

GREENE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Minutes

April 29, 2015

The Greene County Board of Education met in called session on Wednesday, April 29, 2015, at 5:30 p.m., at the James W. Parham Central Office.

Chairman Rick Tipton called the meeting to order and noted that all Board members were present. Mr. Tipton led the pledge to the flag and Nathan Brown led the Invocation.

III. New Business

A. Approve an Additional \$46,514.12 to finish Capital Projects.

On motion by Nathan Brown, seconded by Tom Cobble

Vote: 7 – 0 Passed

Chairman Tipton noted that David McLain, Assistant Director of Operations was available to answer any questions regarding the request for the additional funds. Ms. Austin asked for clarification that this request was to finish the Capital projects approved by the Board earlier. Mr. McLain confirmed this for her. He also explained that \$910,000 has already been approved by the Board and when the Bids came in, they totaled \$956,514.12 so they were asking for approval of the additional \$46,514.12 to finish the projects this summer. Ms. Austin noted that \$225,000 was moved into Capital funds in a Budget Amendment at the last Board meeting and she wanted to clarify that of that \$225,000, we only need \$46,514.12 and asked Mary Lou Woolsey, Budget Director what her recommendation would be for the rest of the funds. Ms. Woolsey noted that she would recommend that it go into the Fund Balance. Mr. McLain stated that there would be \$198,982.88 left after using the requested amount. Mr. Tipton reminded the Board that at the last Budget Workshop they had discussed to use what was left over for additional projects and other Board members agreed. Ms. Austin said that this is all new money and that \$198,000 would have never been taken out for Capital projects. Mr. Tipton stated that the Board had voted at the last Board meeting to approve the Budget Amendment moving \$240,000 into Capital projects. Ms. Austin agreed that the Board did approve it but she understood it to be for these projects and this is not money that we had to spend. Mr. Tipton again stated that the Board had discussed if there was anything left over that they would look at what could be used for additional projects or roll it over. Ms. Austin reminded everyone that we do not know what next year's Budget was going to be. Several other Board members agreed with Mr. Tipton that they had discussed using the additional funds to complete more Capital projects.

B. Approve Capital Project work totaling \$956,514.12.

On motion by Brian Wilhoit, seconded by Michelle Holt

Vote: 7 – 0 Passed

- Approve moving the remaining \$198,982.88 of the \$240,000 Budget Amendment, (*approved at the April 23, 2015, Board meeting*) back into the General Fund Budget as recommended by the Budget Director.

On Motion by Kathy Austin, seconded by Rick Tipton

Vote: 1 – 6 Failed

Nathan Brown asked Mr. McLain if there would be time to get any more projects done. David Myers, Facilities Supervisor, responded that there would be time and it would depend on what the Board decided they wanted to be done. Michelle Holt added that the Board had discussed that if there was money left over that they wanted to move on to the smaller projects. Mr. Brown suggested that if everyone was not comfortable with moving it all and that maybe the Board only take the original \$90,000 and use it for additional projects. Several other Board members agreed with Mr. Brown. Tom Cobble noted his safety concern about basketball goals over fans and asked Mr. Myers which schools have this issue. Mr. Myers said that it was West Greene, North Greene and Chuckey-Doak Middle and thought that the cost was around \$30,000. Brian Wilhoit expressed his concern as well with having a safety issue on the list and said that trumps everything. Ms. Austin continued to express her concern with using money from the undesignated fund and not knowing what future Budgets were going to be. Mr. Brown noted that this was in this year's Budget and Budget Director, Mary Lou Woolsey added that we always keep more than the minimum required in our undesignated fund balance. David Myers made three recommendations to the Board for continued projects:

1. Basketball Goals
2. Finish the Roof at Chuckey-Doak Middle
3. Bathroom Stalls at McDonald Elementary

Mr. Brown asked if he thought they could do all of these without going over the \$90,000. Mr. Myers responded that he did not have the totals in front of him but he thought it would be close and he would get the totals for the Board to review at the next Budget Workshop. Mr. Tipton asked Ms. Woolsey when this had to be rolled over and she responded that it would not have to be rolled over until the end of the school year on June 30th.

On Motion by Nathan Brown, seconded by Brian Wilhoit and with no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:55 p.m.