

**MINUTES OF THE CALLED MEETING OF THE
JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS
MAY 26, 2015 – 4:00 P.M.
CENTRAL OFFICE**

CALL TO ORDER

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. 2015-2016 School Budget

Langdon Potts, County Finance Director, went over the budget document summary with revisions that the board had made at their meeting on May 22, 2015. He pointed out that he went back to the May 14th version of the budget and took out the non-payroll cuts of approximately \$79,000, kept the certified raises at 1.4%, kept the four teacher units in that had been taken out in one version of the budget, used \$100,000 for medical insurance, reduced maintenance of effort by \$67,000, and increased BEP by \$90,000. He pointed out that the 2% on top of the \$8.25 pay schedule was not in the budget. He commented that the textbook reduction went from \$575,000 to \$390,000.

Board member Potts made the motion to rescind the motion that was made on April 21, 2015 to approve the math textbook adoption. Board member Bradley seconded the motion.

Sherry Finchum pointed out that it was only an adoption, not a purchase and they were required by law to adopt textbooks.

Board member Potts asked that the board receive a price on consumable textbooks to be purchased before they are approved.

The motion passed 5-0.

Board member Potts made the motion to rescind part of the motion made at the May 14, 2015 meeting where there would be no salary increases from the prior year. Board member Bradley seconded the motion.

The motion failed 3-1-1. Board members Potts, Bradley and Cavanah voted for the motion, board member Vines voted against and Chairman Jarnigan abstained.

Unfinished Business – Budget – continued

There was discussion regarding the motion that just failed. Board member Potts pointed out that no administrators would be receiving a raise.

Chairman Jarnigan commented that he was in favor of changing his vote. Michael Phagan commented that a motion to amend the motion could be made. There was much discussion regarding rules of order and how the vote on the motion could be changed.

Chairman Jarnigan was against giving everyone a raise except for the four administrators in central office. There was some discussion on where money could be found to give the raises. Board member Potts expressed her feelings on cutting textbooks and giving raises. She pointed out that she would not be in favor of cutting textbooks any more that what had already been cut.

Vice Chairman Vines commented that he didn't like taking away from textbooks or technology. He stated that it was only fair that the administrators get the same raise as everyone else.

Vice Chairman Vines made the motion to reconsider taking away the restrictions on the motion made on May 14, 2015 regarding no salary increases from the prior year for principals and assistant principals. Chairman Jarnigan seconded the motion and the motion failed 2-3. Board members Vines and Jarnigan voted for the motion and board members Cavanah, Potts and Bradley voted against.

Board member Cavanah made the motion to rescind the entire motion made at the May 14, 2015 meeting that the board not increase line items 104, 105, 132, 139, 499, 599, 524, 338 and 410, technology equipment be reduced by \$63,000 and line item 189 – other salaries and wages be reduced by \$35,684 with related benefits for a total amount of approximately \$313,553 with the understanding that if the BEP comes in at a higher amount, the board will re-evaluate that at Tuesday's called meeting. Vice Chairman Vines seconded the motion.

Board member Potts commented that in her opinion the budget was being held up by four individuals who want a raise. She pointed out that not everyone in the county was getting a raise.

The motion as stated above failed 3-2. Board members Cavanah, Jarnigan and Vines voted for the motion. Board members Bradley and Potts voted against.

Unfinished Business – Budget – continued

Dr. Edmonds commented that not one of the four directors had asked him for a raise. He stated that he had not been asked nor lobbied or conspired with them to raise their salary. He commented that they had worked diligently on the budget process in order to try to do the best they could.

Board member Bradley suggested looking at the present budget and see if could be tweaked.

Vice Chairman Vines commented that the five board members in attendance had a tuff decision to make and it put them in a bind.

Bill Jarnigan made the motion to reconsider board member Cavanah's motion regarding the motion made at the May 14, 2015 meeting. Vice Chairman Vines seconded the motion and the motion passed 5-0.

Board member Cavanah made the motion to accept the new revised budget as presented by the finance department dated May 26, 2015 with total anticipated expenditures and revenue totaling \$51,822,603 for a zero anticipated deficit. Board member Potts seconded the motion and the motion passed 5-0.

The board meeting for Thursday night, May 28, 2015 was postponed and re-scheduled for June 11, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. at the Patriot Academy.

Board member Potts made the motion to suspend the rules and add General Purpose Budget 141 Amendment #16 and Federal Budget 142 Amendment #16 to the agenda. Board member Cavanah seconded the motion and the motion passed 5-0.

Approval of General Purpose Budget 141 Amendment #16

Upon motion by Vice Chairman Vines and second by Judy Cavanah, the board voted 5-0 to approve general purpose budget 141 amendment #16 as submitted. (see attached)

Approval of Federal Budget 142 Amendment #16

Upon motion by Anne Marie Potts and second Randall Bradley, the board voted 5-0 to approve federal budget 142 amendment #16 as submitted. (see attached)

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ADJOURN

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:23 p.m.

Bill Jarnigan, Chairman

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

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