

**RUTHERFORD COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
2240 Southpark Drive
Murfreesboro, TN 37128**

**Minutes of Budget Meeting
May 11, 2016**

Board Members Present

**Wayne R. Blair, Chairman
Terry Hodge, Vice Chairman
Jim Estes
Aaron Holladay
Jeff Jordan
Lisa Moore
Coy Young
Marvin D. Odom, Director**

The Board Chairman called the Budget meeting to order at 5:00 P.M. Mr. Jeff Jordan led in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Sandvig, Assistant Superintendent of Finance, present the following amendments:

1. General Purpose School Budget 2015-2016 Amendments

A. BEP State Funds and Local Revenues

This amendment increases state BEP funds by \$1,586,000 and uses these funds for \$1,100,000 in textbooks, \$406,000 for Special Education related legal fees, and \$80,000 for the self-insured portion of our liability insurance. The amendment also increases net local revenues by \$4,709,322 and uses \$120,000 for trustee's commission, \$200,000 for the self-insured portion of our liability insurance, and increases unassigned fund balance by \$4,389,322.

Motion made by Mr. Hodge, seconded by Mr. Young, to amend the 2015-2016 General Purpose School budget by increasing state BEP funds by \$1,586,000 with \$1,100,000 for textbook expenditures, \$406,000 for Special Education related legal fee expenditures, \$80,000 for the self-insured portion of our liability insurance and to amend local revenues by a net increase of \$4,709,322 with \$120,000 for trustee's commission, \$200,000 for the self-insured portion of our liability insurance, and an increase in unassigned fund balance by \$4,389,322 as presented.

Vote: All Yes

B. Miscellaneous Staff – Staff and Account Changes and Overtime

This amendment reclassifies two staff members due to a state change and a coding error, covers changes in level and experience for two staff members, and addresses \$2,500 in overtime.

Motion made by Ms. Moore, seconded by Mr. Hodge, to amend the 2015-2016 General Purpose School budget by \$103,857 in pay and \$17,567 in related benefits for a total of \$121,424 as presented.

Vote: All Yes

2. Athletics

At a previous meeting, the Board requested a committee be appointed to further study athletic supplements.

Motion made by Mr. Jordan, seconded by Mr. Estes, to increase the head coach supplements for boys and girls soccer, wrestling, volleyball, and track to 12% effective with the 2016-2017 budget.

Vote: All Yes

3. Transportation

While contract bus drivers experienced lower expenditures due to a drop in fuel prices, increased repair, overhead and new vehicle replacement costs have also increased.

Motion made by Mr. Young, seconded by Mr. Hodge, to increase bus contract seat and mileage rate by 2.5% effective with the 2016-2017 budget.

Vote: All Yes

4. Certified Staff

A. Assistant Principals

Because of school enrollment growth and the Boards' goal of moving toward providing a least one assistant principal at each school site, we are budgeting 6.5 additional principal positions for the 2016-2017 school year. The following schools are included to receive new administrators. Underlined schools currently do not have an assistant principal: Christiana Elementary (.5), Christiana Middle (.5), LaVergne Lake (.5), LaVergne Primary (.5), Rockvale Middle (.5), Stewarts Creek Middle (.5), Kittrell (.5), Walter Hill (.5), Daniel-McKee (.5) Smyrna West (.5), Eagleville (.5), Homer Pittard Campus (.5), and McFadden School of Excellence (.5).

Motion made by Mr. Estes, seconded by Mr. Jordan, to approve funding for six and one-half (6.5) additional assistant principals to be divided among the named schools.

Vote: All Yes

B. Specialist and Coordinator

Employment of a system level K-5 Mathematics Specialist and one half-time Fine Arts Coordinator

Motion made by Mr. Hodge, seconded by Mr. Holladay, to approve funding for one system level K-5 Mathematics Specialist and one half-time Fine Arts Coordinator.

Vote: All Yes

C. Psychologist and Social Worker

Restore a School Psychologist position not filled for the 2015-2016 school year and add one additional social worker.

Motion made by Mr. Estes, seconded by Mr. Holladay, to approve funding for one additional system psychologist and one additional system social worker.

Vote: All Yes

5. Classified Staff

A. Bookkeeper II: Create high school Bookkeeper II positions to assist the lead school Bookkeeper in overseeing school support organizations and booster clubs. These nine (9) Bookkeeper II positions will be for 200 days at seven hours per day. Schools receiving these position are as follows: Blackman High School, Central Magnet, Eagleville, LaVergne High School, Oakland High School, Riverdale High School, Siegel High School, Smyrna High School, and Stewarts Creek High School.

Motion made by Mr. Young, and seconded by Ms. Moore, to approve funding for nine (9) high school Bookkeeper II positions to be assigned to Blackman High, Central Magnet, Eagleville, LaVergne High, Oakland High, Riverdale High, Siegel High, Smyrna High, and Stewarts Creek High.

Vote: All Yes

B. Paralegal

Create a new Paralegal position to serve under the staff attorney.

Motion made by Ms. Moore, seconded by Mr. Jordan, to approve funding for one full-time (12 month) Paralegal Professional to assist the staff attorney.

Vote: All Yes

C. Communications Specialist

Create a new Communications Specialist position to serve under the Community Relations Coordinator.

Motion made by Mr. Jordan, seconded by Mr. Estes, to approve funding for one full-time (12 month) Communications Specialist to serve under the Community Relations Coordinator.

Vote: All Yes

D. Accounting Clerk

Create a new Accounting Clerk position to work with the internal auditor.

Motion made by Mr. Estes, seconded by Mr. Young, to approve funding for one full-time (12 month) accounting clerk position to work with the internal auditor.

Vote: All Yes

Mr. Sandvig noted that other teacher-level and support positions included in the budget are as follows:

- 1. One additional Central Magnet guidance counselor.**
- 2. RTI² interventionist for the high schools (4.5).**
- 3. School Technology Specialist to be shared among the four (4) largest elementary schools (2).**
- 4. One new Special Education behavior class that includes a teacher and two educational assistants.**
- 5. One new Special Education Pre-K class consisting of one (1) teacher and two educational assistants.**
- 6. One new Speech Language teacher**
- 7. English as a Second Language teachers (3)**
- 8. Special Education teachers (9)**
- 9. Classroom teachers and CTE teachers (60)**

6. 2016-2017 General Purpose School Budget

The 2016-17 General Purpose School Budget as presented this evening totals \$340,035,259 in expenditures and uses \$336,156,740 in revenues and uses \$3,878,519 in unassigned fund balance to balance.


Motion made by Mr. Hodge, seconded by Mr. Estes to approve the 2016-2017 General Purpose School Budget with \$340,035,259 in expenditures, \$336,156,740 in revenues, and using \$3,878,519 in unassigned fund balance to balance as presented.

Vote: All Yes


The Board Chairman announced that the Budget meeting scheduled for Monday, May 23, 2016, has been cancelled.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 6:20 P.M.


Wayne R. Blair, Board Chairman


Date


Marvin D. Odom, Director of Schools


Date