

Calhoun County Public Schools
Public Hearing
District Office
June 8, 2026
7:00 P.M.

Budget Meeting was called to order by Mr. Kevin Jenkins, Vice Chairman.

Members present Kevin Jenkins, Debra Fredrick, Ned Nelson

Budget Hearing Summary – 2026–2027 School Year

Mr. Brunson presented the proposed budget for the 2026–2027 school year. He reported that county revenue is projected at **\$17,180,000**, which is **\$1,520,318 less** than the previous fiscal year. State revenue projections from the House and Senate are currently estimated at **\$8,041,073**, reflecting an increase of **\$70,678** over the previous fiscal year. Total projected county, state, and other revenues for the 2026–2027 fiscal year are **\$25,221,773**, which represents an increase of **\$1,509,996** over the 2025–2026 fiscal year.

The teacher salary schedule includes a **4% increase**, along with an average **1% step increase**, resulting in an average total salary increase of approximately **5%**. The beginning teacher salary will be **\$53,135**. Classified salary schedules were also increased above the cost-of-living rate, which was reported at **3.3%**.

Projected retirement costs for the general fund are **\$3,297,524**, an increase of **\$131,725** from the previous fiscal year. The district also budgeted a projected **\$140,000 FEMA retirement credit**, although confirmation of its continuation has not yet been received. Employer health insurance costs are projected at **\$1,820,240**, which is **\$126,287** higher than the previous fiscal year.

Total projected fringe benefits are **\$6,098,598**, an increase of **\$238,650**. Total payroll and fringe benefits are projected at **\$20,545,914**, reflecting an increase of **\$1,018,986** over the previous fiscal year. Supplies and purchased services are projected at **\$4,817,752**.

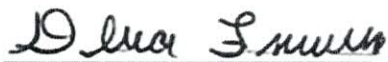
The total projected expenditures for payroll, fringe, purchased services, and supplies equal **\$25,221,773**, matching projected revenues. Mr. Brunson noted that the budget was prepared without using fund balance and without an increase in millage or taxable assessments. He also stated that the budget numbers are subject to change pending final state budget action, and if major changes occur, another meeting will be held to review the updates.

Budget Category	2026–2027 Projection	Change from Previous Year
County Revenue	\$15,180,000	-\$25,000
State Revenue Projection	\$8,041,073	+\$70,678

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Total County, State, and Other Revenue	\$25,221,773	+\$1,509,996
Beginning Teacher Salary	\$53,135	Increased
Teacher Salary Schedule	4% increase + approx. 1% step	Avg. 5% total increase
Consumer Price Index	3.3%	Used for salary comparison
Retirement Cost	\$3,297,524	+\$131,725
FEMA Retirement Credit Budgeted	\$140,000	Pending confirmation
Employer Health Insurance	\$1,820,240	+\$126,287
Total Fringe Benefits	\$6,098,598	+\$238,650
Total Payroll and Fringe	\$20,545,914	+\$1,018,986
Supplies and Purchased Services	\$4,817,752	Not stated
Total Projected Expenditures	\$25,221,773	Matches revenue

Item	Status
Fund Balance Use	None projected
Millage Increase	None projected
Taxable Assessment Increase	None projected
State Budget Numbers	Subject to change
Additional Meeting	May be held if major budget changes occur

Hearing Adjourned at 7:10pm.



Board of Trustees Secretary

July 20, 2026

Date of Approval

Respectfully Submitted,
Charlene Jenkins
Executive Administrative Assistant