



Minutes
School Board Meeting/FY2025 Budget Proposal Adoption
Greene County Schools
County Meeting Room
February 28, 2024

Members Present: Mr. Brooks Taylor, Chair; Ms. Rebecca Roach, Vice Chair; Ms. Kelly Greer, Member; Ms. Cherish Alberts, Member; Ms. Cara Bickers, Member; Dr. Andrea Whitmarsh, Superintendent; Ms. Rhonda Houchens, Clerk.

Member(s) of The Greene County Board of Supervisors Present: Mr. Francis McGuigan

Mr. Taylor called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the County Meeting Room.

Mr. Taylor requested a motion to approve the agenda.

Ms. Roach made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Ms. Greer seconded. No discussion. All Ayes, motion carried.

Mr. Taylor invited everyone to join in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Dr. Whitmarsh presented information item #11-1560, FY2025 Budget Proposal Adoption. Dr. Whitmarsh shared a brief overview. She provided a chart showing state, federal and local funding. She reviewed the expenditure request for the FY2025 budget. We have to add an English Language Teacher to match our EL needs as required by the Standards of Quality. Text books for both literacy and math. A family support specialist as we are doing away with our student success coaches that have been funded through ESSER funds. We will have one family support specialist. Dr. Whitmarsh shared the proposal is to provide a 3% raise for staff. That includes a step which equates to 1% and then a 2% raise. The total cost is \$736,401 and the required funding needed is \$330,010. The proposal also includes increase teacher sub rates increase by 12% and increase supplements by 12% and the health insurance increase estimated to be at \$160,000. The difference from the original proposal was \$179,535.00 with a total budget of \$52,551,018.

Since the February 7th meeting there has been some General Assembly actions. The Governor's Budget did not include money for raises but it did include money for a 1% bonus. We are using that towards

our salary increase. The Senate for the FY2024 budget proposal is very similar to the Governor's Proposal but for FY2025 it is more favorable and includes a 3% raise for SOQ positions. The proposal also includes the removal of the support cap which provides more funding as well as additional support for the at risk and more funding in lieu of grocery and hygiene taxes. For the House we don't know the breakdown of funding by school for FY2024. For FY2025 removes the funding for a one-time bonus and adds in a 3 3/8% increase for each year of the biennium and additional at-risk funding. We don't have a calculator yet.

Our health care renewal came in at 9.5% not 3.5%. There is still potentially room for movement but for now we are using 9.5% which is \$434,500. There are a lot of factors our agents are trying to dig into.

Other changes the proposed 3% compensation increase is in line with both the Senate and the House approved proposals and adding of EL Teacher in line with legislative amendments increasing staffing requirements.

Dr. Whitmarsh shared a revised proposal chart for a total proposed budget of \$52,825,518 and with a difference of \$454,035 need locally.

Dr. Whitmarsh shared the Superintendent's Budget Proposal for Fiscal Year 2025. The proposal included our students, staff statistics, strategic plan, core values, budget development process, demographic information, English Learners, economically disadvantaged, students with disabilities, influencing factors, regional salary charts, historic revenue, summary of capital debt, FY2024 budget objectives and FY2025 budget proposal.

Ms. Roach stated: I have a personal interest in the School Board's budget by virtue of my husband's employment by the School Board and the salary scales included in the budget. However, as the spouse of a teacher at GCPS, I am a member of a large group of individuals in the community who are affected by the School Board's budget and I am able to participate in discussions and votes on the budget fairly, objectively, and in the public interest.

Ms. Alberts made a motion to approve the proposed FY2025 budget in the amount of \$52,825,518. Ms. Bickers seconded. No discussion. Mr. Taylor requested a roll call vote:

Ms. Greer – Aye
Ms. Bickers – Aye
Ms. Alberts – Aye
Ms. Roach – Aye
Mr. Taylor – Aye

All Ayes, motion carried.

Mr. Taylor stated this week is Clerk's week and we show appreciation for the work that you do. Mr. Taylor recognized Rhonda Houchens.

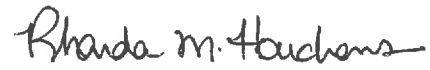
Mr. Taylor requested a motion to adjourn.

Ms. Bickers made a motion to adjourn. Ms. Alberts seconded. No discussion. All Ayes, motion carried.

Meeting ended at 7:23 pm.



Chair



Clerk

