

**Jackson County Board of Education
Minutes of Special Called Meeting
Sylva, North Carolina
Central Office**

398 Hospital Road, Sylva

January 26, 2023

6:00 p.m.

The Jackson County Board of Education met in a Special Called Work Session at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 26, 2023, at the Board of Education Administrative Office Board Room, 398 Hospital Road, Sylva, NC. The following members were present:

Elizabeth Cooper, Chairperson
Wes Jamison, Vice Chairperson
Abigail Clayton
Kim Moore
Dr. Lynn Dillard

The following member was present via telephone and/or online platform:

Ashley Leonard, Board Attorney

Also present were Dr. Dana L. Ayers, Superintendent; Jake Buchanan, Deputy Superintendent; Teri Walawender, Human Resources Director; and Cora Fields, Board Assistant.

CALL TO ORDER

Mrs. Elizabeth Cooper, Chairperson, called the work session to order.

Mrs. Cooper led the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Upon a motion by Mr. Wes Jamison and seconded by Dr. Lynn Dillard, the board voted unanimously to approve the Agenda.

OPEN SESSION

The board met in open session to discuss the upcoming meeting with the Jackson County Commissioners concerning JCPS School Operations and Priority List of Capital Projects. Dr. Ayers presented an overview of current capital and operations budget funding. The board discussed the priority list of capital projects and reached consensus to add traditional middle school as the number two item to the priority list. She said that no decision has been made to determine a location for a middle school. Options include building a new school or converting an existing elementary school. Dr. Ayers said that some projects could be removed from the priority list if a traditional middle school became a reality. The board members concurred that the cafeteria and classrooms at Fairview

Elementary School will remain as the number one priority and could be very important if the Fairview complex is converted into a middle school.

No Action Was Taken in Open Session.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next regularly scheduled business meeting of the Board of Education is February 28, 2023, at 6:00 p.m., at Fairview Elementary School, 251 Big Orange Way, Sylva, North Carolina.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no objection, Chairperson Elizabeth Cooper adjourned the meeting at 7:45 p.m.

Mrs. Elizabeth Cooper, Chairperson

Dr. Dana L. Ayers, Secretary