

May 18, 2020  
Franklin, Tennessee

The Franklin Special School District Board of Education met in a Work Session on Monday, May 18, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. held remotely, Franklin, Tennessee, for the purpose of budget planning. This meeting was held electronically. Public access to this meeting was provided at a link from [www.fssd.org](http://www.fssd.org) within 48 hours of the meeting, in accordance with Executive Order 16 of the Governor of Tennessee, Bill Lee. The following members were present:

Tim Stillings, Chair  
Robert Blair  
Alicia Barker  
Allena Bell  
Robin Newman  
Kevin Townsel

Others present were: Dr. David Snowden, Dr. David Esslinger, Dr. Catherine Stephens, Carol Riordan.

### **MEETING CALLED TO ORDER**

Chair Stillings called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

The Board met to have an overview of the budget of the Finance & Administration Department, presented by Dr. David Esslinger, and Teaching & Learning Department, presented by Dr. Catherine Stephens.

Dr. Snowden commended Dr. Esslinger, who has worked with Mr. Charles Arnold (retired Fall 2019) and Mrs. Teresa Ragsdale-Dixon. He also thanked the F&A and T&L Departments for their contributions to the budget process.

Dr. Esslinger outlined the goals of this work session: review of statistical information, also F&A and non-personnel budgets. Of significant concern are shortfalls of property tax collections at this time (around \$45,000) as well as decreased sales tax collections due to closures of businesses due to the COVID-19 illness. Due to the shortened student year due to the pandemic, there have been savings on utilities and diesel fuel costs, as well as a small credit on our property insurance premiums, in all amounting to approximately \$57,500 in savings.


Discussion of salary schedule was a topic with a goal of attracting and retaining teachers. Also discussed was the need for additional technology for our younger students, which would amount to about 4% of the General Purpose funds increase.

The venue for the next work session was discussed, and will be held electronically if it is not

feasible to meet as a group in person. The MES Multi-purpose Room would allow following health protocols in place by the State of Tennessee.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Tim Stillings adjourned the work session at 7:15 p.m. with **no action taken** by the Board.

  
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Tim Stillings, Chairman

6/8/2020  
Date

ATTEST:   
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Kevin Townsel, Secretary

8 June 2020  
Date