

SPECIAL WORK SESSION MINUTES

MEETING OF THE GARRETT COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Oakland, MD 21550

Tuesday, February 25, 2014

Part I – Opening

Mr. Thomas Carr, President, called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm. The Board moved to Executive Session at 6:31 pm.

Part I – Call to Order

Mr. Carr, President, reconvened the work session of the Board of Education to order at 7:15 p.m. Also in attendance were Mr. Rodney Reckart, Vice President; Mrs. Cynthia Downton, Associate Member; Mrs. Charlotte Sebold, Associate Member; Mr. Matthew Paugh, Associate Member; and Dr. Janet Wilson, Secretary -Treasurer / Superintendent of Schools. Ms. Miriam Sincell, Board Attorney; Commissioner Bob Gatto, Ex-Officio Member; and John Major, III, Student Member of the Board, were also present. The meeting was held at Central Office.

Part II – Consent Agenda

The consent agenda was accepted with 2 additional items. A personnel item was added as well as Professional Leave Forms were added for approval. Rodney Reckart made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda and Cynthia Downton seconded the motion. The Board unanimously approved the agenda.

Part III – Draft Fiscal Year 2015 Budget

Mr. Larry McKenzie, Director of Finance presented the Working Draft Operating Budget Book to the Board Members for Fiscal Year 2015. The first section of the budget book is estimated receipts. Mr. McKenzie indicated the Superintendent requested an additional \$700,000 from county government to meet the needs of the students and the system beyond the status quo. Federal receipts are down slightly because of Race to the Top. The Race to the Top grant ends June 30, 2014. The school system will have a shortfall of about \$31,000 in "Restricted" Revenues partially as a result of Race to the Top funds ending. State aid is down due to declines in enrollment and local funding consequently has increased. Total estimated revenues will increase \$492,640 compared to FY14, assuming the additional \$700,000 requested gets funded.

The Proposed Unrestricted Expenditure Budget is about \$98,807 less than FY14. Plant Operations is up dramatically because of projects that have been prioritized from a facility

and infrastructure improvement standpoint. Some of these recommendations were a result of the FEA facility study. Mr. McKenzie reviewed with the Board each department's categorized proposed FY15 budget. The Draft Fiscal Year 2015 Budget will be reviewed by the board members between now and the next Board Meeting (March 11, 2014). Mr. McKenzie will present the official budget at the March Board Meeting on March 11, 2014 and it will be approved on March 25, 2014.

Part XII – Adjournment

Mr. Reckart made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:34 and move back to Executive Session to discuss legal topics at 8:35 p.m.



Mr. Thomas Carr
President



Dr. Janet S. Wilson
Secretary/Treasurer

Approved: