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News Release

Commissioners Invite BOE to Meet and Allocate Additional Funds for UCPS Capital Projects

October 22, 2013, Monroe, NC – The Union County Board of Commissioners on Monday extended an invitation to the Union County Board of Education requesting to meet on Oct. 28, 29 or 30 and allocated additional funds for Union County Public School capital projects.

“It is essential that the Board of Education and the Board of County Commissioners find a way in which to work together to address the needs of our children,” said Union County Board of Commissioners Chairman Jerry Simpson. “Therefore, the Union County Board of Commissioners extends an invitation to the Board of Education to meet to identify a framework in which we begin to work together to understand each other’s perspective and to develop a healthy working relationship.”

Commissioners also amended its FY 2014 budget and allocated an additional \$5,357,859 in capital dollars to the Board of Education which fully funds their original capital request as part of the school board’s budget submission.

“During the trial the Board of Education introduced evidence which was not previously presented to the Board of County Commissioners as part of the Board of Education’s budget submission as it relates to capital needs of our schools,” Simpson said. “The Board of County Commissioners feels very strongly that protection of our children and protection of the assets, which our taxpayer’s fund is essential.”

The appropriation of \$5,357,859 will reduce the available fund balance from \$26,717,845 to \$21,359,986. This will bring the total appropriated for regular capital outlay for the Board of Education to \$8,357,859, their total FY 2014 capital request.

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