

The Rockbridge County School Board held a special meeting on Friday, April 6, 2018 at the Rockbridge County School Board Office.

Present: Chairman David McDaniel; Trustees Heather Hostetter, Wendy Lovell; Superintendent Phillip Thompson; Clerk Rhonda Humphries. Absent: Trustees Corey Berkstresser, Neil Whitmore.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman McDaniel called the meeting to order at 8:47 a.m.

The purpose of the meeting was to conduct a Work Session.

BUDGET WORK SESSION

Superintendent Thompson stated that he and David Daniels, Director of Financial Services reviewed the budget to determine cuts for budget lines for FY19. He stated \$204,919 was cut from the budget which reduces the request of Board of Supervisors. The adjustments will necessitate doing some things differently to make the budget work but it can be done. The new request of the Board of Supervisors is \$285,488 and affects the Categorical Estimate of Needs that was approved on March 21, 2018. He stated that the Categorical Estimate of Needs has been updated and provided the following data for the six categories of Fund 50:

Category	FY19 projected	Percent
Instruction	\$2,2527,764	72.3%
Administration and Health	\$ 1,636,435	5.3%
Pupil Transportation	\$ 2,580,381	8.3%
Operations & Maintenance	\$ 3,017,056	9.7%
Facilities	\$ 20,000	0.1%
Technology	\$ 1,358,868	4.4%
Fund 50 Site Operating Budget	\$31,140,503	100.0%

- Trustee Lovell expressed her appreciation for the review and adjustments of the budget lines, for maintaining inclusion of employee raises in the preliminary budget figures, and for the good effort it represents in working with the Board of Supervisors.
 - Superintendent Thompson reiterated that the final budget depends on state and locality funding.
- Chairman McDaniel stated that it is important to emphasize the need for some things to be done differently and that spending will be monitored closely which will affect operations throughout the year and that it may also affect the surplus to give back to the county at the end of the FY19 year.
 - Superintendent Thompson stated that he and David Daniels review the budget lines regularly and monitor the budget closely to make it work.
- Chairman McDaniel asked for clarification of the expected revenue sources.
 - Superintendent Thompson explained that when outside vendors rent Rockbridge County Public Schools buses and drivers, once drivers are paid, fuel purchased, wear and tear is taken in account, the item is truly not considered a source of revenue.
 - Superintendent Thompson stated that the student tuition fee for Rockbridge County Public Schools is \$200 per student annually. The tuition fees of surrounding school divisions have been reviewed; some divisions do not charge any student tuition, some school division's tuition rates are higher. He suggested that this be evaluated in the future.
- Trustee Hostetter expressed her appreciation for work done to make adjustments to the budget.

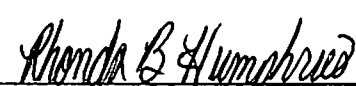
Upon recommendation by Superintendent Thompson, motion by Trustee Hostetter, seconded by Trustee Lovell, and passed by a 3-0 vote, the Board approved an updated balanced Categorical Estimate of Needs in the amount of \$31,140,503.

Superintendent Thompson expressed his appreciation for the support realizing that it may be two weeks after the General Assembly before the state funding portion is known. There will be a need for a Special Meeting to approve the final budget, which is legally required to be approved by May 1, 2018.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by Trustee Lovell, seconded by Trustee Hostetter, and passed by 3-0 vote, the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 a.m.


David B. McDaniel, Chairman


Rhonda B. Humphries, Clerk of the Board