

Hamlet, North Carolina
March 25, 2024

The Richmond County Board of Education met in a called session on March 25, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. The meeting was held at the Central Office in Hamlet, North Carolina.

The members present: Wiley Mabe, chairman, Bobbie Sue Ormsby, vice-chairman, Scotty Baldwin, Jerry Ethridge, Cory Satterfield, Daryl Mason, and Ronald Tillman.

The administrators present: Dr. Joe Ferrell, superintendent, Dr. Julian Carter, associate superintendent of Human Resources, Dr. Kate Smith, assistant superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction, Melvin Ingram, assistant superintendent of School Safety and Operations, and Policy, Dawn Jordan, executive director of Finance, Tracie Tuttle, assistant Finance Officer, and Cameron Whitley, executive director of Communications. Dr. Tesha Isler, executive director of School Administration and Policy was absent from meeting.

After noting that a quorum was present, Wiley Mabe called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Dawn Jordan gave a review of the 2023-2024 capital outlay and local budget for Richmond County Schools. The key details included a \$2 million recurring sales tax budget, a \$423,500 capital outlay budget that has not changed since 2017. The 2023-2024 total budget of \$114 million decreased from the \$118 million in 2022-2023. The budget decreased due to having less ESSER funds, and a 4% staff raise which was mandated by the state. The 4% raise caused an increase to benefits and retirement.

Dawn presented the 2024-2025 proposed capital outlay and local budget for Richmond County Schools. The sales tax budget and capital outlay will remain the same as 2023-2024. The proposed local budget identified needs for your consideration are:

- 4 school nurses
- 10% Local Supplement Increase
- 10% Coaching Supplement Increase
- 3% Increase for Payroll (2023-2024 State Budget Impact)
- 4% Increase for all other projected fixed cost
- Implementation of Salary Study: Maintenance, Transportation Department, Bus drivers and Clerical

On a motion by Bobbie Sue Ormsby, seconded by Cory Satterfield, the board voted unanimously to move the local 10% supplement increase to the Implementation of Salary Study for Maintenance, Transportation Dept. Bus drivers and Clerical.

There being no business, Wiley Mabe adjourned the meeting at 6:51 p.m.