

# SCHOOL BOARD BUDGET COMMITTEE

August 21, 2013

## Minutes

### Committee Members Present:

Dana Pittman, Chair  
James Garrett  
Ronnie McCarty  
Marandy Wilkerson

### Others Present:

Tom Fleps, Board Member  
Van Shaw, Board Member  
Sally Spencer, Board Member  
Wendell Wainwright, Board Member  
James Teague, Director of Schools  
Dr. Lonnie Harris, Director of Curriculum

### 1. Special Circumstances in General Purpose Fund Budget

- Mr. Teague reviewed the special circumstances that are included in the budget for the General Purpose Fund. The items discussed were:
  1. Repayment of Federal Funds - \$100,000
  2. Implementation of the Consent Order - \$150,000
  3. Bus Purchase - \$484,863 in contributions (revenue) and in transportation equipment (expenditure)
  4. Interest on New School Bond - \$100,000
  5. Addition of two nurses – one at Fayette-Ware and one at LaGrange/Moscow
- Mr. Teague reported that Mayor Taylor had given him the amount and entries for the bus purchase. No payment on the eight-year financing of the new buses will be due until the following year. The Board requested that Mayor Taylor provide a written explanation as to why the full amount of the buses is being put in the budget this year.

### 2. General Purpose Fund Budget and Capital Outlay Schedule

- Mr. Teague took the Board through every page of the budget, pointed out various items worthy of note, and answered questions.
- He explained that teacher salaries had been calculated from a spreadsheet of the teachers on staff and that no reductions to the budget had been made by reducing teacher salaries in lieu of making appropriate cuts to other line items.
- The budget as presented was out of balance by \$98,000.
- Motion by Pittman, second by Spencer, third by Garrett, to direct Mr. Teague to remove the \$100,000 interest payment on the new school bond and balance the budget.  
Motion approved – 7 Yes (Fleps, Garrett, McCarty, Pittman, Shaw, Spencer, Wainwright) – 1 No (Wilkerson).

### 3. Federal Projects Fund Budget

- Mr. Teague said the Federal Projects budget in a different form had already been approved a few months ago in order to submit it to the state.
- All Board members did not have their copy of the budget with them. Pittman asked them to look it over at home and send any questions to Mr. Teague. If necessary, another Budget Committee can be called to review the budget prior to the Board's monthly meeting on Sept 5.

### 4. Unanswered Questions

- Garrett asked about the status of the asbestos abatement. Mr. Teague explained that environmental experts from Fisher Arnold, Inc. were looking into the situation and should have a report soon.