Board of Education Budget Work Session February 22, 2011

The Randolph County Board of Education met for a Budget Work Session Tuesday, February 22, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room of the Central Office.

Board members in attendance were as follows: B. Coltrane, E. Coltrane, G. Cook, J. Johnson, M. Lambeth, G. Mason, T. McDonald.

B. Coltrane, Board Chair, called the meeting to order.

A moment of silence was observed.

Mr. Andrews reviewed the 2011-2012 Budget information distributed as follows:

- Information is a culmination of suggested budget considerations presented to the Superintendent and staff at quadrant meetings.
- Principals were given directive to request input from all staff regarding ideas and suggestions for creative budget considerations for the 2011-2012 school year.
- The information given is not conclusive, but a starting point.
- Budget Timeline
- Budget Items / Considerations for 2011-2012
- State Recommendations
- Information from Quadrant Meetings

Todd Lowe, Finance Officer

Mr. Lowe began by reviewing some information requested from Board Members. Total number of employees in 2008-2009 before stimulus is 2858 which does not include subs, but does include some part-time employees; 2009-2010 with stimulus 2680; 2010-2011 2642. Mr. Lowe stated these figures were approximate numbers by pulling one month and using the same month for each year.

Mr. Lowe reviewed Budget Item Considerations for 2011-2012 by line item which came from suggestions at quadrant meetings. After review it was open for Board discussion to ask questions and prioritize a list of items where the board would like more information. The different areas of discussion/questions were as follows: Reversions for next year; privatizing services; increase in student fees; staggering the school day to conserve in the area of transportation; 4 ½ day week; fund balance; 1% across the board; furlough; base salaries for classified staffs; Reduction in Force policy; double dippers; textbook adoptions; Lead Teachers; ESL; middle school technology teachers; SRO's; Guidance Counselors; testing coordinators; intervention centers; staff in school offices.

At the conclusion of discussion the Board requested more information on the following areas:

- SROs
- Assistant Principals
- Middle School Technology
- Reemployed Retirees
- Transportation Savings
- Testing/Guidance Positions
- BEP Positions
- School Based Clerical / Office Support
- Media Assistants
- Central Office spoke of K-5 position
- Supplements

The Board will have a Budget Work Session on Wednesday, March 9, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. in the Central Office Board room.

M. Lambeth made a motion seconded by G. Cook to adjourn. Motion carried: 7-0.

Chairman

Secretary