

Board of Education
Budget Work Session
March 28, 2011

The Randolph County Board of Education met for a Budget Work Session Monday, March 28, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room of the Central Office.

Board members in attendance were as follows: B. Coltrane, E. Coltrane, G. Cook, J. Johnson, M. Lambeth, G. Mason and T. McDonald.

B. Coltrane, Board Chair, called the meeting to order.

A moment of silence was observed.

Mr. Andrews, Superintendent, gave an overview of the meeting as follows:

- Cost Savings Proposal
- Budget reductions from previous meetings for Board Members to prioritize
- Letter from the Principals' Association regarding supplements for all employees
- Letter from Ms. Kathy Sergeant, SACS Review Team Chair
- ISS information requested by Board member
- Letter from Randolph County NCAE
- Budget proposal and items for your review from M. Lambeth

Mr. Andrews stated the goal is to close in on a consensus of cost savings while still waiting on a budget from the state based on 5, 8, or 10% reduction. The budget process started with Quadrant meetings on February 25 and 28, then the budget team gathered and prepared information we received to present to the Board on February 22 at a Budget Work Session to look at areas of focus. Then on March 9 the Board had a Budget Work Session to continue discussion and looking at areas of focus. On March 22, 23, and 24 there were small meetings with the Board of Education members for further discussion and review.

Mr. Andrews reviewed a budget proposal based on all information/input received from our meetings. Mr. Andrews stated this is not a recommendation, but a proposal.

Mr. Lowe reviewed the following items that appear to be an agreed upon listing of reductions from the Board:

- Assistant Principals Reduce months of employment (total of 27 months reduction for 2011-2012) \$140,000
- Transportation – reduce \$45,000
- Custodial – Reduce allotment to 60% with staff assistance in maintaining classrooms - \$600,000
- Instructional and Low Wealth – Reduce allotments to schools approximately 20% - \$250,000
- Clerical / Office Support – School allotment based on months, Elementary=22, middle=32, high=42 - \$295,000
- SRO Contract - \$200,000
- Central Office – Reorganization of existing positions and responsibilities - \$88,000

The Board was presented with a list of the following eleven items and asked to prioritize their order of implementation: Spanish BEP Teachers, Testing Coordinators, MS Technology Teachers, Supplements, Furloughs, Teacher/Media Assistants, Media Assistants, Drop Out Prevention, Nurses, Fund Balance and Jobs Education Funding (enter dollar amount to be used for positions).

From the eleven items presented the Board had further discussion of allotments for clerical in the elementary, middle, and high schools; 5th grade technology; school nurses; teacher assistants working on student days; 84% of the systems budget goes toward personnel including benefits; Jobs Education

Funding being used over a period of more than two years; lead teachers; supplements; number of retirements at the end of this school year; social workers; drop out prevention; class sizes.

The next Budget Work Session is scheduled for Monday, April 4 at 6:00 p.m.

G. Mason made a motion seconded by G. Cook to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried: 7-0.

Chair

Secretary