

Randolph County Board of Education
Budget Work Session
March 19, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.

The Randolph County Board of Education met for a Budget Work Session on Tuesday, March 19 at 6:00 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. He stated this was a time for revisions and adjustments in order to bring to the board the preliminary budget at the Board of Education meeting scheduled for April 15, 2013.

2013-2014 Budget

Mr. Lowe reviewed the following information based on discussions from the previous Board work session:

Prioritized Budget Items

1. Current Expense continuation costs with \$350,000 to be requested from County Commissioners.
2. Social Worker Positions - \$157,000 to be requested from County Commissioners to sustain three positions from Connect Initiative Grant that expires June 30, 2013.
3. Lead Teachers at Elementary Schools - \$867,000 for 17 positions: Gives certified position back by making available Title I Funding in 13 elementary schools currently paying a lead teacher, makes available other funding or trades in four elementary schools currently paying lead teachers.
4. Supplement Increase of \$960,000 for 1% supplement increase for all employees (certified, classified, school administrators, directors, supervisors). This would be a onetime increase to be approved by RCS Board of Education in subsequent years.
5. Assistant Principals - \$587,000 to fund 8.5 positions. This ensures full time Assistant Principals at all schools.

Revenue

\$507,000	(continuation + social workers)
\$500,000	Fund Balance appropriation (3 year plan)

Other items of interest were discussed as follows:

1. SAT/ACT Support and Funding - \$5000 per high school for materials and sessions. The current allotment is \$2000 per high school.
2. Athletic Supplements – currently allot \$279,188 for supplements and equipment/supplies. The Board discussed the variances of coach's supplements and reviewed information presented regarding supplements and expense allotments. After discussion the consensus of the Board was to leave athletic supplements as is until review of further information.

Capital Outlay

Mr. Lowe reviewed the following as a summary of requests for 2013-2014. These items would be contingent on the availability of the state and local funding.

- Exterior Doors at Older Schools - \$1.5 million (safety issue)
- Updates to original high schools - \$2 million
- Archdale/Trinity Area Configuration - \$2.2 million – update facility to accommodate students and programs, instructional equipment/supplies, athletic equipment/supplies.

The Board had discussion and questions regarding if funding was included for the AVID Program. Included are the site licenses for the Middle Schools with no expansion. Mr. Lowe stated the overall cost of the licenses for seven middle schools is \$24,000. Licenses would be needed in order to carry out the AVID Program. After discussion the consensus of the board was to continue the licenses in the middle schools.

Student Attendance Lines

Mr. Derek Clark, Director of Transportation brought to the Board information regarding district lines for Randleman Elementary, Level Cross Elementary, New Market Elementary and Grays Chapel Elementary. Mr. Clark reviewed the current lines as well as ideas for review to help with possible solutions for overcrowding at Randleman Elementary. The Board had discussion and review of the information and proposal presented. In looking at the timeline the consensus of the Board was to wait until the 2014-2015 school year to give time for review and implementation of any changes.

Student Attendance Lines - Southmont/Seagrove

Mr. Clark reviewed with the Board the current lines for Southmont Elementary and Seagrove Elementary. He reviewed areas of concern at Pisgah Covered Bridge Road/Mt. Lebanon Road, by looking at distance to Southmont and Seagrove, the route the buses would travel with line changes, and safety with the traffic commute. The Board had further discussion of sending letters to the parents in this specific area for feedback. The Board Chairman asked for those that would prefer a letter being sent to parents and those that would not be in favor. The decision of the board was that a letter would not be sent to the parents.

Student – Athlete Drug Testing

Mr. Trotter, Assistant Superintendent of Operations brought to the Board an update of a policy draft for Drug and Alcohol Testing of Student Athletes based on previous discussions of changes and additions. He stated the draft included middle school and high school students, a list of drugs to be tested. Mr. Trotter also reviewed various cost of the different test. Mr. Trotter stated names of athletes are presented to the drug testing company and they conduct a random selection. In the Boards discussion some concerns expressed by the Board were the percentage of students being tested, consequences of a positive test (some felt no tolerance while others had concerns of too harsh a punishment for first offense), suggestions of defining an athletic season verses a sport season. The policy will be brought for first reading at the April Board meeting.

Meeting with Legislators

The following dates of April 26, May 10, May 13, or May 17 were mentioned as possibilities of meeting with Legislators for a lunch meeting at 1:30 p.m. Board Member, G. Cook will check with Pioneer Restaurant for availability.

Reminder of the Town Hall Meeting with Legislators on Thursday, March 29 at 7:00 p.m. at Randolph Community College.

Adjournment

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

Chair

Secretary