

Randolph County Board of Education
Budget Work Session
February 19, 2013

The Randolph County Board of Education met for a Budget Work Session on Tuesday, February 19 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:
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, Superintendent, reviewed the work session agenda as follows: 2013-2014 Budget Timelines were shared with Principals for them to share with their staff and school improvement team. The principals brought back information to share in the January Quadrant Meetings and the Executive Staff pulled all the information together.

2013-2014 Current Expense

Todd Lowe reviewed a summary of the Principals feedback from the January Quadrant Meetings divided into three categories: 1) funding that is essential, 2) funding to be increased to meet student needs 3) savings/reduction possibilities. Mr. Lowe also reviewed budget considerations for State and Federal budgets, Capital Outlay and Current Expense. Expansion items presented for consideration: add one additional certified position for all schools (class size reduction – reduce ratio) and technology replacements and upgrades (continue to replace older models, add mobile carts, new devices). He stated the Race to the Top and Low Wealth dollars have helped tremendously with technology.

2013-2014 Capital Outlay

Mr. Trotter reviewed the Capital Outlay items to consider are facility needs plan, funding for the four high school upgrades (SWRHS, ERHS, THS, and RHS) and safety upgrades (buzzer systems, cameras, door upgrades). After discussion the board priorities were the four high school upgrades, safety and security and A-T area.

School System Security / Safety Budget and Updates

Mr. Trotter presented information regarding security buzzer system for all our schools. The cost for each system would be approximately \$2,000 - \$5,000. The Board had in depth discussion of security and safety being a priority.

Sub-committee Work

The Board divided into their sub-committees to discuss budget priorities. The committees are as follows: Current Expense Committee (Emily Coltrane-Chair, Todd Cutler, and Matthew Lambeth) and Capital Outlay Committee (Gary Cook- Chair, Tracy Boyles, and Gary Mason).

After the sub-committees met they came back together as a group to report the consensus of their committees' priorities as follows:

Current Expense Committee – Chair, Emily Coltrane

- Additional certified classroom teacher
- Request continuation cost from County Commissioners
- 3 social workers (grant)
- Full-time AP at Elementary Schools
- PSAT & AP courses – look at materials for placement in schools and make sure Principals are offering classes after school, and Saturdays
- Move forward with safety measures such as buzzer systems, cameras, and bus cameras. There was also discussion of taking a look at the glass where outsiders are unable to see in.
- Being fully trained in crisis training (CPR, first –aid, debriefing and post training)
- 1% supplement increase

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Capital Outlay Committee – Chair, Gary Cook

- Incorporate safety in with the current needs of improvements to the four existing high schools to benefit students and parents - Amount of \$500,000 each
- safety needs at elementary and middle schools – security of doors and the need for the Braxton Craven solution to address clean feeder patterns - Amount of \$2.5 million
- Include long range plans

The Board requested to review the power point presentation prior to the presentation to County Commissioners. The power point will be presented to the Board at the Budget Work Session scheduled for Monday, March 4 beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Legislative Agenda 2013-2014

The Board requested to review and prioritize for discussion at the meeting scheduled on March 4, 2013.

The general consensus of the Board was to set a time to go to Raleigh to meet with legislators.

Adjournment

T. Cutler made a motion seconded by G. Cook to adjourn the work session. Motion carried: 7-0.

Chairman

Secretary