

'Least Expensive' Way

Supervisors Push For Bond Support

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In light of what was termed "confusion" on the part of Albemarle residents over the March 19 school bond referendum, the chairman of the Albemarle Board of Supervisors Wednesday urged citizen support for construction of a new county high school.

Board chairman Gordon Wheeler, speaking during an afternoon county budget-work session, cited what he called "some confusion" on the part of the citizens about what the March 19 \$6.5 million bond vote means.

Wheeler said he had received indications that county residents felt the balloting might just be a decision on how to finance the proposed school, not on the question of whether or not to build the facility.

"My intention is that it (the school) would not be built (without a favorable vote)," Wheeler said.

However, School Superintendent Clarence McClure told the board Wednesday in his

opinion the school was needed and would be built eventually. Delay, McClure said, would be costly.

"You (the board) will build the school... the population is here. I know we have a need that has to be met. The longer it (construction) is put off, the more (the school) will cost," McClure said.

Samuel Miller Supervisor Gerald Fisher cautioned against preempting the vote of the people in case the referendum fails.

"I will personally vote for the bond," Fisher said. But if it fails to pass, the board might have to take another look at the proposed school project, he said.

When asked by Wheeler for his opinion on the bond, Jack Jouett Supervisor Stuart Carwile said he was not willing to state he would not support school construction by any alternate financing method if the bond vote failed.

Charlottesville Supervisor Lloyd Wood backed up Carwile's view that the bond referendum method of financing was the

least expensive way to pay for the construction.

"If there is not another school to absorb (student population); we will have a most difficult time," Wood said.

Wheeler said after the meeting that county residents should realize if the bond vote fails the board "won't turn around the

next day" and finance the school construction through other methods.

But Wheeler would not preclude the possibility that a decision might be made by the board next year to finance school construction by an alternate method if funds were available.

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