

The Amherst County School Board met in special session on Monday, September 21, 2015, in the Gymnasium at Elon Elementary School, Madison Heights, Virginia, at 6:00 p.m. The purpose of the meeting was to receive public input for the proposed cell tower to be placed on the school property at Elon Elementary School.

PRESENT: Alan J. Wood, Chairman
W. Michael Henderson, Vice Chairman
Alan H. Bumgarner
Jennifer E. Cumby
Priscilla M. Liggon
Patricia C. Massie
Randy V. Summers

ABSENT: Camryn Garrett, Student Representative

Mr. Wood called the meeting to order, asked that a moment of silence be observed and asked everyone to stand for the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Wood stated prior to starting the meeting he would like to make several comments. Mr. Wood stated that the members of the Amherst County School Board are citizens just like the citizens in attendance at the meeting. The Board works many hours addressing different issues. As issues are raised and ready for discussion, the members of the Amherst County School Board research and obtain input from the citizens. Mr. Wood asked that everyone be respectful and appropriate when making comments when addressing the Board. While individual issues can be emotional, proper etiquette must be recognized in all cases. Remember, we are educating the students of Amherst County. Please understand that the Board represents over 30,000 citizens and it is trying to weigh all of the information available to make a decision for the whole county.

Mr. Wood stated the following process would be used for public input:

- Provide your name and address
- Direct comments to the Chair
- Limit your comments to three minutes or less
- The timer had been placed on the podium and with Dr. Rogers, the yellow light will come on when there were thirty seconds left and the red light would display when the three minutes were completed
- Focus the remarks on your position on the subject at hand
- Do not direct your remarks at any individuals
- No applause, horns, or talking while others speak

Mr. Wood thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

Mr. Wood asked if there was a motion to approve the agenda for the September 21, 2015, School Board/Cell Tower Public Input Meeting.

Upon motion by Mrs. Massie, seconded by Mr. Bumgarner and unanimously carried, the Board approved the agenda for the September 21, 2015, School Board/Cell Tower Public Input Meeting.

Mr. Wood asked if anyone wished to address the Board.

The following people addressed the Board regarding the proposed cell tower to be placed at Elon Elementary School:

Mr. Barry Tucker	-opposing the cell tower on Elon Elementary School property
Mr. Kenney Smith	-opposing the cell tower at Elon Elementary School property
Mrs. Abby Thompson	-opposing the cell tower at Elon Elementary School property
Mr. Ted Campbell	-opposing the cell tower at Elon Elementary School property
Mrs. Florence Nixon	-opposing the cell tower at Elon Elementary School property
Mr. Holcomb Nixon	-opposing the cell tower at Elon Elementary School property
Mr. John Grieser	-supporting the cell tower at Elon Elementary School property
Mr. Greg Franklin	-opposing the cell tower at Elon Elementary School property
Mr. Clay Campbell	-opposing the cell tower at Elon Elementary School property
Mrs. Lesley McPhatter	-supporting the cell tower at Elon Elementary School property
Mrs. Kristen Ogden	-supporting the cell tower at Elon Elementary School property
Mrs. Promise Campbell	-opposing the cell tower at Elon Elementary School property
Mr. Jim Thompson	-opposing the cell tower at Elon Elementary School property
Mr. William Odgen, Sr.	-opposing the cell tower at Elon Elementary School property
Ms. Susan Cash	-supporting the cell tower at Elon Elementary School property
Ms. Ruth Ayers	-opposing the cell tower at Elon Elementary School property
Ms. Kendall Brockman	-supporting the cell tower at Elon Elementary School property
Dr. Tom Shahady	-opposing the cell tower at Elon Elementary School property
Mr. Sammy Mays	-supporting the cell tower at Elon Elementary School property
Mr. Jason Ferguson	-opposing the cell tower at Elon Elementary School property
Mr. Gary Fink	-supporting the cell tower at Elon Elementary School property
Ms. Freida Gillespie	-opposing the cell tower at Elon Elementary School property
Ms. Faith Smith	-opposing the cell tower at Elon Elementary School property
Mr. Jimmy Pugh	-opposing the cell tower at Elon Elementary School property
Mr. Jay Campbell	-opposing the cell tower at Elon Elementary School property


Mr. Wood asked if anyone else wished to address the Board.

Mr. Wood thanked the citizens for attending the meeting and expressed appreciation to the citizens for their input.


Mr. Wood stated the members of the Amherst County School Board would be evaluating the information that had been provided. Mr. Wood stated that on October 8, 2015, the Board would consider whether to approve the proposed cell tower at Elon Elementary School.

Mr. Wood asked if there was a motion to adjourn the meeting.

Upon motion by Mr. Summers, seconded by Mrs. Massie and unanimously carried, the Board adjourned the meeting at 7:40 p.m.



 Teresa C. Crouch, Clerk
 Amherst County Public Schools



 Alan J. Wood, Chairman
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