension with McGraw Hill for the ALEKS Program
- Purchase of a 72-passenger school bus
- Approving vendors for musical instrument purchases
- Award a contract to Republic Services, Inc. for Refuse and Recycling Services
- Award a contract with Instructure, Inc for Electronic Document Management for Student Records

Consent Items are non-controversial items voted on at once to streamline meetings. Board members either previously discussed the items or they had the opportunity to in advance.

## BEAVER RUN ADDITION

Due to significant growth in pre-kindergarten enrollment since the completion of Beaver Run, along with surplus funds from the school's construction, the Board previously approved a two-classroom addition to Beaver Run. The school was initially designed with this future expansion in mind. At this month's meeting the Board authorized a contract amendment in the amount of \$2,387,895 to the contracting firm, The Whiting-Turner Contracting Company to incorporate the Guaranteed Maximum Price for the Beaver Run Addition project.