

GREENE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Minutes

May 12, 2015

The Greene County Board of Education met in called session on Tuesday, May 12, 2015, at 1:30 p.m., at the James W. Parham Central Office.

Vice-Chairman Nathan Brown called the meeting to order and noted that all Board members were present except Chairman Rick Tipton. Michelle Holt led the pledge to the flag and Kathy Austin led the Invocation.

III. New Business

A. Approve 2015-2016 Budget Recommendations.

On motion by Nathan Brown, seconded by Tom Cobble

Vote: 7 – 0 Passed

Vice-Chairman Brown asked the Board to review a handout he had given them with a recommendation he was making for the 2015-2016 Budget. His recommendation is as follows:

Amount from Budget Director, Mary Lou Woolsey	\$1,259,720.00
Money added back in from Technology Center	<u>\$72,374.00</u>
TOTAL	\$1,332,094.00

Recommendations

2.75% Salary Increase	\$842,408.00
Central Office Position (AP Assistant)	\$ 25,000.00
12 Elementary Assistants (In Classrooms)	\$252,180.00
CDC Teacher	<u>\$49,383.00</u>
TOTAL	\$163,123.00

After reading through his recommendation, Vice-Chairman Brown opened the floor for discussion. He noted that he had also discussed another option with IT Coordinator, Jason Patrick that if at all possible he would like for the Board to consider adding an additional supplement amount for the Webmasters to take them from \$200.00 to \$1,000.00 which would be a total of \$15,600.00. Tom Cobble suggested that the Board go with a 3% salary increase instead of 2.75%. He said he felt strongly that it would hurt the morale of the employees knowing that the 3% was there as an option and then the Board deciding not to give it to them and that they deserved it. The Board had a lengthy discussion about the different options and decided to vote separately on whether or not to add each recommended item to the budget.

2.75% Salary Increase

On Motion by Kathy Austin, seconded by Brian Wilhoit

Vote: 2 – 4 Failed

Yes – Austin, Wilhoit

No – Brown, Cobble, Justis, Holt

The Board further discussed that the money would be there for the 3% increase after adding in all of the other recommendations and leaving money to roll back to the salary line. Tom Cobble once again pled with the Board not to take away from our employees' livelihood when we have the 3% to give them.

3% Salary Increase

On Motion by Tom Cobble, seconded by Michelle Holt

Roll Call Vote: 5 – 1 Passed

Central Office Position

12 Elementary Assistants

CDC Teacher

Webmaster Supplements

Roll Balance Back to Salary Line

On Motion by Michelle Holt for the five items listed, seconded by Kathy Austin

Roll Call Vote: 6 – 0 Passed

Vice-Chairman Brown requested that Budget Director, Mary Lou Woolsey have these additions to the budget ready to present at the Regular Board Meeting on May 28, 2015, when the Board will be voting on the 2015-2016 Budget. With no further business, Vice-Chairman Brown adjourned the meeting at 2:08 p.m.