

**MINUTES OF THE CALLED MEETING OF THE  
JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS  
JUNE 6, 2013 – 6:30 P.M.  
MT. HOREB ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Anne Marie Potts who then asked everyone to stand for a moment of silence. Board members present were Chair Potts, Vice Chairman Bill Jarnigan, Jim Vines, Judy Cavanah, Ralph Lowery, Randall Bradley and Jonathan Rogers. Dr. Charles Edmonds, Director of Schools and Secretary to the Board, was also present.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chair Potts led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. Approval – General Budget Amendment #11 and Federal Budget Amendment #11

Upon motion by Judy Cavanah and second by Ralph Lowery, the board unanimously approved general budget amendment #11 and federal budget amendment #11 as submitted. (see attached)

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

1. Approval – 2013-2014 School Budget

Dr. Edmonds went over the listing of amounts for the proposed general purpose (\$50,792,273), federal (\$4,614,784) and student nutrition budgets (\$4,242,544) totaling \$59,649,601 for the proposed 2013-2014 school budget.

Dr. Edmonds then reported on proposed reductions totaling \$289,882 in the draft budget which the board reviewed at the May 23, 2013 meeting. He stated that with the proposed reductions totaling \$289,882 and the increase in State BEP funding totaling \$57,000 the budget would be reduced by \$346,882. He then went over personnel costs totaling \$40,931,592 which included a 2% raise for all full-time and part-time support employees. He pointed out that 80.4% of the budget went towards personnel costs. He stated that \$9,980,955 was the total remaining expenditures for necessary items in the budget. He then went over mandatory necessities that were not personnel which included student fee waivers, textbooks, evaluation and testing, liability insurance, audit services, dues and memberships, electricity, natural gas, water and sewer, building and contents insurance, and other contracted services

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totaling \$3,278,469. He pointed out that \$6,702,486 was left after taking the \$3,278,469 from the total amount of non-personnel costs expenditures of \$9,980,955. He then went over a list of other necessary and required essentials that would come out of the \$6,702,486 which included instructional supplies, other supplies and materials, equipment, fuel, other transportation costs, custodial supplies, building maintenance/repairs, equipment maintenance/repairs, and contracted services in maintenance and equipment.

Dr. Edmonds pointed out that the budget presented was a “bare bones” budget. He stated that the budget did not include any additional teaching units. Board member Bradley was concerned over not having full-time counselors at New Market and Talbott. He felt they needed to have full-time counselors in all elementary schools. Dr. Edmonds stated that an additional counselor had been added to the budget but was pulled out when possible cuts had to be looked at. Dr. Edmonds further stated that he would try to take care of that problem in the future.

Darrell Helton, County Finance Director, passed out and went over a summary of total adjustments to the 2013-2014 school budget and answered any questions from the board. There was discussion from board member Bradley regarding SRO salaries. Mr. Helton pointed out that three (3) SRO salaries totaling \$127,000 was included in the proposed budget. He commented that he would be approaching county commissioners Monday night regarding the board’s request that all SRO salaries be funded through the sheriff’s department. Mr. Bradley suggested removing the three (3) SRO salaries from the proposed budget before approaching county commission. Mr. Helton pointed out that if the county commission voted to have funding for all SRO’s taken from the sheriff’s department the \$127,000 would be taken out of the school budget. Mr. Helton stated that the estimated cost to fund six officers would be \$248,000 and \$127,000 for three officers totaling approximately \$375,000. Vice Chairman Bill Jarnigan stated that he thought it was best to leave it in the budget. Mr. Helton commented that the county commission agrees that the school system needs security in all the schools. He will approach the county commission about all the funding for the SRO’s to come from the sheriff’s department.

Mr. Helton went over the \$2,801,503 fund balance. He pointed out that he was concerned about using \$1M-\$1.5M from the fund balance due to getting the fund balance too low. Mr. Helton commented that in his opinion there would have to be a tax increase.

Chair Potts recommended sending the budget document to the county commission with attached documentation explaining the proposed budget amounts, proposed reductions,

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amount of funds required to provide a 2% raise for all support employees, personnel costs, and mandatory expenses that are non-personnel costs.

Dr. Edmonds recommended approving the 2013-2014 general purpose budget as presented. The document will be sent to the county commission budget committee on June 13, 2013.

Vice Chairman Jarnigan made the motion to approve the 2013-2014 general purpose budget as presented with total anticipated revenue of \$47,794,766 and total anticipated expenditures of \$50,792,273. Board member Vines seconded the motion and the motion passed 6-1 with board member Bradley voting against.

Mr. Helton informed the board that he would be recommending a wheel tax increase and not a property tax increase when it was known what the tax increase would have to be.

Dr. Edmonds went over the student nutrition budget in the amount of \$4,242,544 which included a 2% raise for student nutrition employees. He recommended the budget be approved as presented.

Upon motion by Jonathan Rogers and second by Ralph Lowery, the board unanimously approved the 2013-2014 Student Nutrition budget with revenues of \$3,661,500 and expenditures of \$4,242,544 and using \$581,044 from the reserve to balance the budget.

Dr. Edmonds recommended that the board approve the 2013-2014 federal budget as presented.

Upon motion by Vice Chairman Jarnigan and second by Jonathan Rogers, the board unanimously approved the 2013-2014 federal budget totaling \$4,614,784.

**Items for Information**

1. Dr. Edmonds passed information on the newly elected principal at Rush Strong.
2. Chair Potts pointed out that the next meeting would be June 24, 2013 at Mt. Horeb Elementary.

**Items for Information – continued**

3. Board member Bradley questioned if the cost for the JCHS performing arts center fly box had been received. Dr. Edmonds commented that he would have that information for the meeting on June 24<sup>th</sup>.
4. Chair Potts updated the board on the ground breaking ceremony for the renovations/additions to JCHS. The ceremony will take place on June 14, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. at JCHS.
5. Vice Chairman invited everyone to attend the Mt. Horeb Reunion scheduled for June 15, 2013 at Mt. Horeb Church.

**ADJOURN**

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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Anne Marie Potts, Chair

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Dr. Charles Edmonds, Director of Schools &  
Secretary to the Board

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