

**Randolph County Schools
Board of Education
Winter Work Session
January 10, 2012**

The Randolph County Board of Education met for their annual winter work session on Tuesday, January 10, 2012 at Pinewood Country Club. Board members in attendance were: T. McDonald, Chair, G. Cook, Vice-Chair, B. Coltrane, E. Coltrane, J. Johnson, M. Lambeth, and G. Mason. The morning session began with Legislators, County Commissioners, County Manager and County Finance Officer with dialogue and discussion regarding Randolph County Schools' updates, calendar considerations /cost along with an update on the budget forecast.

After conclusion of the first session of the meeting Mr. Andrews discussed the Board would need to go into closed session to consult with attorney. The Closed Session will be in the place of Session II on the work session agenda. After completion of the closed session Mr. Andrews stated the work session would begin with Session III to get us back on regular schedule for rest of the day.

G. Cook made a motion to go into closed session to consult with attorney as provided in North Carolina General Statute 143.318.11(a)3. The motion was seconded by B. Coltrane. Motion carried: 7-0.

Session III – Finance (budget update and forecast)

Todd Lowe, Finance Officer gave the following updates:

July 1 - Fund Balances:

Local	\$5.1 million
Capital	\$212,321
Child Nutrition	\$7.6 million
AT Tax	\$554,704
Fund 8	\$80,688

Local Budget

2011-2012 budgeted revenues = \$19,409,051
2011-2012 actual YTD revenues (July-December) = \$10,128,838
2011-2012 actual YTD expenditures (July-December) = \$9,677,281

State Budget

July = \$95.2 million; December = \$96.3 million; increases in EC, Connectivity, Transportation
Approximately \$350,000 short in state transportation if no fuel adjustment (\$2.51)
Connectivity = \$248,555 in 2009-2010; \$177,883 in 2010-2011; \$149,253 in 2011-2012
Drivers Education, Technology, and Textbook allotments decreased

Federal Budget

\$3.8 million Jobs Education to be spent on teacher salaries 2011-2012
\$157,138 currently left to spend for RttT technology
Ended 2010-2011 with \$28 million budget, currently have \$18.5 million

Budget Forecast for 2012-2013

Discretionary Reversion estimated at \$933,534 more than 2011-2012
Added to loss of Jobs Funding = \$4.7 million state shortfall
As of October State revenues are higher than projected
Best case scenario = increased revenues keep us funded at 2011-2012 level
Worst case = \$4.7 million + additional reductions - \$5 or \$6 million?
More reductions to Textbooks, Connectivity, TA's, At-Risk, Central Office, Driver's Ed?
Keep in mind reinstated list from 2011-2012 budget

Discussed wireless in our schools. Mr. Lowe stated e-rate reimbursements pay for the majority of the cost for wireless.

Session IV - Curriculum & Instruction - (Common Core and Essential Standards)

Mrs. Pat Foust, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction presented to the Board information regarding Common Core and Essential Standards as follows:

- Reviewed Common Core
- Overview of Initiative
- Goals for Standards
- Who is part of the Initiative?
- Math Common Core and NC Involvement
- English Common Core and NC Involvement
- English Language Arts Standards
- English Language Arts Writing Sample
- Math Standards Advances
- Plan to Support and Transition (tools and professional development for teachers and leaders)
- Adoption Process - State adopted 100% common core K-12
- A big part of RtT (Race to the Top)
- Operational Date is Fall of 2012

Mrs. Foust presented a video of what we are faced with in common core and essential standards of 21st Century teaching. After the video presentation Mrs. Foust reviewed the Change Cycle Model, district team and plan, common core and essential standard timelines, parent plan (communicating – the need to communicate and get feedback). Mrs. Foust shared that information would go out about the change to the curriculum before June 30, 2012 in report cards and again in September 2012. The Randolph County Schools website will have a place where parents can go online to review. Principals will also be communicating common core and essential standards to the parents. Board member E. Coltrane expressed as a parent it would be good to have the information before planning for the child's future (example: registering for classes).

Session V - Operations

Mr. Trotter, Assistant Superintendent of Operations, along with Derek Clark, Director of Transportation discussed with the Board the State Contract for school buses and reviewed information regarding IC Bus versus Thomas Built Bus. IC is in Indianapolis with a local dealer in High Point, NC. Mr. Trotter and Mr. Clark shared information in comparison of the two buses along with information from discussions with our bus mechanics in maintaining the buses. Information received and reviewed reported the IC bus to be less costly in purchasing and maintaining. Mr. Clark stated they had also contacted other surrounding counties and received similar reports. A decision has to be made by Thursday, January 12, 2012. The consensus of the Board was to pursue in making the decision based on the input and information Mr. Trotter and Mr. Clark had received.

Mr. Trotter reviewed the possibility of developing a system wide policy of no cell phone use while operating any county vehicle. Mr. Trotter will proceed with a policy to bring back at a later date for board approval.

Facility Plan

Marty Trotter, Assistant Superintendent of Operations presented the following information as an update/reminder of the Randolph County Schools DPI Public School Facility Needs dated November 8, 2010 as discussed and approved by the Board.

	(Priority)	<u>March 2010</u>	<u>November 2010 - DPI</u>
New Archdale-Trinity area middle school	(1)	\$18.7 million	\$19.4 million
New Eastern area elementary school	(3)	\$12.3 million	\$15.6 million
New Randleman area elementary school	(1)	\$12.3 million	\$15.6 million
New Randleman area middle school	(4)	\$18.7 million	\$19.4 million
New Southwest area middle school	(2)	\$18.7 million	\$19.4 million
	New/additions subtotal:	\$ 80.7 million	\$89.4 million
Renovate Braxton Craven	(4)	\$1.8 million	\$1.9 million
Renovate Ramseur Elementary	(4)	\$1.4 million	\$1.7 million
Renovate Eastern Randolph HS	(2)	\$4.4 million	\$5.0 million
Renovate Randleman HS	(2)	\$9.95 million	\$10.2 million
Renovate Southwest HS	(2)	\$4.95 million	\$5.7 million
Renovate Trinity HS	(2)	\$4.4 million	\$5.0 million
	Renovation subtotal:	\$ 26.9 million	\$29.5 million
	Total:	\$107.6 million	\$118.9 million

This plan meets all current overcrowding needs, allows for additional growth, makes renovations to the four original high schools as well as provides alternative education settings.

The new Eastern area elementary school would replace Ramseur Elementary that could ease crowding at Coleridge Elementary and Franklinville Elementary. Current Ramseur elementary becomes a 6th grade to ease overcrowding at Southeast MS and serve as alternative education program for Eastern Randolph HS and Providence Grove HS

The new Southwest area middle school would replace current Southwestern Randolph MS. The current facility permits complete expansion of Southwestern Randolph HS to include all areas and serves as alternative education program for Southwest Randolph HS.

Braxton Craven permits complete expansion of Trinity HS in all areas and serves as alternative education program for Trinity HS and Wheatmore HS.

A new Randleman area middle school would replace current Randleman MS. Current facility permits complete expansion of Randleman HS in all areas and serves as an alternative education program for Randleman HS.

Priority: 1= Immediate - Highest; 2=2-5 years - High; 3= 6-8 years - Medium; 4=9-10 years - Low

Board member, G. Cook spoke of the concerns of one middle school (ATMS) feeding into two high schools and the concerns with 70 plus students trying out for athletic teams.

Connect Initiative Update

Mr. Todd Henderson, Project Director of Connect Initiative, thanked the Board of Education, Superintendent, Executive Staff, Principals and Teachers for their support. Mr. Henderson presented a power point presentation to give a Connect Initiative update and reviewed sustainability plans for the Alternative Program, AVID, Olweus Bullying Prevention Training, Second Step Violence Prevention Curriculum, and Social Workers.

Recap/Adjourn

T. McDonald expressed thanks and appreciation to those who spoke and presented information to the board.

The regularly monthly Board of Education meeting is scheduled to begin at 4:00 p.m. The Superintendent and Board decided in order to save time the closed session will take place prior to the 4:00 p.m. Board meeting.

T. McDonald adjourned the work session.

Closed

G. Cook made a motion seconded by B. Coltrane to go into closed session for the purpose of discussing the conferring of an honorary degree, scholarship, prize or similar award as provided in North Carolina General Statute 143.318.11(a)(2) and for the purpose of discussing the terms of an employment contract as provided in North Carolina General Statute 143.318.11(a)(5). Motion carried: 7-0.

Board Chairperson

Secretary