

**MINUTES OF THE CALLED MEETING OF THE  
JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS  
AUGUST 1, 2013 – 11:00 A.M.  
CENTRAL OFFICE**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman Bill Jarnigan. Board members attending the meeting were Vice Chairman Jarnigan, Judy Cavanah, Ralph Lowery, Jonathan Rogers, and Randall Bradley. Chair Anne Marie Potts and board member Jim Vines were absent. Dr. Charles Edmonds, Director of Schools and Secretary to the Board, was also present.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

1. Amendment of 2013-2014 School Budget

Each board member received a copy of proposed reductions to the 2013-2014 school budget as submitted by Dr. Edmonds and the administration. Dr. Edmonds pointed out that even though they were cutting the budget by \$174,750, they were actually getting 15 cents more and \$58,000 plus they were using \$1,017,007 of their fund balance to balance the budget.

Dr. Edmonds went over a list of proposed budget reductions for the 2013-2014 school budget. He pointed out that they proposed to cut \$43,670 from transportation equipment (72710 729) by purchasing 3 new buses instead of 4 and cutting \$100,000 from teacher salaries (71100 116). He pointed out that there would be no extra teacher units built into the budget. He stated that this was the case last year, but they were able to cover the costs for new teachers by transferring funds into the salary line from other line items which had funds remaining. He pointed out they would probably have to do that again this year or pull the actual amount needed from fund balance. Dr. Edmonds stated that no teacher would lose their job because of this reduction and they would still employ all teachers that are needed. Other items reduced were \$8,640 from the special education instructional supplies line item (71200 429) and \$2,500 from special education travel (72220 355), \$1,440 for 2 wireless internet cards from the Office of Superintendent (72320 399), and \$18,500 from Board of Education (72310 506) for excess budgeting for liability insurance for a total of \$174,750.00.

Mr. Darrell Helton, County Finance Director, stated that the county commission needed to reduce the county budget by 3 cents. He commented the county commission wanted 1.5 cents reduction in the county budget and 1.5 cents reduction in the school budget. Mr. Helton pointed out that the county commission could not reduce by a half a cent amount. He stated that the commission took 2 cents property tax out of the school budget and 1 cent out of the

**Unfinished Business – Budget - continued**

county budget. In order to make it even the commission transferred \$58,250 revenue to the schools from another source to make the reduction in the school budget to an amount equal to 1.5 cents. He stated that the board would be approving a revenue figure of \$49,600,516 plus \$1,017,007 from fund balance for a total revenue of \$50,617,523. He commented that the \$174,750 reduction would make expenditures total \$50,617,523.

Dr. Edmonds recommended that the board adopt the budget with a \$174,750 reduction from the budget the board had previously approved.

Randall Bradley made the motion to adopt the budget with the \$174,750 reduction. Board member Rogers seconded the motion and the motion passed 5-0.

Board member Bradley stated that a lot of work and effort had gone into the budget process and he wanted to take the time to show his appreciation to the county mayor and the county commission.

Jonathan Rogers made the motion to accept the 2013-2014 school budget with total anticipated revenues of \$49,600,516 plus \$1,017,007 from fund balance for a total of \$50,617,523. Ralph Lowery seconded the motion and the motion passed 5-0.

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Bill Jarnigan, Vice Chairman

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Charles Edmonds, Director of Schools &  
Secretary to the Board

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