

MINUTES OF THE CALLED MEETING/WORK SESSION OF THE
JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS
SEPTEMBER 29, 2011 – 6:30 P.M.
JCHS MEDIA CENTER

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Anne Marie Potts who then asked everyone to stand for a moment of silence. Board members present were Chair Potts, Vice Chairman Bill Jarnigan, Randall Bradley, Judy Cavanah, Annette Loy, Jim Vines and Maurice Solomon. Dr. Charles Edmonds, Director of Schools and Secretary to the Board, was also present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Potts led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chair Potts requested that a general purpose budget amendment be added to the agenda under New Business.

Upon motion by Jim Vines and second by Vice Chairman Jarnigan, the board unanimously approved the agenda with the above addition.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Widening of Road in Front of New Elementary School

Dr. Edmonds went over a breakdown of the proposed widening of East Dumplin Valley Road in front of the new elementary school and the installation of school signs and lights. The total cost of \$192,485 included \$180,905 for site work, installation costs for school zone caution lights and \$11,580 for design and engineering estimated costs. Dr. Edmonds proposed that this be paid for from the proceeds of the original \$1,250,000 capital outlay note of which \$889,244.75 remained.

Dr. Edmonds commented on the possible addition of classrooms at Talbott Elementary. He pointed out that after studying the sewer system which was at capacity at Talbott Elementary, zoning of buses for the new elementary school, changing routes going to Talbott, bus route numbers and car rider surveys it was determined that in his opinion they would not need additional classrooms at Talbott Elementary School.

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He further pointed out that furniture for the new elementary school had not been included during the bid process. He commented that he would come back to the board at a later time and propose that the furniture also come from the \$1,250,000 capital outlay note as well as possible cost of extending water out to the new elementary school.

There was some discussion regarding whether the road department had been contacted regarding the widening of the road. Dr. Edmonds commented that he had been told that the road department did not have money available to do the work. He further commented that the road department was trying to secure adequate funding for road repairs at this time.

Upon motion by Jim Vines and second by Vice Chairman Bill Jarnigan, the board voted 5-2 to approve the widening of the road in front of the new elementary school in the amount of \$192,485. Board members Loy and Cavanah voted against.

2. 2011-2012 General Purpose Fund 141 Budget Amendment

Darrell Helton, County Finance Director, presented a line item budget amendment for expense donations from the Jefferson County Fair Association to Jefferson Middle and Jefferson Elementary Schools in the amount of \$6,000 to be divided equally between the two schools.

Upon motion by Jim Vines and second by Annette Loy, the board unanimously approved the budget amendment as presented. (see attached)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Approval – Final 2011-2012 General Purpose Budget (Final Document)

Upon motion by Vice Chairman Bill Jarnigan and second by Maurice Solomon, the board unanimously accepted the final 2011-2012 General Purpose Budget as presented with anticipated revenues totaling \$46,756,978 and grand total anticipated expenditures of \$47,563,275. (see attached)

2. Employee Bonus/Raise

Dr. Edmonds and Darrell Helton, County Finance Director, went over financial information regarding a salary raise or bonus for classified full-time and part-time personnel for the board's consideration. The information included costs for a 1%, 1.5%, 1.6%, and 2% raise or bonus from the general fund (176 employees), student nutrition ((37 employees), federal

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programs (94 employees), bus drivers (72 employees), other part-time general (37 employees), other part-time federal (5 employees) and other part-time student nutrition (45 employees).

Dr. Edmonds pointed out that every employee would get the same amount of raise regardless of their position.

Vice Chairman Jarnigan commented that he felt it would be fair to give a 1.6% raise to classified employees because teachers had received a 1.6% raise from the state.

After some discussion, board member Solomon made the motion to give all full-time and part-time classified employees a 1.6% raise equally distributed totaling approximately \$133,775. Board member Loy seconded the motion.

There was some discussion regarding whether county commission would give a bonus or raise to county employees. Mr. Helton commented that he thought they were looking at a bonus. Board member Loy recommended that they present the recommendation to county commission with the understanding that the school board would prefer to give a raise because it provided long term relief for the employees.

Board member Solomon withdrew his motion and board member Loy withdrew her second.

Board member Solomon made the motion to give a preferred 1.6% raise to all full-time and part-time classified employees to be equally distributed or the same percentage bonus amount granted to county employees by county commission. Board member Loy seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

The recommendation will be sent to county commission next Thursday night, October 6, 2011.

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ADJOURN

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Anne Marie Potts, Chair

Dr. Charles Edmonds, Director of Schools &
Secretary to the Board

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