

SPECIAL BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

Monday, October 29, 2018

ROLL CALL – The Raleigh County Board of Education met in special session on Monday, October 29, 2018 at 5:30 PM in Munson Hall of the Raleigh County Schools Central Office with the following members present: President Larry D. Ford, Vice-President Charlotte Hutchens, Mr. Jack G. Roop, Ms. Marie Hamrick, Ms. Marsha Smith, and Mr. C. David Price, Secretary.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA/ADJUSTMENTS – President Ford called the meeting to order. Mr. Roop made the motion to approve the agenda. Dr. Hutchens seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

COMMUNICATION REPORTS – President Ford stated that the meeting was called for the purpose of obtaining recommendations from excess levy subcommittees. Committee reports are as follows:

- **Employee Benefits** – Spokesperson Sarita Beckett expressed her gratitude to board members for providing levy monies to the schools and stated that the Employees Benefits Committee recommends to increase the Delta Dental maximum allowance from \$1000 to \$1500 per year and to increase employee's county supplement \$20 per month.
- **Student Instructional Support** – Spokesperson Deanna Massey reported that the committee chose to not cut anything from the current levy monies but modify the reading and math incentive to include STEAM , adding \$2 per student in each programmatic level.
- **Student Services/Maintenance/Transportation** – Spokesperson Charles Pack's committee recommends cutting \$80,000 from Extended Learning, \$290,000 from Transportation, \$465,000 from Capital Improvements and Compliance, and \$100,000 from Maintenance (Building and Grounds Upgrade) for a total cut of \$935,000.00.
- **Community Services and Summer Programs** – Spokesperson Cynthia Blevins stated that recommendations include: cutting Extended Learning by \$80,000 but keep the WVU Extension Services, Youth Museum (cutting \$3000 only if necessary to return amount as granted in previous levy), Raleigh County Convention Center, and the Solid Waste Authority at the current funding level.

Darrin Butcher, Treasurer/CSBO added that the Community Services committee also reviewed Library support which was initially funded at \$450,270 per year but, due to decreased collections and assessed evaluations, support declined to \$383,251. Through the regular levy (not excess) the committee recommends that Library funding be increased to \$426,946.00.

- **Athletic Support/Coaching** – Spokesperson John Quesenberry's committee requests reducing Woodrow Wilson High School's extracurricular transportation funding from \$2500 to \$2000 and Shady Spring High's extracurricular from \$2500 to \$1250, eliminating middle school trainers, increasing curricular trip support for elementary and secondary to \$5 per student, and adding an additional Assistant Football Coach for Woodrow Wilson High School.

ADJOURNMENT – The meeting adjourned at 5:40 PM by consensus of all members.

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