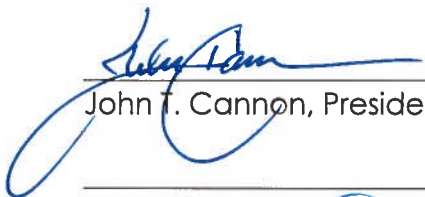


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Mr. Bruce Ford, CPA, Chief Finance and Operations Officer of the Wicomico County Board of Education, and Leisl Ashby, Director of Facilities, came before Council. Mr. Ford said Council has before them a request for Forward Funding for the \$400,000 associated with the capital bond sale that will happen, which they have been told by Administration, sometime in mid-October to late October. He said that project, thanks to Ms. Ashby's leadership, will be completed and turned over to the school prior to the start of school. He said they are excited for that community to have this project complete. Mr. Cannon asked if they are building the right type of track as someone had mentioned, it was a few months back, as to whether or not this type track is really needed. Ms. Ashby clarified that he was speaking about the durability of the track. Mr. Cannon said the type of track that it is and whether it meets the long-term goals. Ms. Ashby explained that it is an asphalt track that is very similar to what they have at Parkside and Bennett Middle School. She said she did not think there is any long-term concerns regarding its ability to function as a track. Mr. Cannon asked if there are different standards for state track events as opposed to just local events, whether or not more is required, to which Ms. Ashby responded, she cannot specifically speak to that unfortunately. She said she knows there are certain regulations for the type of track, lane lengths, all of that. She said she thinks the track could be a competitive track. Mr. Ford said it is a six-lane track. Ms. Ashby clarified it is actually an eight-lane track. Mr. Dodd said the length of the track makes a difference when you have the state events and competitions. Ms. Ashby said it is referred to as a broken-back track due to the site constraints. Mr. Ford said he encourages Council to visit it, as it really looks nice; they have done a great job. Mr. Cannon said the issue today is really not about the type of track, it is about the funding. Mr. Ford thanked Council for its support for the project. Mr. Dodd asked Mr. Ford what is his current position and did they do away with the two superintendents. Mr. Ford said he is the Chief Finance Operations Officer and he is training the Comptroller that they have hired to replace the position he had. Mr. Ford said he will be working two more years, and then he is going to be retiring. He said he felt this was a great opportunity to train the Comptroller. Mr. Dodd said he has done a good job.


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