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**Cumberland County Board of Education  
Special Called Meeting  
June 19, 2014**

The Cumberland County Board of Education met in special session on Thursday, June 19, 2014, in the Central Services Board Room where the meeting was called to order by Chairman Tollett at the approximate hour of 5:00 pm. He welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**PRESENT:** Tollett, Hutson, Blalock  
Janeway, Stone, Brewer  
Schlafer (telephonically)

**ABSENT:** Davis, Bowman

**COUNSEL:**

**1. Call to Order:** (See above)

**2. Moment of Silence/Pledge of Allegiance:** After a moment of silence, Blalock led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. Roll Call:** (See above)

**4. Agenda:** (See Exhibit #1)

At the commencement of the meeting, Blalock made a motion to allow Schlafer to vote telephonically in this meeting.

**VOICE VOTE:** Blalock (mover-yes)  
All ayes

**MOTION:** Carried unanimously

**5. 2014-2015 Budget Review and Consideration:** (See Exhibit #2) In opening the meeting, Chairman Tollett asked Mr. Andrews to make announcements and get the meeting started. Mr. Andrews first thanked everyone for their attendance tonight. He then stated that this meeting is to update our budget in order for him to present it to the County Commission Budget Committee next Monday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2014, at 4:30 p.m. at their special called meeting.

Prior to the agenda items, Mr. Andrews stated that the executive committee met this afternoon with the athletic committee, and as per their agreement, the presentation that was formed out of that meeting will be gone over at a work session to be held next Thursday, June 26<sup>th</sup>, at 4:30 in order for the athletic committee to be able to share the findings and recommendations to the board as to the direction that will be taken regarding that program. The regular meeting will follow at 6:00 p.m.

Mr. Andrews stated that information will be passed to board members tonight regarding the Leadership Conference at Opryland on November 14<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup>, and asked board members to sign up for that meeting if they plan to attend.



Mr. Andrews stated that the board has in front of them an up-date of the budget meeting of Tuesday, June 17<sup>th</sup>, when it was presented before the County Commission Budget Committee. That committee voted 5 to 3 to give the schools an additional over-the-minimum amount of approximately \$56,000. Discussion was had at that meeting about additional funds that had been requested by board and that action failed by a 5 to 3 vote.

Regarding the 5 to 3 negative vote, the committee did say they would revisit the issue if the superintendent would bring the budget back to the board for reconsideration. The executive staff has gone back through the budget and made some adjustments. Mr. Andrews must have the board's permission regarding the adjustments before he can re-present the budget to the Cumberland County Finance Committee; thus, this special called meeting tonight. At this point, the meeting was turned over to Mr. Scarbrough to discuss the adjustments.

Mr. Scarbrough stated that the County Budget Committee has gotten a report from the Tax Equalization Board, who basically said that property taxes are going to grow at the rate of a little over 1-1/2% in the upcoming year. Due to this finding, they budgeted an increase in property taxes in the amount of \$127,782.

- A. Updates from the Budget Meeting of June 17, 2014:** (See Exhibit 3) \$150,000 more is being required from the county for the county match; \$68,000 more will come from the state for BEP. Local revenue projected increases are \$127,782 from increased property taxes, and \$78,987 from increase in local option sales taxes. The 13-14 required local matching funds are \$16,594 with a projected growth in local taxes of \$206,769, which puts local funding at \$16,800,769, which is \$56,769 over the required match from the county. The Board is requesting from the County Commission \$16,800,769 plus \$130,000 in liquor taxes, which is a total of \$16,930,769 in revenues from the County. Our total projected revenues are \$47,897,344 and total projected expenditures are \$51,424,730. The difference in revenues versus expenditures is \$3,527,386. \$2,735,361 will be taken from the fund balance, which will leave a shortfall of \$792,025.

We are requesting from the County Commission \$150,000 more for the BEP required match; \$56,769 which the County has already offered us; \$130,000 in mixed drink tax; and \$792,025 for our shortfall. The total amount requested from the County is a \$1,128,794 increase from last year.

**Potential Budget Adjustments** that will be presented to the County Commission Budget Committee are Expenditures in the amount of \$51,424,730. Eliminate from Expenditures the following items: 4-1/2 RTI positions in the amount of \$220,000; Strategic Compensation in the amount of \$150,000; the textbook purchase of K-2 social studies materials in the amount of \$87,155; and in Technology, move to a school cycle plan which will save \$109,042.

**Adjusted Expenditures** would be \$50,858,533; Expected Revenues would be \$47,897,344 which would leave a balance of \$2,961,189. We could then draw \$2,735,361 from our fund balance, which would leave a remaining shortfall for our school system in the amount of \$225,828.

**The Potential Counter Proposal for County Commission Discussion** is \$150,000 required county BEP match; \$56,769 increase in budget which was approved at the 6-17-14 meeting; \$130,000 in mixed drink taxes, and an additional allocation of \$225,825. This leaves a total of \$562,597 that our budget committee will request from the County above the 2013-2014 allocation.

After a lengthy discussion, Blalock made a motion to add the 4-1/2 RTI positions in the amount of \$220,000 to the total of #9; take the \$87,155 and also add that to #9 (this would bring the total asked-for increase from the County Commission from \$562,597 to \$869,752); and that this proposal be



taken back to the County Commission for their consideration. A further lengthy discussion was had.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** Blalock (mover-yes)  
Janeway (yes), Brewer (no)  
Hutson (yes), Stone (no)  
Schlafer (no)  
Chairman Tollett (no)

**MOTION:** **Failed (4-no, 3-yes)**

After a lengthy discussion, Stone made a motion to present #9 (Potential Counter Proposal for County Commission Discussion) to the County Commission Budget Committee on Monday. In discussion, Stone stated that we all know that cuts are painful, but he doesn't think taking another budget to the County Budget Committee just to be rejected is adding to the education of our students. Therefore, he asked board members to take into consideration the time the staff has spent developing these adjustments and at the same time, thinking of our students and their education. In answer to Schlafer's question about whether the Potential Budget Adjustments as listed in #8 will be approved if #9 is approved, Chairman Tollett stated that those budget adjustments will be approved. Further discussion was had.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** Stone (mover-yes)  
Blalock (no), Hutson (yes)  
Schlafer (yes), Brewer (yes)  
Janeway (no)  
Chairman Tollett (yes)

**MOTION:** **Carried (5-yes, 2-no)**

**(One (1) disk will be marked as Exhibit #4)**

Chairman Tollett stated that the Fall District Meeting of the TSBA is set for McMinnville on September 2<sup>nd</sup>. It will also be held in Evensville on September 4<sup>th</sup>, so board members have a choice of where they want to go.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Blalock made a motion to adjourn.

**VOICE VOTE:** All ayes

**MOTION:** **Carried unanimously**

**(WHEREUPON, the meeting was adjourned at the approximate hour of 6:35 p.m.)**

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**Mr. Donald Andrews**  
**Director of Schools**

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**Dr. Charles Tollett**  
**Chairman of the Board**

I, Virgie Lotze, do hereby certify that I transcribed the proceedings of the special called meeting held on June 19, 2014, as per pages 1-4, and that I delivered said minutes to the office of the superintendent on July 10, 2014.

Virgie Lotze  
Virgie Lotze  
Notary Public at Large for  
the State of Tennessee

(My commission expires 6-6-15)

