

**Special Called School Board Meeting
Wednesday, March 13, 2013 at 6:30 P.M.
Central Office – Board Conference Room**

1. Call the meeting to order.

Ronnie McCarty, Board Chairman, called the meeting to order at 6:35 P.M.

2. Establish a Quorum.

A quorum was established with the following members present: Sally Spencer, James Garrett, Dana Pittman, Robert Redditt, Ronnie McCarty, Marandy Wilkerson and Wendell Wainwright. Absent was Evangeline Shaw.

3. Discussion and/or approval of vendor(s) and/or contracts for Internal Connections.

Robert Redditt motioned to use EduTech as the sole source provider for cable and equipment.

Dana Pittman seconds.

Dana Pittman gave the Board Members an explanation of how the equipment EduTech provides works and how it compares to HP. Dana Pittman wanted the motion to be amended to say if we accept this proposal it is contingent upon funding from E-rate.

Robert Redditt stated that he amended his motion to add "if we accept this proposal it is contingent upon full funding from E-rate".

Dana Pittman seconds the motion.

Marandy Wilkerson asked Mr. Minor about the email that he sent out that stated that there is a possibility that we might have to pay 30% - 35% matching funds.

Tom Minor stated that Kim Friends said that the people at E-rate don't know how much federal money is going to be available for this program when it is finally funded. He stated that Mrs. Friends advised that we get our application in tomorrow for all four schools and we inform our low bidder or whoever we award the contract to that they understand if we don't receive full E-rate funding based on our percentage of free and reduced lunch students we would have the option to not go forward with the work.

Roll call vote:

Garrett – Yes; Pittman – Yes; Redditt – Yes; Spencer – Yes; Wainwright – Yes; McCarty – Yes; Wilkerson – No.

6 – Yes 1 – No – Mrs. Wilkerson voted No. Mrs. Shaw was absent.

Motion carries.

4. Discussion and/or approval of measures to address shortfall in 2012-13 General Purpose Budget.

Mr. Teague went over Policy 5.116 – Reduction in Force. The policy was in the Board Member's packets. He stated that we are seeking direction from the Board. He

stated that we might have to reduce about 20 positions system-wide, some teachers and some support staff.

Some of the concerns of the Board Members were:

- When do we anticipate that we will run out of funds.
- If there were any further discussions with Mayor Taylor.
- How much money was left in the substitute teacher line item.
- Wanted to know if the County Commission offered any help.
- Wanted to know about the hiring in Mr. Teague's Department and his recommendations.

Mr. Teague stated that he has full confidence that we are going to work through this hump, but it is going to take some cuts. He stated that he had not had any more discussion with Mayor Taylor, but they met with the Budget and Education committees last night. He stated that we did not ask them for help, we tried to inform them of our problems. The chatter was not very encouraging. The County Commission did not offer any help.

Some of the Board Members gave their recommendations such as:

- Try to get the county to pay for leases, extra sales tax.
- Dana Pittman proposed the following position cuts:
 - 2½ positions that can be cut right now:
 - 1 – Transportation Department
 - 1½ – Business Office; Part-time payroll clerk, Receptionist at front desk in the Business Office.
- Dana Pittman also proposed the following recommendations.
 - Cut half the lights off at WJHS
 - Remove all color printers out of the schools and replace them with black and white copiers. She wants to know why we are not using network printers.

Mr. Teague stated that his discussion with law enforcement and school security is that the lighting at West is the cheapest security that we can have. The brighter it is, the less chance somebody is going to make something happen on that parking lot anytime of the day or night. Mr. Teague stated that he will have to do some research on the color copiers. The copier contract is something I inherited. He stated he doesn't know anything about the networking of the copiers.

Richard England stated that he was told after the fact that when the copiers arrived, to network the copiers. There were some problems because not all of the copiers were not placed near network drops. Some teachers have bought their own printers and their own ink.

Mrs. Spencer wants to see something brought forward by the April Board Meeting. She wants something very definitive such as these are the positions we can live without, these are the cuts in the budget that we can make, these are the directives we have given to the schools as to what they need to do. None of this should include anything to the County Commission unless we have to go that way as a last resort.

Marandy Wilkerson wants Mr. Teague and Ms. Parks to do some math and get with department heads and ask if the staff would be willing to take a decrease in pay for the next 2½ months. How much money would we save?

Dana Pittman motioned Mr. Teague to do a study in-house to see how much money might be saved if we do a percentage cut but not to talk to any department heads about a pay cut.

Sally Spencer seconds.

Robert Redditt thought the Board would be out of line telling our Director what to talk to his department heads about.

Roll call vote:

Garrett – Yes; Pittman – Yes; Redditt – No; Spencer – Yes; Wainwright – No; Wilkerson – No; McCarty – Yes.

4 – Yes 3 – No Evangeline Shaw was absent.

Motion fails.

5. Adjournment.

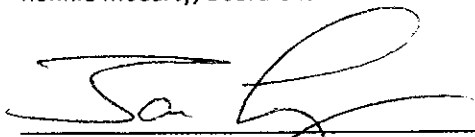
Sally Spencer motioned to adjourn.

Robert Redditt seconds.

Approved: 4/4/13



Ronnie McCarty, Board Chairman



James Teague, Superintendent

Submitted by: Toni Pollet