

CHEROKEE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

CALLED BOARD MEETING

JUNE 1, 2010

The Cherokee County School District No. 1 Board of Trustees met in called session on Tuesday, June 1, 2010 at 5:30 PM in the Board Room at the District Administrative Office. Board members present were Chair Mr. Billy Blackwell, Vice Chair Mr. Donnie Lee Smith, Secretary Mrs. Amanda Knowles, Mrs. Lindley H. Auton, Mr. Willie J. Crosby, Mr. Mike A. Ellis, and Mrs. Robin D. Harper. Mr. Barry E. Bailey was on vacation and unable to attend. Ms. Cheryll D. Smith was unable to attend. Administrators present were Acting Superintendent Mrs. Kim Bagwell, Associate Superintendent for Administrative Services & Curriculum Dr. Carlotta Redish, and Director of Finance Mr. Ben Childs. No news media was present.

In accordance with South Carolina Code of Laws, Section 30-40-80(d), as amended, the following have been notified of the time, date, and agenda of this meeting: The Blacksburg Times, The Cherokee Chronicle, The Gaffney Ledger, the Shelby Star, the Spartanburg Herald-Journal, Radio Stations WEAC-AM and WFGN, WSPA-TV, WYFF-TV, and WSOC-TV.

Chair Mr. Billy Blackwell called the meeting to order at 5:30 PM, recognized the news media present, and led in the opening prayer.

The only item on the agenda was FY 2010-2011 General Fund Budget. Two options were discussed by the administration and trustees.

Option A:

The total projected revenue as of May 24, 2010 is \$54,901,278. The total projected expenditures are \$60,474,791. This is a deficit of \$5,573,513. The projected furlough savings as of March 25, 2010 is \$1,241,560.48. The potential for transfer from the Sales Tax Fund (based on availability) is \$1 million. The projected deficit to balance the 2010-2011 budget would then total \$3,331,952. This includes negotiating all working retirees, certified and classified, to five years of experience; includes no step increase; changes to personnel as recommended; does not include contingency positions in the projected expenditures; removal of all known employee retirement, resignation, and termination positions of as of March 25th; assumes the Index of Taxpaying Ability will be frozen at the 2009-2010 level; assumes a base cost of \$1,630; tax revenues based upon preliminary discussions with the County Auditor and Treasurer; and does not include the projected frozen salary schedule from the State which includes a 23-year funded step. The following options are included to balance the budget: an additional 10% reduction in per student allocation, an additional reduction in substitute allocation for a 60% total reduction, implement breakfast in the classroom for all qualifying schools, utilize Title I funds to cover a portion of the 4K program, convert year round schools back to traditional calendar, increase lunch prices for all school lunches, utilize teacher supply funding for salaries, eliminate dues and subscriptions, reduce 11 certified and 15 classified working retiree positions, contracted Food Services, and elimination of a CDF position at Gaffney High School. The remaining surplus would then be \$2,202.

Option B:

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This item was received for information only; no action was taken.

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Mr. Blackwell called for a motion to adjourn. **Mr. _____ Smith made the motion, seconded by Mr. _____ Crosby. All trustees voted unanimously to adjourn.** The meeting adjourned at _____ PM.

Mrs. Amanda Knowles, Secretary

APPROVED BY:

Mr. Billy Blackwell, Chairman

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