

## MINUTES

MURFREESBORO CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
SPECIAL CALLED BOARD MEETING--  
FY'12 BUDGET REVIEW SESSION 2  
Tuesday, April 19, 2011  
6:30 p.m.—Central Administration Building

### ATTENDANCE

Board: Chair Mary Wade, Ray Butrum, Butch Campbell, Nancy Duggin, and Dennis Rainier. Absent: Susan Andrews, Nancy Phillips, and Council Liaison Ron Washington.

Staff: Director Linda Gilbert, Gary Anderson, Caresa Brooks, Karen Hawkins, Michelle Hummel, Crystal Farris, Cheryl Harris, Terry Jolley, Ralph Ringstaff, Dianne Click, and Priscilla Van Tries.

Others: City Staff Attorney Adam Tucker, Principals, and others.

### ORDER OF BUSINESS

#### I. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Wade called the budget study session to order at approximately 6:40 p.m.

#### II. FY '12 BUDGET REVIEW

Mr. Anderson noted that \$211,118 was moved into EIS. He provided the Board with information on the cost to move assistant principals from a 10-month contract to a 10.5 month contract (at a cost of \$30,000-\$35,000) or to an 11-month contract (at a cost of \$70,000-\$75,000). Dr. Gilbert stated for the next school year she would recommend the 10.5-month contract, due to the possibility of vacations already planned, etc. The role of assistant principals is to provide more administrative growth.

Mr. Anderson reviewed the ESP budget noting that there will not be an increase in tuition for the next school year. Dr. Butrum inquired that if the administrative directive is followed, will those county students be grandfathered in to continue to allow them to attend the summer ESP program. He noted that their tuition is revenue for the program. Mrs. Click stated that county students have paid the same amount as city students. Dr. Gilbert explained that the administrative directive states that our ESP program is to serve MCS students. The county has the YMCA to provide after school care during the regular school year, and parents can still utilize this child care in the summer but must transport

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their children to the YMCA just as they transport them to ESP. Mr. Campbell agreed the program should serve MCS students only due to the fact that if we allow any county students to attend then we have opened the door to all having the same opportunity. County students do have the option of attending the YMCA. Knowing this now should give parents ample time to make other arrangements.

Mr. Anderson explained that the Federal budgets are based on the revenue we currently receive as it will be October before Federal revenue is determined from the government. In response to Dr. Butrum, Mr. Anderson stated that the Tribe grants runs through June 30. Anything with ARRA will go away this current school year. FRC funding will drop by a third. Employees hired with ARRA funds are aware that this funding will not be continued.

Dr. Butrum asked that the system discontinue the two technology teacher positions and hire six part-time classified, not certified, persons to serve teachers which he felt could save the system money and provide more contact with teachers. He stated that Mrs. Hawkins could supervise the six part-time employees. Mrs. Hawkins stated that she wished to retain the two technology teacher positions as they not only provide technical assistance to teachers but also aid them with instruction as they are certified teachers. She did not feel non-certified personnel would meet the needs of the teachers. Dr. Butrum asked if it could be done as a pilot for a year. Mr. Rainier stated that it could be something to look into if not for the next year. Dr. Gilbert stated that she had discussed this concept with principals, but they wanted to keep the certified teacher trainers. She stated that she appreciated Dr. Butrum's suggestion and would look at this for the future. In response to Mr. Campbell, Mrs. Hawkins stated that the two teacher trainers are at a school for a full day and therefore the expense of travel and loss of contact with teachers is eliminated. They work with teachers, helping them to learn hardware and software, model instruction for them, etc. Mr. Rainier asked that they look at how effective six part-time teachers would be. Dr. Butrum stated that they would have four hours in a school each day. Mrs. Hawkins stated that she still wants to keep the certified teacher trainer positions as they are embedded in the school day. Mrs. Duggin asked if two positions can meet the needs of the teachers and suggested that this could be tracked next year.

Mr. Anderson reviewed the School Nutrition budget noting that the cost for lunch has increased from \$1.85 to \$2.00, which the system must do to meet federal guidelines.

Mrs. Duggin asked if positions on pages 57 and 60 are being moved to the JOBS bill. Mr. Anderson stated that all ARRA Title I positions would be moved to the JOBS bill. Mr. Rainier asked that Mr. Anderson put a note by those for clarification. He also asked

about the funding on page 27, line 189; Mr. Anderson explained that this is to provide an assistant to the Maintenance Supervisor. He also explained that the Supervisor of Transportation's salary, which was previously listed in two line items, has now been placed in one.

Mr. Anderson explained that the system has to maintain a reserve equal to at least 3% of expenditures; however, this is not sufficient to maintain the operation of the system. Mrs. Click responded to questions regarding Bellwood's ESP program, noting that DHS reimbursements are included in the amount provided to the Board. Mrs. Farris noted that of the total enrollment of 150 students, 108 are full pay. There are six pre-k special ed classrooms. Mr. Rainier asked that the Board be provided an enrollment breakdown for clarification. In response to Mr. Campbell, Dr. Gilbert stated that the system will likely receive the same amount of funding from the City as in the past several years.

### III. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Wade adjourned the special meeting/budget study session at approximately 8:00 p.m.

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Director of Schools

#### ***MISSION STATEMENT***

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for each child.***

