

Special Session
February 28, 2005

The Randolph County Board of Education met in special session on Monday, February 28, 2005, to conduct a budget work session. LaVerne Williams, Becky Coltrane, Grady Lawson, Tommy McDonald, Paul Guthrie, Gary Cook and Janet Johnson were present for the meeting. Finance Officer Todd Lowe, Interim Finance Officer Dare Campbell, and Tabernacle Principal Drew Maerz were also present for the meeting.

Call to Order

Chairperson LaVerne Williams called the meeting to order.

Property Matters

Superintendent McRae reported that 23.11 acres of the York property contained a pond, which could be helpful in our fire protection rating and eliminate the need for a water tower and could be used for irrigation. The Yorks have offered to sell this property at \$3000 per acre. There is a right of refusal on 15 of the 23 acres and on a lot on the larger tract of land. Bob Wilhoit is working with the York's attorney, Ed Bunch, to work out details to confront the rights of refusal. Attorney Sharpless has requested a great deal of public information on meetings and correspondence regarding the new high school and site. There is a possibility that the Town of Randleman would be willing to provide water to the site. While much of the concern of the community group was that a new school would disturb the rural nature of the environment, a high school built to meet the needs of students will have to be located in a rural setting.

Budget Session

Superintendent McRae reported that staff members had reviewed budget requests from principals and central office administrators and that information was ready for Board review. Members of the Board divided into Capital Outlay: Tommy McDonald, Chair; Grady Lawson, and Gary Cook and Current Expense: Becky Coltrane, Chair; Janet Johnson, and Paul Guthrie to review those requests. A Preliminary Budget will be developed from the committee work and presented to the full Board in March.

A public budget meeting will be held as a part of the April meeting of the Board. An approved budget will be presented to the Board of Commissioners in May or June.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8 p.m.

Chairman

Secretary