

CUMBERLAND COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
Special Called Meeting
June 15, 2016

The Cumberland County Board of Education met in special session on Thursday, June 15, 2016, in the Central Services Board Room where the meeting was called to order by Chairman Hassler at the approximate hour of 6:00 PM. He welcomed everyone to the meeting.

PRESENT: Hassler, Stone, Blalock
Parris, Hutson, Janeway
Freitag

ABSENT: Bowman, Patterson

COUNSEL: Mr. Earl Patton

1. Call to Order - Mr. Don Hassler: (See above)

2. Welcome to Visitors - Mr. Don Hassler: (See above)

3. Moment of Silence/Pledge of Allegiance - Mr. Don Hassler: After a moment of silence, Stone led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Roll Call: (See above)

5. Declaration of Conflict - Mr. Earl Patton. Declaration of Conflict - Mr. Earl Patton: After reading into the record: “TCA 49-2-202 defines relative as a spouse, parent, parent-in-law, child, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, grandparent, grandchild, brother, sister, uncle, aunt, nephew, niece, or any person who resides in the same household as you”, Mr. Patton asked each board member that has a relative employed by the Cumberland County School System to raise their right hands and certify that the votes that they make tonight will be in the best interest of the Cumberland County school system, regardless of the effect that that vote may have upon the employment of their relative or relatives. (Parris, Freitag, Hutson and Hassler so certified.)

6. *Approval of Agenda: (See Exhibit #1) Stone made and Janeway seconded a motion to approve the agenda as presented as per Exhibit #1.

VOICE VOTE: Stone (mover-yes)
Janeway (seconder-yes)
All ayes

MOTION: Carried unanimously

7. *2016-2017 Budget (Approved by CCBOE, denied by County Commission) - Mr. Travis Isaacson: (See Exhibit #2) Mr. Isaacson reported to the board that when the budget was taken to the County Commission Budget Committee last week, after a 1-1/2 hour discussion, a motion and second were had, with the vote 5-yes, 1-no, to provide only the BEP minimum to the school system, which is the bare minimum that they are required by the state to provide. They instructed Mr. Isaacson to have the board amend the budget and to return on Tuesday, June 21st, with a revised budget. In discussion, Stone advised that they did not take action on the \$1.6 million capital project. They did discuss the possibility that after the budget is passed, that sort of issue can be brought to them again. Mr. Isaacson will take that project proposal back to them in August or September - or the month after the school budget is approved. (The capital project was not denied nor was it approved.) The Commission is still waiting on information regarding a salary study to get the county budget completed. (Harry Sabine was the only county commissioner that voted to give the school system more than the bare minimum.) The cuts that Mr. Isaacson presented (the gray portions of Exhibit #2) are within \$1.00 of what the county has agreed to approve. The BEP estimate -\$10,000 from local funds and almost \$188,000 from the state, which is an increase of \$198,000 in BEP funds. (In Mr. Isaacson’s revised budget, he has included that BEP increase.)

The changes made to the budget are as follows:

Page 2 – Sale of Property

Page 3 –Increase in BEP

Page 5 – Medical Insurance for 2016/17

Page 8 – Sale of Property estimate, \$21,650

Page 12 – SROs, one removed by Mr. Isaacson

Page 19 – No assistant principal at Pine View, adjustments on Social Security and Retirees

Page 21 – Reduced Human Resource Supervisor salary pay next year (over \$30,000), adjustment for SS and Retirement

Page 23 – Maintenance Personnel salary update; decrease of \$312,000 in items that can be done without.

One tractor instead of two; one van or truck instead of two

Page24- Bus driver costs decrease with adjustment in SS and Retirement, decrease in number of drivers

Fuel estimate based on what was used this year; funds from recycling of tires and tubes

Page 28 – Fund Balance Update estimate of \$3.0 million

With these adjustments, Mr. Isaacson stated that these changes will leave an overage of \$1.00 in the budget at the year end, which is what the County Budget Committee has requested. After discussion, Stone made and Freitag seconded a motion to accept these changes made by Mr. Isaacson.

VOICE VOTE: Stone (mover-yes)
Freitag (seconder-yes)
Janeway (no), Parris (pass)
Hutson (yes), Blalock (no)
Chairman Hassler (yes)
(Parris changed her pass vote to a yes vote)

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

8. *Crab Orchard Sewer/Septic - Mr. Travis Isaacson: Mr. Isaacson has spoken with the State about the connection of Crab Orchard sewer to the Fairfield Glade sewer system. He was informed that if the system is connected from Crab Orchard to Fairfield, the service will become a public utility instead of a private utility. Fairfield is not interested in that option; therefore, the option is no longer available. The other possible option that was discussed briefly was connecting to the City sewer system, but the cost to do this would probably be excessive since the distance would be six miles. The North Elementary connection to the City was \$300,000; the probable cost for Crab Orchard to connect to the City sewer system would be at least \$500,000. After further discussion, Mr. Isaacson will contact the City and have a report on this at the next meeting. Mr. Freitag stated that if an agreement cannot be made with the City, there will be time to install a completely new septic system at Crab Orchard before school starts in August. After further discussion, Stone made and Freitag seconded a motion to table a decision on the Crab Orchard sewer/septic system until the regular meeting on June 23rd.

VOICE VOTE: Stone (mover-yes)
Freitag (seconder-yes)
(Blalock, no)

MOTION: Carried (6-yes, 1-no)

9. Old Business

A. Requirement of an attendance supervisor: Hutson inquired of Mr. Patton what he had gleaned from the email that was sent to her from Christie Ballard's office in Nashville. Mr. Patton stated there was nothing in the information that has changed his mind; he is still of the opinion that we are not required to have an attendance officer.

10. Questions from Media: (None)

11. Adjournment: Stone made and Freitag seconded a motion to adjourn.

VOICE VOTE: All ayes

MOTION: Carried unanimously

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(The meeting was adjourned at the approximate hour of 6:40 p.m.)

**Mr. Donald Andrews
Superintendent of Schools**

**Mr. Don Hassler
Chairman of the Board**

I, Virgie Lotze, do hereby certify that I reported the foregoing minutes and that I delivered said minutes to the office of the Superintendent of Schools on June 27, 2016.

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

(My commission expires 6-6-19)

12. (*) Indicates Board Approval Required