

Randolph County Board of Education
Budget /Quarterly Work Session
April 2, 2012

The Randolph County Board of Education met for a Budget / Quarterly Work Session on Monday, April 2, 2012 at 6 p.m. in the Central Office Board Room.

Call to Order

T. McDonald, Board Chair, called the meeting to order. Board members in attendance are as follows:
G. Cook, B. Coltrane, E. Coltrane, J. Johnson, M. Lambeth, G. Mason.

Moment of Silence

The Board observed a Moment of Silence before beginning the meeting.

Overview of Purpose

Donald E. Andrews, Superintendent, reviewed the work session agenda as follows: Mr. Lowe will present 2012-2013 Budget based on our previous meeting of March 20, 2012 and the three mini sessions with individual Board members and Board Chair; Superintendent's Reports from the Professional Development Academy, Faculty Meetings and Athletics (intramural/club sports); Facilities-Rental/Guidelines and 2012-2013 School Calendar presented by Mr. Trotter; A-T Area Facility Considerations presented by Superintendent.

2012-2013 Budget Forecast

Mr. Lowe, Finance Officer, mentioned the board had information in their packets that was presented at the March 20, 2012 work session options of consideration. Mr. Lowe reviewed State and Current Expense Budget Savings Proposal as follows:

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| • Reduce supply allotments by approximately \$5.50/student | \$100,000 |
| • Reduce staff development and remediation allotments by approximately \$5.50/student | 100,000 |
| • Increase child nutrition indirect cost to \$575,000 | 200,000 |
| • Borrow from textbook fund, current balance of \$522,000 | 250,000 |
| • Use additional low wealth allotment, based on planning budget | 300,000 |
| • Allocate portion of fund balance as part of 2 year plan | 750,000 |
| • Reduce teacher assistant and media assistant to 80% employed | 1,000,000 |
| • Discretionary reduction for schools based on ADM | <u>1,550,000</u> |
- (Options were presented at \$55, \$65, and \$84 with a cap at 1000 students for SWRHS)

Total State and Current Expense Budget Savings Proposal: \$4,250,000

Mr. Lowe reviewed the following additional notes as follows:

- Top priority given to reinstatement of personnel items if state budget allows
- Discretionary reduction max will be \$84/student
- SWRHS capped at 1000 students for reduction
- Request \$200,000 from county for additional benefit costs on local positions
- Continue to allocate \$555,000 for SRO expense
- Due to gas prices, raise mileage reimbursement from \$.32 to \$.45
- Additional reductions and fund balance allocation if necessary

T. McDonald, Chairman acknowledged a special thanks to Board members, Mr. Andrews, and Executive Staff for their time and efforts in everyone coming together on the information provided.

Mr. Trotter, Assistant Superintendent of Operations presenting the Capital Outlay Budget Priorities as follows:

- Maintain current level of funding (based on ADM) for regular capital outlay budget for 2012-2013
- Request funds to hire an architect for future building needs (new Randleman area elementary school, new Archdale/Trinity area middle school, renovations to Braxton Craven School) - \$48,000 - \$144,000
- Request funds to purchase property for new Randleman area elementary school
- Request funds to update the four original high schools – ERHS, RHS, SWRHS, and THS at \$500,000 +/- each

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Superintendent's Report

Professional Development Academy – Mr. Andrews thanked the Board for the opportunity to attend the Academy. Areas of emphasis reviewed with the Board is as follows: Leadership – defining/styles; The superintendent today – on the job/trends; Role of Superintendent – student achievement, leader and followers, peak performing leadership teams, governance, media and district communications, performance evaluation and charter schools and choice.

Faculty Meetings – Mr. Andrews presented follow up information to the Board from faculty meetings. The staffs were given five questions under “Schools Cannot Do It Alone” requesting input of the successes of Randolph County Schools, challenges, greatest resources, greatest limitations and other thoughts. Mr. Andrews also shared and distributed responses/information requested from the Superintendent Student Advisory Coalition where students could give responses to their quality experiences in academics, co-curricular activities, and other areas as well as negative experiences in academics, co-curricular activities and any other areas.

T. McDonald, Chairman mentioned setting a date for a work session in order to review this information.

Athletics (intramural / club sports) – Mr. Andrews gave a brief update and discussed forming an Ad Hoc Committee to review.

Facilities – Rental / Guidelines

Mr. Trotter, Assistant Superintendent of Operations discussed information provided to the Board regarding Use of Facilities. Mr. Trotter stated for several years it has been emphasized to Principals regarding the schools charging for use of facilities. The information that was provided to the board members listed the charges by category. Mr. Trotter stated the charges are well within reason based on other systems. Schools are asked and reminded to follow the fee structure that is in place and to be more consistent. T. McDonald asked some questions regarding requests from the community to use tennis courts at (PGHS, WHS).

2012-2013 Calendar

Mr. Trotter, Assistant Superintendent of Operations presented an updated 2012-2013 school calendar based on the approved waiver received from the state. The calendar presented was a 180 day calendar to include five additional days for required staff development. After review of the calendar the consensus of the Board was to move forward with the calendar as presented and will be approved at the April 16, 2012 Board of Education meeting.

A-T Area Facility Considerations

Mr. Andrews presented four options for the A-T middle grade considerations. As previously discussed options would be brought to the Board in April. Mr. Andrews reviewed the information as follows. Option I – ATMS would remain intact with implementation of intramural/club sports activities; Option II – ATMS fields two athletic teams with a projected cost of \$114,372.00; Option III – Convert Braxton Craven to a 7-8 middle school, ATMS to a 6-8 middle school and Trindale to grades K-6 with the six grade at Trindale progressing to Braxton Craven and then to Trinity High and ATMS (6-8) progressing to Wheatmore High with a projected cost of \$3,083,342.00; Option IV – Convert Braxton Craven to a 7-8 school, ATMS houses all 6th graders with sixth graders moving to Braxton Craven (7-8) and progress to Trinity High and sixth graders will remain at ATMS and progress to Wheatmore High with a projected cost of \$2,536,342.00. After discussion, the consensus of the Board was Option IV. The Board requested information to be given to the County Commissioner Chair and Vice Chair since information was discussed previously.

Adjournment

G. Mason made a motion seconded by E. Coltrane that the meeting be adjourned. The motion carried: 7-0.

Chairman

Secretary

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