

Horry County Board of Education



Board Members Present

Jeffrey Garland, Board Member and Finance Committee Chair
Janet Graham, Board Member and Finance Committee Member
John Poston, Board Member and Finance Committee Member
David Cox, Board Member
Joe DeFeo, Board Chairman
Janice Morreale, Board Member
Ray Winters, Board Member

Staff Present

Rick Maxey, Superintendent
Mary Anderson, Chief Human Resources Officer
Edward Boyd, Chief Accountability Officer
Daryl Brown, Chief Officer of Support Services
Carolyn Chestnut, Chief Officer of Instructional Support Services
John Gardner, Chief Financial Officer
Kenneth Generette, Staff Attorney
Boone Myrick, Chief Academic Officer

Polly Dean, Administrative Assistant

Media Present

As required by SC Law 30-4-80, local news media were informed of the date, time, place, and agenda of this meeting.

1.WELCOME

Mr. Garland called the meeting to order at 4:10 pm and welcomed those in attendance.

2.INVOCATION

3.REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Moved by Mr. Poston and seconded by Ms. Graham, the agenda was unanimously approved.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Poston moved to approve the minutes of the February 25, 2016 Finance Committee Meeting as presented. Ms. Graham seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved. Ms. Graham moved to approve the minutes of the April 6, 2016 meeting as presented. Mr. Garland seconded the motion. The minutes were unanimously approved. Mr. Poston asked to recuse himself since he was not in attendance.

5. DISCUSSION

A. 2016-17 GENERAL FUND BUDGET

Mr. Gardner shared with the committee members the handout, *2016-17 General Fund Budget*. He shared with the committee members currently we are out of balance of 9.6 million from excess expenditures over our revenues. Mr. Garland had asked that all requests be separated into categories of mandatory and optional expenditures. Mr. Gardner explained the mandatory expenditure adjustments to include a 2% salary increase for teachers, a STEP for all eligible employees, staffing adjustments for 812+ new students and special education, retirement increase, group health insurance, utilities, property insurance, 3.0 Principals for Planning, and ESOL support that would include 11 positions.

Mr. Poston made a motion to move the mandatory expenditure adjustments as presented to the full Board. Ms. Graham seconded the motion. The mandatory expenditure adjustments were approved unanimously to be presented to the full Board.

Mr. Gardner reviewed the cost saving adjustments that included the net impact of funding shift for Rehabilitative Behavioral Health Services and new funding for Read to Succeed initiative.

Mr. Poston made a motion to move the cost saving adjustments as presented to the full Board. Ms. Graham seconded the motion. The cost saving adjustments were approved unanimously to be presented to the full Board.

The optional expenditures were reviewed and discussed that included:

2% salary increase for employees not eligible for STEP - Mr. David Cox asked to withhold any recommendation until after the Human Resources Committee meets. After further discussion, Mr. Poston made a motion to move the 2% salary increase for employees not eligible for STEP to be presented to the full Board for discussion. Ms. Graham seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Personalized Digital Learning expansion to 3rd and 4th grade – No impact on General Fund and will be deferred to the Technology Committee to make a recommendation to the Board.

10 additional days for instructional support – This is a new request and could be utilized for Instructional Coaches or Lead Teachers to help with curriculum development and each school would

receive a maximum of 10 days. Mr. Poston made a motion to move this item to be presented to the full Board. Ms. Graham seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Furniture for student population growth – Mr. Poston made a motion to move this item to capital budget rather than operational funds. Ms. Graham seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Extend STEM program at CHS – There is no initial cost involved with extending the STEM program at CHS; however, there could be costs involved for future years. Ms. Myrick shared with the committee that part of the program will be funded through CATE funds.

Signing bonus for critical needs teachers - Mr. Cox asked that this item be deferred until after the Human Resources Committee meets. After further discussion, Mr. Poston made a motion to move this item to be presented to the full Board. Ms. Graham seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Maintenance contracts - Mr. Gardner explained this item includes pest control contracts, fire extinguishers, etc. He also explained that this could be considered a mandatory expense. It is not something we do ourselves. Ms. Graham made a motion for maintenance contracts to be moved to be presented to the full Board. Mr. Poston seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Three replacement activity busses – Mr. Gardner explained these replacement busses would be serving the St. James and Socastee areas. The committee decided to come back to this item. Ms. Graham made a motion to move this item to be presented to the full Board. Mr. Poston seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Increase in maintenance and repair – Mr. Gardner explained this item is for funding to replace such items as light bulbs and air conditioner filters. Currently there is 1.4 million in the general fund budget and we have overspent by \$280,000. Mr. Poston made a motion for this item for an increase in maintenance and repairs to be moved to be presented to the full Board. Ms. Graham seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Transportation support for Socastee/St. James attendance areas – Mr. Brown explained this item would require adding 1 Supervisor and 11 drivers to add another transportation office in the St. James area. Mr. Poston made a motion for Transportation support for the Socastee/St. James attendance areas to be moved to be presented to the full Board. Ms. Graham seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Additional .50 registered nurse for schools > 1000 students – Mr. Poston made a motion to move this item to #2 on the optional expenditure adjustments' list. Ms. Graham seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Increase in inventory and equipment – Mr. Brown explained to the committee this item would replace older equipment that would include lifts and trucks. They have outlived their useful life. Ms. Graham made a motion to move this item to increase in inventory and equipment to be presented to the full Board. Mr. Poston seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Increase in grounds maintenance - Mr. Brown explained that we are now responsible for all athletic fields and overspent last year. The cutting remains at the school level. Mr. Poston made a motion to

move this item forward to be presented to the full Board. Ms. Graham seconded the motion. Motion carried.

High school band equipment - Ms. Myrick explained to the committee that it has been quite some time since funds were allocated for band equipment and the needs are much greater than requested. Mr. Garland would like for it to be re-worded to say high school music equipment. Ms. Graham made a motion to move high school band equipment to be presented to the full Board. Mr. Poston seconded the motion. Motion carried.

AED replacement – Mr. Poston made a motion since this is a life safety issue, this item be moved to be included on the mandatory expenditures list. Ms. Graham seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Increase in building services – Ms. Graham made a motion to move this item to increase in building services to be presented to the full Board. Mr. Poston seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Provide an additional 1.0 athletic trainer for schools > 1000 students – Mr. Poston agreed with the need to provide the additional athletic trainer for schools > 1000 students. Mr. Poston made a motion to move this item to be presented to the full Board. Ms. Graham seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mr. Gardner explained to the committee that the items were ranked in order by recommendations made by the Budget Committee.

Mr. Garland will point out to the full Board that the proposed budget will involve using 9.6 million of the undesignated reserve.

B.ADDITIONAL REQUESTS

Mr. Gardner shared with the committee members there is a need for 12-16 more modular classrooms for next school year. This request is currently not in the budget. At this point no data was provided for this item. Mr. Gardner did explain that the modular classrooms would be purchased and not leased.

C.SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT FOR NEW SCHOOLS

The committee was given a handout, *Budget Considerations for New Buildings 2017*. Mr. Gardner explained the information was a rough estimate provided by Learning Services and included supplies and materials not covered by First Floor. It was also mentioned that there was not enough funds for technology needs that were included in the building program. It was noted that there is an additional need of close to 5 million more than the 3.1 million listed on the handout.

D. RESOLUTION: AUTHORIZING EXPENDITURES FROM REVENUES COLLECTED FROM THE EDUCATION CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS SALES AND USE TAX

Mr. Gardner stated this is something we do annually because the law requires the Board to pass a resolution enabling us to do a direct expenditure of the sales tax. The resolution for consideration of the Board, and which was prepared by the McNair Law Firm, authorizes the expenditure of not to exceed \$38,500,000 from revenues collected pursuant to the education capital improvements sales and use tax, and other matters relating thereto.

Mr. Poston made a motion to move this item to be presented to the full Board. Ms. Graham seconded the motion. Motion carried.

E.FUNDING FLEXIBILITY FOR 4-YEAR OLD EARLY CHILDHOOD FUNDS

Mr. Gardner shared that the Four-year old program is currently funded from Title I and EIA funds. Last year, all of the four-year old program funds were not expended. This year, we propose to flex those, or transfer those funds to at risk students so we can serve a larger population of students.

Ms. Graham made a motion to move this item forward to be presented to the full Board. Mr. Poston seconded the motion. Motion carried.

6.ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Ms. Graham and seconded by Mr. Poston to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried and Mr. Garland adjourned the meeting at 5:46 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Polly Dean

Administrative Assistant, Fiscal Services

Approved: _____

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