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Warren County School Board Approves 2025–2026 Budget Focused on Investing in Students, Staff, and Facilities

McMinnville, Tenn., June 5, 2025 - The Warren County Board of Education unanimously approved the proposed General Purpose Budget for the 2025–2026 school year at a special called meeting on Tuesday. The budget reflects a strong commitment to investing in public education across the county. Immediately following the Board's action, the Warren County Budget and Finance Committee recommended the budget for approval by the full County Commission.

The budget prioritizes both immediate needs and long-term improvements in student learning, teacher development, and facility upgrades.

Key Highlights:

Staff Compensation & Bonuses

- \$1,500 salary schedule increase for certified staff
- Average 2.83% raise for classified staff
- \$2,000 state-funded bonus for eligible certified employees
- \$2,000 locally funded bonus for other eligible certified staff
- \$1,000 bonus for eligible classified staff
- Continued investment in healthcare and retirement contributions

Instructional & Program Support

- Instructional coaches placed back in schools to support teachers and students
- \$230,000 in classroom instructional supplies
- \$125,000 for athletics and band, including a new athletic trainer
- \$981,500 in ESSER-funded programming transitioned to the General Purpose fund
- Nine Special Education positions moved from federal to local funding

Capital Projects & Safety

- \$10 million for capital improvements across the district
- Funding for one new School Resource Officer and three new SRO vehicles
- Debt service for ESG loans and bond obligations included

Strategic Grants & Health Services

- Continued support from grants: Innovative School Models, Summer Learning Camp, Voluntary Pre-K, and others

- Operational funding for the Employee Health Clinic for staff and family care

“This budget demonstrates our district’s commitment to supporting the people who make education possible: our students, teachers, and staff. It also reflects our responsibility to be good stewards of local and state funding by prioritizing facility needs and instructional quality. I appreciate the Board’s support and the cooperation of our county partners in helping us move this plan forward,” said Director of Schools Dr. Grant Swallows.

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