Board Meeting Minutes
Enterprise City Schools
Budget Hearing 2

Date: September 11, 2026
Time: 10:00 a.m.
Location: Enterprise City School Board of Education, Board Room
220 Hutchinson Street, Enterprise AL 36330

Attendants:
☑ Keith Wood, Board President
☑ Donald Weaver, Board Vice President
☐ Sean Buckner, Member
☑ Jennifer Boykins, Member
☑ Marie Harrison, Member

The Enterprise City Board of Education held a rescheduled budget hearing, September 11, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. in the Board Room. The original budget hearing scheduled for September 8, 2026 at 5:00 p.m. was postponed due to no quorum present. Dr. Zel Thomas, Superintendent, Chief School Financial Officer, Mr. Jesse James, along with several other school employees and community members were in attendance for the budget hearing. Notice of the meeting was properly posted and provided to the community, as well as media, in accordance with the Alabama Open Meetings Act.

The meeting was called to order at 10:02 a.m. by Board President Wood and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Superintendent Thomas.

The Board approved the agenda for the September 11, 2026 second of two budget hearings of the Enterprise City Board of Education 4 to 0 on a motion by Ms. Boykins and seconded by Mrs. Harrison.

Mr. Wood invited CSFO, Jesse James, to the podium to present the 2026-2027 budget. During the presentation, there was discussion between the BOE, Mr. James and Dr. Thomas pertaining to different aspects of the budget. Mr. Wood thanked Mr. James for the in-depth presentation.

Dr. Thomas thanked Mr. James for the presentation of the 2026-2027 budget and recommended that the BOE approve the budget as presented for fiscal year 2027 beginning October 1, 2026 and ending September 30, 2027. Mr. Weaver made a motion to approve the budget. Ms. Boykins gave a second. There was no further discussion and a vote of 4 to 0 was placed in favor of approving the 2026-2027 budget as presented.

Next, BOE members reviewed an updated transportation quote from Central States Bus Sales, Inc for the purchase of 4 new buses utilizing the Equalis Group state approved contract. Dr. Thomas informed the board members that this updated quote would override the Sourcewell contract quote that the BOE approved at the August regular board meeting stating that Central States Bus Sales, Inc was no longer part of the Sourcewell state approved contract pricing. Ms. Boykins made a motion to approve the updated transportation quote with Mr. Weaver giving a second. A vote of 4-0 was placed in favor of approving the transportation quote off of the Equalis Group state approved contract.

During Superintendent Comments, Dr. Thomas thanked the BOE for coming together for the rescheduled budget hearing outside of their normal meeting times. He also thanked Mr. James and all administrators and support staff that helped to gather all of the necessary information that goes into creating a budget as large as ours.

During Board Comments, several board members thanked Mr. James also along with all staff that assisted in putting together a thorough budget presentation. Mr. Wood thanked all in attendance and stated that the next regular board meeting was scheduled for September 29, 2026 at 5:00 p.m.

Board President Wood officially adjourned the meeting at 10:40 a.m.

Dr. Zel Thomas
Superintendent, Enterprise City Board of Education