

MAURY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
BUDGET COMMITTEE MINUTES
HORACE O. PORTER SCHOOL AT COLLEGE HILL
5:00 P.M., APRIL 13, 2015

1. The Budget Committee Meeting was called to order by Chairman Jim Morrison at 5:15 p.m. Committee members present were Mr. Jim Morrison, Mr. Tommy Dudley, Mr. David Moore, Mr. Denny Beaver, and Mr. Wayne Lindsey. Other board members present were Mr. David Bates, Mr. Jerry Lassiter, Mr. Jim Pennings, Ms. Kristin Parker, and Ms. Jyuana Martin.
2. Food Service Director Mr. Brian Parkhurst presented additional CEP program information requested by board members. The information included several breakdowns of costs should the decision be made to include more schools in the CEP program. After much discussion, including discussion concerning increases in payroll costs, a motion was made by Mr. Dudley to approve the Food Service budget as originally presented. The motion was seconded by Mr. Morrison. Projected revenue for the 2015-16 budget is \$6,914,580.00 with projected expenditures of \$6,912,119.00. \$2,461.00 is expected to be returned to the Food Service fund balance. The motion passed with all committee members voting in the affirmative.
3. Mrs. Patty Vargo discussed the most recent state information concerning BEP funding. Per the most recent correspondence our BEP teacher allocation is reduced from last year and our special education enrollment is down. From this information, the expected BEP funding will be approximately \$700,000.00 less than anticipated. However, this information is not considered to be correct and another set of data is expected Friday 4/17/2015.
4. There was much discussion concerning textbooks including the availability of existing books, needs for additional books, and a method for maintaining an adequate number of textbooks. Mr. Stan Breeden explained the current method used to inventory and assign textbooks to schools and children. Per Mr. Breeden, no request received in the Central Office for textbooks has gone unfilled. There was, however, one instance of a class not having textbooks when they began because the books were not requested in a timely manner. There was also discussion about incorporating electronic or digital textbooks in our system as well. District administration was asked to research our current process and make recommendations about how it can be improved and what amount of funding for textbooks would be adequate for the 2015-16 budget.
5. Mrs. Vargo spoke about and explained Maintenance of Effort and the breakdown of the county sales tax contribution, the city sales tax contribution, and the county property tax contribution. As explained, the county contributes 75% of its sales tax collected, the city contributes 50% of its sales tax collected, and the county currently provides \$1.2499 of the current property tax (\$2.59 per \$100.00 of assessed value) as a portion of local funding for schools.
6. Materials requested for the next meeting include: a prioritization by district administration of the "wish list" included in the budget packet, dollar totals for a 4% raise across the board, a breakdown of monies earned through our differentiated pay schedule during 2014-15, and recommendations from district administration for creative ways to use the "4%" raise.
7. The date for the next Budget Committee meeting was scheduled for Monday 4/20/2015 at 5:00 p.m. at H.O. Porter School.
8. A motion was made by Mr. Dudley and seconded by Mr. Lindsey to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried with all members voting aye. The Committee Meeting was adjourned at 7:54 p.m.

Jim Morrison, Chairman