

RANDOLPH COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Work Session

January 17, 2017

Minutes

The Randolph County Board of Education met for a work session on Tuesday, January 17 at 4:30 p.m. in the Central Services Boardroom, located at the 2222-C South Fayetteville Street Office in Asheboro. The following board members were present at the work session: Gary Cook (Chairman), Brian Biggs, Tracy Boyles, Fred Burgess, and Sharon Farlow. Also present: Dr. Stephen Gainey, Superintendent, Leadership Team members, County Commissioners, County Manager Hal Johnson, and County Finance Officer Will Massie.

The work session started at 4:30 p.m.

Board Chairman Gary Cook welcomed the County Commissioners and County Manager as well as all who were in attendance.

Finance & Budget Division

1) Discussion with County Commissioners regarding budget ideas for the 7/1/17-6/30/18 fiscal year
Dr. Gainey welcomed everyone in attendance and introduced the Board of Education members as well as school system staff. A list of local budget requests for the 2017-2018 school year was distributed for review and discussion. The following items were presented and discussed:

Current Expense Requests

1. Continuation Costs = \$404,000
 - Matching insurance increase
 - Matching retirement increase
 - Potential salary increase
 - Charter school growth
 - Liability/workers compensation/unemployment/property insurance increase
 - Energy/water/garbage/fuel increase

2. Supplement Increase (.75%) = \$900,000
 - Increase for all employee classifications
 - Attempt to stay competitive with surrounding school systems

This request would finish the 1% request from last year. A special thank you was expressed to the commissioners for digging in regards to extra resources. Last year was the first supplement increase since 2007.

3. Uwharrie School Project = \$410,000
 - Provision of another "school choice" option in the school system
 - Conversion of Uwharrie Middle School to a 6-12 grade school
 - Creation of high-interest, specialized instruction for students centered around three schools of study
 - Provision of first 1-to-1 technology initiative in the school system
 - Utilization of available space at Uwharrie Middle School

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The Superintendent reviewed specifics regarding the Uwharrie School Project including cost savings by utilizing empty seats at Uwharrie Middle School and alleviating overcrowding at Southwestern Randolph High School. After review and discussion, Commissioner Frye shared the possible need for action from the county commissioners prior to the June commissioners' meeting in order for the process to begin on this project.

- 4. Technology Replacements and Upgrades = \$100,000
 - Recurring funding necessary to replace older companies
 - To be used in conjunction with state and federal funding
 - To be used to meet needs of students and DPI requirements

Total Current Expense Request = \$1,814,000

There were no additional Capital Outlay requests for the 2017-2018 school year.

Dr. Gainey distributed information for discussion regarding the need for a new middle school in the A-T zone. Information was shared regarding 69.5 acres beside of Trinity High School that was given to the school system in April 1990. The two middle schools would give clean feeder patterns to the two existing high schools in the A-T zone. The Superintendent shared that he would be speaking on this topic on January 24 at 5:30 p.m. at Archdale-Trinity Middle School for an event through the Archdale-Trinity Chamber of Commerce.

Marty Trotter, Assistant Superintendent, distributed and presented an update on the 9-Year Facility Plan. The review of the framework included updates/repairs based on needs.

Mr. David Allen, County Commissioner Chairman, thanked the Superintendent and the Board of Education members for the opportunity and shared his appreciation for the information.

Superintendent's Office

- 1) Overview of upcoming Board of Education and staff events/issues

Dr. Gainey shared there were no changes to the staff events.

The work session ended at 6:00 p.m.

Board Chair

Board Secretary