

Minutes

5:30 p.m., May 3, 2016, District Board Room

Lancaster County School District Board of Trustees Called Meeting

In Attendance

Board members present-

James Brooks, Tyrom Faulkner (Vice Chair), Don McCorkle, Bobby Parker (Chair) and Bill Sumner

Board members absent-

Janice Dabney (Secretary), Margaret Gamble

District personnel-

Linda Blackwell (Elementary Instruction Director), Gwendolyn Conner (Human Resource Director), Butch Dutton (Secondary Instruction Director), David Knight (Public Information Director), Gene Moore (Superintendent), Lydia Quinn (Planning & Accountability Executive Director), David Small (Facilities Director), and Tony Walker (Chief Financial Officer)

Press-

None

Citizens-

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Open Session

Call to order, invocation welcome & Pledge of Allegiance- BABA, BCB

At 5:30 p.m., the chair called the meeting to order and welcomed the public on behalf of the board. Mr. Faulkner gave the INVOCATION and the Pledge of Allegiance followed.

Notice to media- BCBB

In accordance with the SC Code of Laws, 1976, Section 30-4-80(d), as amended, Cable 2, Fort Mill Times, the Kershaw News Era and The Lancaster News were notified of the time, date, place and agenda of this meeting.

2016-17 budget work session- DCC

Dr. Moore recognized Mr. Walker, who referred board members to appropriate handouts and gave an overview of the proposed budget, which includes \$94,066,000 in revenues and \$97,941,058 in expenditures for a budget shortfall of (\$3,875,058).

He reported that

- General Fund Equity at the beginning of this year totaled \$20,762,415, of which we have budgeted for this year a total of \$1,996,402 for a net available equity balance of \$18,766,013.
- if we maintain a minimum equity balance of \$15,266,013, a balance of \$3,500,000 is available for the FY 2017 budget
- using \$3,500,000 in this budget leaves us with a shortfall of \$375,058.

Mr. Walker then reported on local revenue and state reimbursements for local taxes, stating that

- this year is a year of reassessment for the county and as a result our operating millage is subject to a rollback calculation.
- we are at 149.50 mills, and rollback plus CPI would allow us to go to 151.2 mills.
- the budget proposal keeps operating millage at 149.50 mills.
- the local mill value is estimated at \$144,111, up \$3,154 or 2.23% growth.

- increased millage by 1.50 mills to 151 mills would generate an estimated additional \$216,166 in local tax revenue.
- overall local tax dollars are estimated to generate an additional \$517,855 or only 1.90% in growth.
- our Tier III Residential Property Tax Relief reimbursement is estimated to grow 1.7% or \$148,090.
- other local revenue is estimated to increase by \$152,030 for a total local revenue increase of \$817,975 or 1.93%.
- Mr. Walker then reported on state revenue, stating that
- base student cost grew by \$130 to \$2,350 for FY 2017. Senate Finance same as House version.
- EFA and fringe increase estimated at \$3,763,369.
- state allocation for Bus Driver Salaries estimated to increase by \$429,408.
- included in the proposed budget is an estimate of \$542,092 for student growth this year, based on an additional 250 new students for FY 2017.
- overall State Revenues are estimated to increase by \$4,734,869 or 10.28%.
- Mr. Walker then reported on salary and fringe expenditures, stating
- the proposed budget included
 - four temporary construction management positions to help with the bond projects
 - » two construction project managers
 - » one construction clerk (29-hour)
 - » one procurement specialist
 - five new technology positions for first phase of the Chrome-book one-to-one program
 - » one instructional technology teacher at Andrew Jackson Middle
 - » one instructional technology teacher at Buford Middle
 - » one instructional technology teacher at Indian Land Middle
 - » one instructional technology teacher at Lancaster High
 - » one network engineer
 - one new district instructional specialist for Math
 - new school positions
 - » one assistant principal at Indian Land Middle
 - » one guidance counselor at Indian Land Middle
 - » other teachers and assistants to address growth issues
 - a step increase for teacher salaries
 - a proposed teacher salary chart increase of 2%
 - a new Step 23 increase for all teachers going to Step 23 or above in this year.
 - administrative, classified, cafeteria and maintenance salaries for next year include a step increase, chart increase for inflation of 2% and a chart increase for the salary study of 3%.
 - bus drivers salaries for next year include a step increase and a chart increase for inflation of 2%, with the bonus continuing at \$125 per quarter for perfect attendance and continuing paying new drivers during their driver training period.
 - no increase to the miscellaneous hourly schedule but some position description changes to the chart were made (See page 12 of handout).
 - the substitute salary schedule was revised (See page 13 of handout).
 - coaching supplements include a 5% chart increase consistent with other salary schedules.

- fringe benefits include an estimated .5% increase in employer retirement (employee may go up as well) and a projected 5% increase in employer insurance cost for an average rate of \$6,350 per employee.
- Workers Compensation estimated to increase by \$29,394 or 7%.
- total salaries and employee benefits equal \$83,933,899 or 86% of the budget.

Mr. Walker then reported on operations:

- utilities increased by 3% plus added cost for additional mobile classrooms.
- routine maintenance increased by 3.39% and includes cost of renting mobile classrooms.
- contracted cleaning increased 3% over prior years original budget.
- overall, operations increased by \$414,666 or 5.16%.

Mr. Walker then reported on school allocations:

- direct allocations to schools increased by 201,911 due to enrollment growth, including \$57,000 in one-time funding or \$3,000 per school.
- items for schools paid for by the District Office increased by \$190,755 mainly due to software license agreements – some new and some previously funded with special revenue funds that are now gone.
- Overall, school allocations increased by \$393,516 or 9.38%.

Mr. Walker then reported on the other areas of the budget:

- district office, Board of Education and Unemployment included in this group overall increased by \$131,446.
- Increase includes accreditation \$30,000, legal fee by \$10,000, including Information Technology.
- Overall, expenditures increased by \$7,431,500 or 8.21%.

With no other business before the board, the chair adjourned the meeting at 6:09 p.m.

**Adjournment-
BCBF**

Respectfully submitted,

Janice C. Dabney, Secretary

Approved: _____

Robert W. Parker, Chair