

August 26, 2009

The Marshall County Board of Education met in special called session on Wednesday, August 26, 2009, at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Conference Room at Jones School to discuss the budget.

Members present were Curt Denton, Kristen Gold, Craig Michael, Delinda Owens, Randy Perryman, Ann Tears, Todd Tietgens, and Mark Wilkerson. No members were absent.

Prayer/Pledge

Ms. Gold, Budget Committee chair, opened the meeting by telling the board a meeting had been held with the Budget Committee of the County Commission on Wednesday, August 19, at which time the school system's budget was reviewed (the budget was previously approved by the County Commission's Education Committee). The commission's budget committee rejected the budget, asking that an attempt be made to cut expenditures so that the system didn't budget to go into our fund balance as much as the submitted budget shows. Ms. Gold went on to say that the budget submitted was a Maintenance of Effort budget, which means the school system is not asking for any additional funding above the required funding to maintain a maintenance of effort.

Dr. Curtis proposed the following recommendations: cutting \$100,000 from \$230,000 budgeted for capital outlay; cutting the \$60,000 budgeted for professional development by 10%; cutting \$30,000 from \$280,000 budgeted for maintenance/repair building; cutting \$10,000 from \$250,000 budgeted for maintenance/repair equipment; cutting \$20,000 from \$102,000 budgeted for other contracted maintenance services. These cuts would total \$166,000 to place into fund balance. Dr. Curtis explained that if the funds were placed back in fund balance, the board could go before the commission for any emergency expenditure.

Mr. Michael expressed concerns that the budget reflects an \$82,000 increase in professional development/travel both this year and last year over the 2007-2008 fiscal year. He mentioned that if professional development and travel were cut in half, it would result in a savings of approximately \$65,000.

The board suspended the rules to allow Larry McKnight, county commissioner, to address the board. He stated that the commission is not looking to cut teachers' salaries, only expenses. He said the commission was asking the school board to look at: \$203,000 under revenues in unrealized local revenues; capital outlay; professional development/travel.

Mr. Michael told the board they should consider the fact that the budget contains \$300,000 in federal stimulus money that will not be available in two years. He felt the fund balance should be increased to address the \$300,000 shortfall that the board will face in the future.

Mr. Perryman made a motion to approve the budget as it was, with no changes; Mr. Wilkerson seconded the motion. The roll call vote was as follows:

Mr. Keny	Yes	Mr. Denton	No
Mr. Tietgens	Yes	Ms. Gold	Yes
Ms. Owens	No	Mr. Michael	No
Mr. Wilkerson	Yes	Mr. Perryman	Yes
Ms. Tears	Yes		

The motion passed 6-3.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Ann Tears, Chairperson

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Dr. Stan Curtis, Director