

Randolph County Board of Education
Budget Work Session
March 4, 2013 at 6:30 p.m.

The Randolph County Board of Education met for a Budget Work Session on Monday, March 4 at 6:30 p.m. in the Central Office Board Room.

Call to Order

T. McDonald - Board Chair, called the meeting to order. Board members in attendance were as follows: T. Boyles, E. Coltrane -Vice Chair, G. Cook, T. Cutler, M. Lambeth, G. Mason.

Moment of Silence

The Board observed a moment of silence before beginning the meeting.

Overview of Purpose

Mr. Andrews gave an overview of the meeting agenda.

Transcript Fees Update

Todd Henderson presented an update on transcript fees. The Board previously approved the first transcript would be free and a \$2.00 charge for each additional transcript. Mr. Henderson explained that based on the set up with PayPal it would be not be possible to request the first transcript free. A recommendation was made to charge a \$2.00 fee for each transcript request. This charge is for public requests and not for high school students. T. Cutler made a motion seconded by M. Lambeth to approve a \$2.00 fee for each transcript request beginning in 2013-2014.

Athletics

Mr. Baxter presented information to the Board regarding job responsibilities of Athletic Directors for the Middle Schools and High Schools. The Board had questions regarding how lay coaches were addressed at the middle school and high school level. He stated a coach will go to the Athletic Director and/or Principal if there is not an individual on staff that is qualified to assist in that particular sport. A form is then filled out with statements from three individuals and a criminal background check is done and then reported back to Mr. Baxter within 48 hours. Once approved Mr. Baxter makes a contact to the Athletic Director/Principal. There was also discussion of the coaches clinics held in the summer. Mr. Baxter stated he attends the sessions and all coaches are encouraged to attend. Board members expressed if head coaches receive supplements should the clinics not be a requirement. Mr. Baxter stated he wished it would be made a requirement. He stated the information on the clinics is reviewed extensively and all coaches are encouraged to attend. There were questions if head coaches should know a dead period in their sport. Mr. Baxter stated it is talked about repeatedly and at regional meetings and there is no excuse for not knowing. Other information discussed was as follows: athletic manuals, activity bus charges, and number of months of employment for Athletic Directors. Mr. Baxter thanked Mr. Andrews and Mr. McDonald for their assistance in the realignment process. This will help tremendously with the travel.

Student – Athlete Drug Testing

Mr. Trotter presented a draft policy for Student-Athlete Drug Testing. He stated information was put together using a couple of our surrounding counties. The Board had discussions of different timelines for suspensions from the sport. Board members stated this should be for middle schools and high schools. Some shared if a student was caught with possession or test positive the student should be out for 365 days while others felt the student should be suspended from the sport they were currently involved in for the remainder of that season. There were also discussions of including co-curricular activities in the policy. The Board requested to revise and bring back for further review.

Student Attendance Lines

Mr. Derek Clark, Director of Transportation reported back to the Board information on student attendance lines for Randleman Elementary, New Market Elementary, and Level Cross Elementary. Mr. Trotter

shared capacity and projected numbers for each school with Randleman Elementary being priority. The Board discussed different options such as looking at the district lines, ways to eliminate mobile units in order to make the schools a safer environment, costs of additions to schools with mobile units, and being careful not to address problems with a temporary fix. The Board requested that Mr. Clark work on the district lines and bring back for further discussion. Mr. Clark reviewed district line information requested on a specific area in the Southmont Elementary and Seagrove Elementary school districts. After review and discussion there will be eighteen families contacted by letter with an explanation of transportation for feedback before proceeding.

2013-2014 Budget

Mr. Todd Lowe reviewed the priorities from the February 19, 2013 work session. He stated sequestration will not be until July 1, 2013 and could be 1.5 million in federal programs across the board. The Board asked how many priorities could be requested and Mr. Lowe stated it depended on the state dollars. M. Lambeth requested the SAT/ACT increase from \$2000 to \$5000 allotted for each high school. Discussed proposals of increasing the bandwidth and to use the savings and add an additional technician beginning July 1, 2013. Mr. Lowe requested direction from the Board to prepare for the March 19, 2013 Budget Work Session. T. Cutler expressed to make the first priority to directly impact classrooms. The consensus of the Board was for Mr. Lowe to move forward with continuation costs, three social workers, information on lead teachers, supplement or one-time bonus, and information on Assistant Principals to report back to the Board at the March 19, 2013 work session.

The Board reviewed the power point presentation to be presented to the County Commissioners on March 11, 2013. After review there was discussion of looking at the possibility of adding ten classrooms as part of the safety plan.

2013-2014 Legislative Agenda

The Board discussed meeting on March 14 at 8:00 a.m. (location to be determined) to meet with Legislators at 10:00 a.m. in Raleigh.

Adjournment

M. Lambeth made a motion seconded by G. Mason to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried: 7-0.

Chair

Secretary