

WEAKLEY COUNTY, TENNESSEE
FINANCE, WAYS, AND MEANS COMMITTEE

ORIGINAL

Tuesday, June 18, 2019 – 10:00 a.m., Conference Room, Board of Education – Dresden, TN

FWM Committee Members Present: Commissioners Eric Owen, Larry Taylor, James Westbrook, David Bell, Roger Donaldson, Dennis Doster, and Colton Nanney

FWM Committee Members Absent: Commissioners Roger VanCleave and Greg Usery

The Finance, Ways, and Means Committee met on Tuesday, June 18, 2019, at 10:00 a.m. in the conference room at the Board of Education in Dresden. Also in attendance was Director of Finance John Liggett, Mayor Jake Bynum, Director of Schools Randy Frazier, Administrator of Elections Alex Britt, Health Department Director Tracy Byrd, Trustee Marci Floyd, School Nutrition Director Trista Snider, Special Education Supervisor Deborah Perkins, County Commissioners Donnie Essary and Gary Eddings, and three representatives of the media.

Chairperson Owen called meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Commissioner Doster made the motion to approve the minutes from the May 24, 2019, committee meeting, and with a second by Commissioner Donaldson, the motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

TRANSFERS

Transfer No. 1819-11

Previously passed unanimously through the HEED Committee, this transfer moves monies from several lines and places those funds into various lines in the Health Department account in the General Fund. Health Department Director Tracy Byrd was recognized and said that the transfer was necessary for repairs to an air conditioning unit at the facility, landscaping needs, and to cover the costs of water and sewer expenses for the rest of the fiscal year. Commissioner Westbrook made the motion to approve the transfer and with a second by Commissioner Nanney, the motion passed unanimously.

RESOLUTIONS

Chairperson Owen made the motion to combine Resolutions No. 2019-42, 2019-44, and 2019-45 for discussion, and with a second by Commissioner Doster, the motion passed unanimously.

Resolution No. 2019-42

Previously passed unanimously before the HEED Committee, this resolution moves \$321,500 from unassigned fund balance and places those monies into motor vehicle lines and transportation equipment line in the General Purpose School Fund. Superintendent Frazier explained the need for the school system to purchase two more propane buses and two trucks for maintenance personnel supervisors.

Resolution No. 2019-44

Previously passed unanimously before the HEED Committee, this resolution moves \$12,000 from 73100-165 (Child Nutrition - Food Services - Cafeteria Personnel) and places those funds into 73100-204 (Child Nutrition - Food Services - State Retirement) in the Weakley County Child General Purpose School Fund. Chairperson Owen recognized Director of School Randy Frazier who explained that the resolution would correct underestimated value for state retirement in that fund.

Resolution No. 2019-45

Previously passed unanimously before the HEED Committee, this resolution adjusts several lines in the General Purpose School Budget. Superintendent Frazier provided explanations for a few lines that saw adjustments, including various lines with grant monies, textbooks, medical personnel, workers compensation insurance, and software.

Commissioner Owen made the motion to approve combined Resolutions No. 2019-42, 2019-44, and 2019-45, and recommend them to the full county commission, and with a second by Commissioner Doster, the motion passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION OF BUDGETS

52400 – County Trustee (General Fund): Trustee Floyd began by providing some figures about the collections her office has generated, including 100% personal property collections for 2017, 100% public utility collections for 2017, 96.4% for overall 2018 collections, and 98.9% overall collections for 2017. She said that the 2018-19 FY budget included a budgetary figure of \$100,000 in anticipated investment interest revenue, and she and Finance Director Liggett had actually collected an impressive \$360,373.

There was no discussion about her budget. Trustee Floyd told the committee that she is advocating for a 5% raise for all of her office employees, stated that her implementation of three part-time employees has saved the county many dollars in benefits, and also explained that her full-time Chief Deputy has taken on more responsibilities and much deserves the increase in pay.

Fund 143 – School Child Nutrition and Food Services Fund: Superintendent Frazier commended the School Nutrition Director, Trista Snider, for once again operating her budget in the black and helping to build up a fund balance. He stated that for many years prior to her taking the position, that fund always operated in the red. He also stated that all lunch prices would remain the same. There was no discussion.

Fund 141 – General Purpose School Fund: Superintendent Frazier provided a document that highlighted several changes in the revenue and expenditure lines for the budget for the upcoming year. He mentioned several increases in revenue, including an increase in property tax, sales tax, and Basic Education Funds (BEP). He then mentioned several expenditure lines, including a 2% increase for all certified and non-certified staff across the full schools budgets, an increase in the TCRS Legacy Plan, as well as an uptick in student accident and building/contents insurance. He mentioned that the school system would have a loss of 50 students, a total student count of 4,110, and stated the various schools that would be losing and gaining school staff positions.

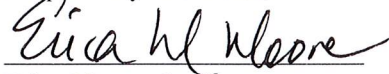
Commissioner Bell stated that he was convinced that the schools’ internet costs are far too high, and Superintendent Frazier stated that it’s an issue worth researching.

Commissioner Westbrook made the motion to tentatively approve and recommend all budgets presented, and with a second by Commissioner Bell, the motion passed unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Having no other business, Commissioner Bell made the motion to adjourn, and with a second by Commissioner Nanney, the meeting was adjourned at 11:11 a.m.

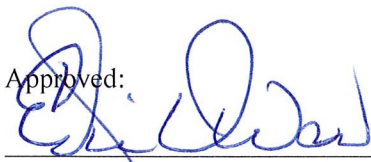
Respectfully Submitted,



Erica Moore, Secretary

Finance, Ways, and Means Committee

Approved:



Eric Owen, Chairperson

Finance, Ways, and Means Committee

Date: 6-24-2019