

Special Called Meeting of the Trousdale County Board of Education

Thursday, July 25, 2019

Trousdale County Board of Education

103 Lock Six Road

Hartsville, TN 37074

Attendance Taken at 6:00 PM.

Anthony Crook:	Present
Denice Jackson:	Absent – joined at 6:19 PM.
John Kerr:	Present
Mary Helen McGowan:	Present
Regina Waller:	Present

1. AGENDA:

1.A. Call to Order – Regina Waller, Chairperson

1.B. Invocation Board – John Kerr, Board Member

1.C. Pledge of Allegiance – Anthony Crook, Board Member

1.D. Invitation to audience to address items on the Agenda

1.E. Approval of the Agenda for July 25, 2019

Approval of the Agenda passed with a motion by John Kerr and a second by Mary Helen McGowan.

Anthony Crook:	Yea
Denice Jackson:	Absent
John Kerr:	Yea
Mary Helen McGowan:	Yea
Regina Waller:	Yea

2. NEW BUSINESS:

2.A. FY20 141 General Purpose School Budget

Dr. Satterfield reiterated the importance of having a healthy fund balance in order to address upcoming district needs such as the replacement of the dilapidated middle school roof, asphalt repair in the high school parking lot in order to prevent further weathering, adding an additional bus route on the western side of the county due to the increased number of homes, and renovation of the football stadium which has become a safety concern. Mr. Kerr stated that it was additionally important to keep a healthy fund balance to fund unforeseeable emergencies such as HVAC unit replacement and repairs. Dr. Satterfield stated that it is important to watch budgetary trends and present trends which clearly indicate that schools are receiving less money from the state BEP while the costs

to run schools are ever increasing, thus causing the school's fund balance to decrease each year. And while local option sales tax has increased somewhat, the increases have not kept up with the losses from the state BEP. Dr. Satterfield stated that even if the local revenue had kept up, the local revenues are supplanting state dollars that would have otherwise been used to support students, employees, and educational programming. Dr. Satterfield stated that he would prefer for the needs of our students and employees to be taken more seriously than they were taken in the last Budget & Finance Meeting on July 19. Dr. Satterfield requested that the Board add the July final BEP amount to the budget and send the same budget back to the Budget & Finance Committee for additional consideration to benefit all concerned.

Chairman Waller recognized Mayor Chambers at the request of Mr. Kerr to provide budget figures that he cited at the Budget and Finance meeting on July 19. Mayor Chambers stated that he had met with Dr. Satterfield and that he had agreed to work with Dr. Satterfield to find a final solution to the budget. He stated that his conversations with the Comptroller indicated that the County was running out of time to pass a budget with all the necessary notice requirements; therefore, the Mayor asked the Board to *continue* its present meeting to a time certain in order to help the County Commission fulfill meeting notice requirements as both the Board and Budget & Finance worked to find a budget solution prior to August 31.

Mr. Kerr noted that he had not seen the Mayor's revenue figures and would have like to had the figures in order to study and make a more informed decision. He stated that he had already spoken to more than three Commissioners who made it known that they desired to help the Board with the middle school roof replacement. Mr. Kerr said he recommended that Dr. Satterfield and the Mayor work together with Commissioners to try to work out an agreement to which the Mayor agreed.

Motion to postpone the July 25, 2019, Special Called Meeting until Aug. 1 at 6:00 P.M. passed with a motion by John Kerr and a second by Anthony Crook.

Anthony Crook:	Yea
Denice Jackson:	Yea
John Kerr:	Yea
Mary Helen McGowan:	Yea
Regina Waller:	Yea

2.B. FY20 141 General Purpose School Budget continued – August 1, 2019

Dr. Satterfield stated that the FY20 budget presented to the County Commission was both reasonable and responsible due to the fact that it included no raises, no increases in employee benefits, no new positions, and no new educational programs for students. He noted that the district lost \$306,000 in state BEP funding in FY19 and is estimated to lose \$367,078 in this year's FY20 budget. Additionally, the school district makes \$341,150 in debt payments annually that encompasses payments on the high school, renovations to the middle school, and renovations to the elementary school. The losses are reflected in fund balance figures that show the FY18 fund balance of \$4,506,785

decreasing to \$3,922,875 for FY19 to an estimated \$2,738,078 by June 30, 2020.

Dr. Satterfield stated that the County Commission has been alerted to the decreases in state funding due to fiscal capacity since the prison revenues have been calculated in the BEP formula beginning in the summer of 2018. He stated that they had formed an Education Committee in October to educate the commissioners that included a presentation by Wesley Roberson from CTAS. He stated that several revenue options other than property tax revenue such as increases to the local sales tax and an additional wheel tax have been proposed with little to no support.

Dr. Satterfield stated that a compromise solution to pay for the middle school roof replacement first proposed by Commissioner Ken Buckmaster has seemingly picked up a lot of support from his conversations with various Commissioners and Chairman Ford. Under the present consensus, the County Commission would pay for the new middle school roof (presently estimated at \$830,000), and the school district would not ask for additional funds from the Current Property tax in the FY20 and FY21 budget years. Since the Mayor stated that the Commission did not have enough money to pay for the roof in the FY20 budget year, Dr. Satterfield stated that the Board would make the first of the ten year payments within the FY20 budget year. Dr. Satterfield stated that the present budget proposal before the Board includes \$115,000 for the estimated first year payment should the Commission accept this budget proposal. Dr. Satterfield concluded by stating that Mr. Ford agreed to get a resolution to the agreement within the coming months if passed by the County Commission.

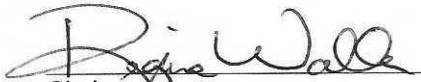
Motion to approve the revised FY20 141 General Purpose School Budget passed with a motion by Mary Helen McGowan and a second by Anthony Crook.

Anthony Crook:	Yea
Denice Jackson:	Yea
John Kerr:	Yea
Mary Helen McGowan:	Yea
Regina Waller:	Yea

3. ADJOURN:

Motion to adjourn passed with a motion by Anthony Crook and a second by Denice Jackson.

Anthony Crook:	Yea
Denice Jackson:	Yea
John Kerr:	Yea
Mary Helen McGowan:	Yea
Regina Waller:	Yea


Chairperson


Director of Schools