

BUNCOMBE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
2:00 p.m. – Work Session – Executive Conference Room
Thursday, March 2, 2023

MINUTES

BE IT REMEMBERED: That the Buncombe County Board of Education met in a special called work session on March 2, 2023 at 2:00 p.m. in the Executive Conference Room located at 175 Bingham Road, Asheville, North Carolina when the following business was transacted.

The following Board members were present:

Ann Franklin, Madam Chair
Peggy Buchanan, Member
Rob Elliot, Member
Judy Lewis, Member

Kim Plemmons, Member
Amanda Simpkins, Member
Amy Churchill, Vice-Chair

Approval of Agenda – Madam Chair, Ann Franklin
Ms. Franklin called the work session to order at 2:03 p.m.

Opening Comments

Dr. Jackson welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked Ms. Thorpe and the Finance team for their hard work, stating that the workings of school finance are very difficult. Ms. Franklin also expressed her appreciation for, and her trust in the Finance team.

Board Training – Tina Thorpe, Chief Finance Officer

- Budget Development Process & Priorities

During the work session, Ms. Thorpe described the process that the school system follows to develop both capital and operating budgets. State general statutes guiding school finance were reviewed with the Board as well. The topics discussed with the board members were budget planning, the budget cycle and roles and responsibilities in the budget development process. Ms. Thorpe described the Finance Department's budget analysis procedures and sources of funding available to public school systems. Finally, the steps toward approving a final budget were examined.

Ms. Thorpe then answered questions from the Board concerning all aspects of the system's budget process, funding sources and budget priorities.

Adjournment

Ms. Franklin adjourned the meeting at 3:50 p.m.

Rob Jackson, Superintendent &
Ex Officio Secretary

Ann B. Franklin, Madam Chair

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