

MINUTES OF  
THE WILSON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION WORK SESSION  
MARCH 25, 2019

The Wilson County Board of Education held a Budget Work Session on Monday, March 25, 2019, at 5:00 p.m. in the Administrative Offices, 113 N. Tarboro Street. Chairman Christine L. Fitch called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. with the following members present:

Dr. Christine L. Fitch, Chairman  
Henry E. Mercer, Vice-Chairman  
Velma H. Barnes  
Beverly Boyette  
Rhyan Breen  
Gary W. Farmer  
Debora Powell  
Dr. Lane B. Mills, Secretary

Others present were Executive Director of Finance Rene Evans, Assistant Director of Finance Florence James and Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent and Board Clerk Linda Horrison.

After calling the meeting to order, Chairman Fitch led the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by a moment of silence. Dr. Fitch advised that the purpose of the special Board meeting was a work session to discuss the proposed 2019-2020 Local Current Expense and Capital Outlay Budget. She then turned the meeting over to Superintendent Dr. Mills.

Dr. Mills advised that the proposed 2019-2020 Local Current Expense and Capital Outlay Budget requests were shared with the Board. The 2019-2020 Local Current Expense Budget request is for \$23,609,946 and the Capital Outlay Budget request is for \$1,000,000, for a total request of \$24,609,946. This reflects a salary increase of 5% for certified staff and 2% for others. The hospitalization match increased by \$260.

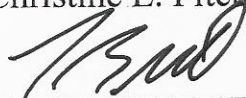
Ms. Evans walked the Board through the proposed Local Current Expense Budget document and, with the assistance of Dr. Mills, addressed questions raised by the Board members. Among the topics discussed were a decrease in Central Office staffing over the past year. Dr. Mills stated that Central Office has reduced 5-6 positions this year. Ms. Evans also advised that each department's budgets were reduced by 8% this year, with the exception of Maintenance. The 8% reduction carries forward with this budget.

Dr. Mills also discussed some of the most urgent needs based on safety and maintaining the structural integrity of facilities. He also addressed the need for an activity bus. The district tries to purchase one activity bus each year. The district recently purchased a handicap accessible activity bus with a lift.

There being no further business at 5:54 p.m., Mr. Farmer made a motion, seconded by Mr. Mercer, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.



Dr. Christine L. Fitch, Chairman



Dr. Lane B. Mills, Superintendent