

MAURY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
BUDGET COMMITTEE MINUTES
HORACE O. PORTER SCHOOL AT COLLEGE HILL
5:00 P.M., APRIL 2, 2015

1. The Budget Committee Meeting was called to order by Chairman Jim Morrison at 5:22 p.m. with four (4) members present: Mr. Jim Morrison, Mr. Tommy Dudley, Mr. David Moore, and Mr. Denny Beaver. Mr. Wayne Lindsey was absent. Other board members that attended were: Mr. David Bates, Mr. Jerry Lassiter, and Mr. Jim Pennings.
2. Mr. Brian Parkhurst presented the food service budget. Brian explained that current revenues have been reduced by \$446,000 due to the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP), parents are not giving their children cash for food. Miscellaneous revenues increase by \$1,000 and federal reimbursements increased by \$933,000 due to an increase of 500 meals more per day. Total revenues increased by \$486,000, and total revenues are \$6,914,580, a 7.56% increase over prior year. Total expenditures are \$6,912,119 a 1.32% increase over prior year. Mr. Pennings asked about adding all the schools. Mr. Parkhurst replied that it would probably cost \$1,000,000 to add all the schools and explained that with ten schools doing the CEP program food service was at 100% reimbursement and if all the other schools were added the Federal Government would reimburse 67% and 33% would have to be covered by someone else. Mr. Pennings and Mr. Dudley requested Mr. Parkhurst bring figures on how much it would cost to add all schools to CEP Program and how much attendance may have increased at CEP schools.
3. Mrs. Patty Vargo presented the changes in the 2015-16 budget. The budget would increase by \$2,724,161 included in this amount are step raises, 2% raise and 5% increase in healthcare, and explained that after these increases there was only enough money in the budget to include necessary items. Mrs. Vargo also explained that the 4% raise proposed by the governor was really only a 3.28% raise because 72% of teachers are covered by BEP and the rest (28%) are covered by local funds. Scott Gaines explained we met with Mr. Morrison and decided to give all employees a 2% raise. This included Certified and Classified employees. Certified employees are all employees with a teacher license and Classified employees are all employees that do not have a teacher license.
4. Mr. Stan Breedan explained an extra 5% increase in maintenance personnel pay schedule. In addition, we will pay for maintenance personnel classes to get certified or licensed. They will sign an agreement to work for the schools for two years in exchange for paid training. Also, their salary would increase according to the pay schedule the next year. Mr. Moore asked if additional staff was needed and Mr. Breedan explained that maybe one or two at \$100,000 per year or that the work could possibly be outsourced.
5. Mr. Morrison stopped the meeting at 6:35p.m., announced that he had to leave but we could continue because there were still three people there from the budget committee and announced that the next meeting would be on April 13, 2015 at 5:00p.m.
6. Mrs. Vargo explained that she wasn't exactly sure of the BEP Funding. The schools will get \$1,201,000 for sure but was not sure of the rest of the funds. Scott Gaines and Mrs. Vargo used last year numbers to make an educated guess of how much BEP Funds would be received. Mrs. Vargo stated the letter usually comes in from the State in April and at that time may have to redo the budget.
7. Mr. Bates requested that we prioritize the list of additional budget requests in the amount of \$5,505,109.64 that was not included in the budget.
8. Mr. Dudley explained that the schools had not had anyone over maintenance in a long-time and indicated that there needed to be more supervision from top management because principals are educators. He suggested that maintenance staff should inspect facilities. That a maintenance schedule should be created and a Director of Maintenance put in place. Stan explained that a software program

named School Dude has a module for preventative maintenance and all the HVAC equipment has been moved into the software. Since all equipment is in software that maintenance schedule could be created in one or two years depending on manpower. May be willing to outsource it. Mr. Dudley asked that we make out a five year maintenance plan to take to the county commission to see how committed they are to funding the plan. Mr. Breedan mentioned there is a Tennessee School Maintenance Association conference in Pigeon Forge in the second week of June he is going to attend along with Wally and Murray. He hopes to network with other Maintenance Directors to find out what they do. Mr. Lassiter requested a spreadsheet of maintenance personnel and their skills in order to determine if we need more help.

9. A motion was made by Mr. Dudley for adjourn the meeting. Motion carried with all members voting aye. The Committee Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Jim Morrison, Chairman