

OFFICIAL
MINUTES OF THE BLOUNT COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

The Blount County Board of Education met in Called Session on Monday, March 25, 2013 at 5:30 p.m. in the John P. Davis, Jr. Boardroom at the Central Office.

Roll Call of the Board is as follows:

Mr. Chris Cantrell	Present
Mr. Jim Compton	Present
Mr. Charles Finley	Present
Mr. Trevis Gardner	Present
Dr. Don McNelly	Present
Mr. Mike Treadway	Present
Mr. Rob Webb	Present

The clerk declared a quorum and Chairman Treadway called the meeting to order.

The only item to be considered is: Discussion and possible action regarding the FY 2013-2014 budget.

The original FY 2013-2014 appropriations budget request approved on February 12, 2013 and submitted to the County Commission was \$86,868,000. At a called meeting on March 14, 2013 the budget committee was asked to bring back to the Board an appropriations budget of \$79,700,000 detailing cuts that would need to be made if the \$86,868,00 was not funded by County Commission. This budget reflects an 8% decrease from the initial budget request and 3.3% reduction from FY 2012-2013.

Mr. Britt did not recommend the budget's approval. He stated this budget lacked an appropriate level of funding and would not address a critical level of resources for supporting our school programs. He also stated the cuts were too deep and would impede the system's ability to make sufficient progress and would set the system up for failure. Mr. Britt also stated this budget would compromise our strategic plans, and marginalize our mission.

Chairman Treadway stated he also would not recommend the budget's approval, but as Board chairman and a member of the budget committee, he would make a motion to approve this budget so it could be discussed. Mr. Webb seconded the motion but only to get this item on the floor for discussion.

This proposed budget is as follows:

Submitted-Total FY 2013-2014 Budget Appropriations Request-86,868,000

Positions Layoff # Amount

Personnel & Benefits

Eliminate 7 Elementary (K-5) Teachers Positions 7.0 1 (455,000)
Eliminate 11 Middle (6-8) Teacher Positions 11.0 10 (715,000)
Eliminate 8 High (9-12) Teacher Positions 8.0 5 (520,000)
Eliminate 2 ELOC Alternative School Teacher Positions 2.0 2 (130,000)
Eliminate 3 Elementary (K-5) Art, Music, PE Teacher Positions-1 each 3.0 3
(166,000)
Eliminate 1 Guidance Counselor Position 1.0 0 (56,000)
Eliminate 1 Psychologist Position 1.0 1 (21,700)
Eliminate 1 Elementary Assistant Principal Position 1.0 0 (88,000)
Eliminate Summer Contract Days for Guidance Counselors (22,000)
Eliminate 24 FT Teaching Assistants & 5 FT Library Assistants to PT Status
(608,000)
Eliminate 4 FT Teaching Assistant Positions 4.0 1 (126,500)
Eliminate 2 FT Custodian Positions 2.0 0 (71,300)
Eliminate 3 FT Maintenance Positions 3.0 3 (166,000)
Eliminate 4 PT LPN Nurse Positions 4.0 3 (63,000)
Eliminate 1 FT Central Office Secretary/Bookkeeper Position 1.0 1 (50,000)
Cut Compensation (Classified & Estimated Amount Above State Requirement)
(655,000)
Freeze All Salaries for Supervisors & School Administrators (85,000)
Other Compensation and Benefits Adjustments (248,740)
Cut Board of Education Member Fees (3,780)
Eliminate New Athletic Supplements (240,000)
Eliminate All Elementary Athletic & Yearbook Supplements (31,219)
Cut Athletic Supplements for 2 High School Head Football Coaches
(2,200)
Cut 5% of All Other Athletic Supplements in Middle and High School
(23,000)
1 Day Furlough for All employees (Excluding Certified on 200 Day Contracts)
(41,000)
Employee Cost for Individual Insurance Premium (#1,010 x \$10/mo)
(Pending Collaborative Conferencing) (121,200)
Employee Cost of Family Insurance Premium (#600 x \$30/mo)
(Pending Collaborative Conferencing) (216,000)
Retiree Cost for Individual Insurance Premium (#177 x \$10/mo)
(Pending Collaborative Conferencing) (21,240)
Retiree Cost of Family Insurance Premium (#69 x \$30/mo)
(Pending Collaborative Conferencing) (24,840)

Operating Costs

Eliminate 25 Days RE Bus Transportation (437,000)

Textbooks-New	(898,000)	
Library Books-New	(100,000)	
Technology-New	(350,000)	
Instructional Supplies	(8,000)	
Regular Education Support Travel & Other Contracted Services		(2,300)
Vocational Education Support Supplies	(1,000)	
Adult Education Support Supplies	(300)	
Postage	(1,000)	
Utilities	(300,216)	
Custodial Equipment	(6,000)	
Maintenance Supplies & Contracted Services		(11,966)
Maintenance Equipment	(5,000)	
Capital Outlay-Communication Equipment		(36,000)
Capital Outlay-HVAC Equipment	(50,000)	
Add: AED's Annual Parts Replacements	3,500	
Add: Internet Access and Band-Width	7,000	
Ann Unemployment Benefits for Layoffs	200,000	

Amended-Total FY 2013-2014 Budget Appropriations Request
79,900,000

Total FY 2013-2014 State Revenues for Technology Investments
590,000

Total FY 2013-2014 Increase Local Revenues-Maintenance of Effort
Requirement 1,600,000

New FY 2013-2014 Increase Local Revenues-Property Tax (Based on New Value
of Penny) 200,000

Total FY 2013-2014 All Other Revenues 77,510,000

Projected Budget Deficit as of 3-25-13 0

Mr. Cantrell stated the board now had a clear understanding of what they would have to fight for and what they would have to fight to keep. Mr. Cantrell then made an amendment to stand behind the Board's initial budget request of \$86,868,000 and restore all proposed cuts. Mr. Webb seconded the amendment.

Roll Call vote on the amendment:

Mr. Compton	Yes
Mr. Finley	Yes
Mr. Gardner	Yes
Dr. McNelly	Yes
Mr. Treadway	Yes
Mr. Webb	Yes
Mr. Cantrell	Yes

Amendment passed 7/0.

Roll Call vote on the original motion as amended:

Mr. Finley	Yes
Mr. Gardner	Yes
Dr. McNelly	Yes
Mr. Treadway	Yes
Mr. Webb	Yes
Mr. Cantrell	Yes
Mr. Compton	Yes

Motion carried 7/0.

Mr. Finley made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Gardner seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Mr. Mike Treadway, Chairman

Mr. Rob Britt, Secretary