

**MINUTES OF THE CALLED MEETING OF THE  
JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS  
MAY 12, 2016 – 6:30 P.M.  
PATRIOT ACADEMY**

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Steve Marion, Standard Banner reporter, led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. Approval – Budget Amendments

(a) General Budget 141 Budget Amendment #15

Upon motion by Judy Cavanah and second by Randall Bradley, the board voted 4-0 to approve General Budget 141 Budget Amendment #15 as submitted. (see attached)

(b) Federal Budget 142 Budget Amendment #10

Upon motion by Anne Marie Potts and second by Randall Bradley, the board voted 4-0 to approve Federal Budget 142 Budget Amendment #10 as submitted. (see attached)

2. 2016-2017 Budget – First Pass

Chairman Jarnigan thanked the county finance office and the staff at central office for all their hard work in preparing the budget.

Langdon Potts, County Finance Director, went over the first pass of the 2016-2017 school budget and answered questions from the board. He pointed out there was an increase in revenue of \$2,684,000 compared from 2015-2016 to 2016-2017, an increase of \$1,742,000 in total compensation and an increase of \$2,864,000 in total expenses. He went over the maintenance of effort page. He pointed out the proposed budget was \$16,434,487 which was an increase of \$253,397 from the 2015-2016 budget. Mr. Potts stated that in his opinion the

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board should not ask for an increase in maintenance of effort. He commented that the board had two options to either send the budget as presented to the county commission budget committee or cut the \$253,397 in order to keep the maintenance of effort the same as last year. Mr. Potts commented that he thought the effort to put a large percentage of the money to compensation was very admirable.

Board member Potts asked if any money had been designated for capital projects in the new budget. Michael Phagan, Facilities Supervisor, responded there was not. Mr. Phagan stated there was money in this year's budget to spend on the Rush Strong School sewer plant and he and the county finance director were looking for funds to finish the windows at Talbott Elementary. Ms. Potts was concerned over issues with the JCHS baseball stadium and not having funding to take care of those issues. She pointed out the baseball stadium was listed as high priority on a capital projects list in 2014-2015 but the allocation was cut. There was some discussion regarding an increase in extra-curricular supplements. Sherry Finchum commented that nothing had been done since 2009 with those supplements.

There was discussion regarding where cuts could be made. Board member Potts suggested cutting the \$78,000 designated for other expenses. Mr. Potts commented that because an item was placed under "other" did not mean that it was not important. He pointed out they were smaller items in terms of dollars that had not been identified. Ms. Potts stated her second suggestion was to look at instructional supplies at \$24,000. Michael Phagan stated they could take out \$38,000 under custodial promotions. Sherry Finchum commented they could take out \$23,000 under library expense because the library gets an annual allocation.

Chairman Jarnigan asked if this budget was accepted could more money be added during the year. Mr. Potts commented that it could be changed because they only have the preliminary BEP. He pointed out they would not have the final BEP appropriations until July. Sherry Finchum responded that she did not foresee any new money. Mr. Potts commented there was a possibility the state retirement amount could decrease plus there was some sales tax revenue that might be above budget.

There was discussion regarding the 20/20 Vision Project and the current funding sources that were included in the budget. Board member Potts suggested cutting the following line items listed under current funding sources totaling \$82,422 for the 20/20 Vision Project and have them taken out of technology: 141 71100 449 015 (\$44,287.50), 141 72130 322 015 (\$8,000), 141 72130 322 020 (\$8,500), 141 72210 399 035 (\$11,900), 141 72210 399 035 (\$4,735), 142 72120 429 902 (\$2,500), 142 72120 429 902 (\$2,500). She commented the items needed to be purchased out of the technology department so they could be tracked.

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Mr. Potts requested a recess so the department heads could have time to get together and come back with a proposal for cuts.

Chairman Jarnigan called a 15 minute recess.

**RECESS**

**RECONVENE**

Chairman Jarnigan called the meeting back to order.

Michael Phagan went over a list of cuts made by the directors during the recess as follows:

72610 166	Operation of Plant	\$15,000
?	Library Money	\$23,000
72810 790	Technology	\$82,422
72710 729	Transportation Equipment	\$50,000
72220 336	Special Education	\$ 500
72210 189	Summer PD for Math Teachers	\$ 5,834
71100 195 & 198	Tech Subs	\$ 2,000 (\$1,000 each)
72810 701	Admin Equipment	\$10,000
71100 722	Reg. Instructional Equipment	\$ 1,000
72130 599	Other Charges	\$ 2,000
72610 399	Other Contracted Services	\$ 7,500
72130 322	Evaluation and Testing	\$ 5,000
72710 412	Diesel	\$ 5,000
	.1% Pay Raise Cut	\$35,288
	Covered by Finance	\$ 6,750

Line item 72710 729 Transportation in the amount of \$50,000 and the .1% pay raise cut totaling \$35,288 was offered but was rejected by the board. Line item 71100 449 textbooks was offered instead of the pay raise cut but was also rejected.

Board member Potts made the motion to reduce the maintenance of effort by \$253,000 and establish a \$200,000 capital projects fund with no cuts in raises, textbooks and no used school buses. Board member Bradley seconded the motion and the motion passed 4-0.

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Chairman Jarnigan set a called meeting for Tuesday, May 17, 2016 at 4:00 p.m. in the central office to review the revised budget.

**ADJOURN**

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

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Bill Jarnigan, Chairman

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

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