

WEAKLEY COUNTY, TENNESSEE
HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
Thursday, September 16, 2021 – 9:00 a.m. – Conference Room, Weakley County Board of
Education

HEED Committee Members Present: Commissioners David Hawks, Colton Nanney, Jack Vincent, Larry Hudson, Bobby Dunlap, Commissioner Donnie Essary and Commissioner Larry Kelly

HEED Committee Members Absent: Commissioners James Roy Pope, and Dale Overton

The Health, Education, and Economic Development Committee met on Thursday, September 16, 2021, at 9:00 a.m. in the conference room at the Board of Education in Dresden. Also in attendance were County Mayor Jake Bynum, Dresden Senior Center Director Gail Rogers, Finance Director John Liggett, Director of Schools Randy Frazier, Commissioner Larry Taylor, Commissioner Gary Eddings, and two representatives of the media.

I-II. Call to Order and Approval of Minutes

Chairperson Hawks called meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Commissioner Vincent made the motion to approve the minutes from the committee meeting held June 23, 2021, and with a second by Commissioner Dunlap, the motion passed unanimously.

III. Old Business

None

IV. New Business

Resolutions

Resolution No. 2022-07: Authorizing Budget Amendments to the General Purpose School Fund-

Commissioner Hudson made a motion to place the first resolution on the floor, and with a second from Commissioner Essary, the resolution was open to discuss. Director of Schools Randy Frazier was recognized and explained that there were two parts to this resolution. Last year money was lost due to low attendance at the games because of COVID19. There was a \$92,000 reduction in revenue for schools. The school board decided they wanted to divide up the money to make up the difference in the amount lost, which was included in the contributions line. Second, the building improvements include Westview's fieldhouse HVAC unit. Parts have been ordered, but the hope is that the project will be completed sometime this fall. The resolution passed unanimously.

Resolution No. 2022-09: Authorizing Budget Amendments to the General Fund-

Commissioner Nanney made a motion to place the resolution on the floor and with a second by Commissioner Hudson the resolution was open to discuss. Finance Director John Liggett was recognized and explained resolution no. 2022-09. Last year the Sharon Senior Center received a COVID grant for

the food pantry. The total grant amount was \$2,900. What is shown is the rest of that funding. They can still spend \$2,400. The resolution passed unanimously.

Resolution No. 2022-10: Authorizing Budget Amendments to the General Fund-

Commissioner Essary made a motion to place the resolution on the floor and with a second by Commissioner Nanney the resolution was open to discuss. This resolutions is the same as the previous resolution except it is for the Office on Aging in Dresden. Their total amount rewarded was \$8,100. The amount coming out of the restricted line was what they withdrew but did not spend yet, and the \$5,340 is the amount that is still available to withdraw. Everything has to be spent by the end of September 2021. The resolution passed unanimously.

Resolution No. 2022-11: Authorizing Budget Amendments to the General Fund-

Commissioner Dunlap made a motion to place the resolution on the floor and with a second by Commissioner Vincent the resolution was open to discuss Mayor Bynum addressed resolution No. 2021-11. He explained that the Weakley County Prevention Coalition received a grant, and they believe some of that grant needs to go towards prevention efforts and enforcement efforts. They reached out to the Sheriff's Department and inquired if they would want to do some enforcement pieces related to the prevention coalition. Essentially that would include additional policing of after-hour events such as after ball games at the university and in the county. They are granting \$2,000, and it will be used to pay for overtime. It is just a pass-through. The resolution passed unanimously.

V. Other Business

Director Frazier was recognized and explained some items that the School Board is trying to get done. The Tennessee Comptroller released an education mapping statewide ranking the school systems funding. Attached to the packet he handed out was the listing of just the northwest districts. The data included the teacher salaries, and Weakley County ranked 17th out of 19. The data is lagging and is based on the end of the 2019-20 school year. Weakley County's ranking for teacher salaries is better than this; however, it just has not been updated. Forty-eight teachers were hired this year. The next sheet displayed the per-pupil expenditure, so how much districts are spending overall. These numbers included state, local, and federal money. Weakley County is 14th in spending. The next sheet included school bond debts. They have four outstanding loans. The energy efficiency is loan one, and there is \$151,060 remaining on that. The adult learning center is the next item. There was a \$1 million USDA grant, and there is \$633,333 remaining on that loan. It expires 10/27. The lighting project that was done in every school is the next item. There is still \$1,183,692 remaining on that balance. It expires 10/29. The last item is the school building project, and it has \$5,739,930 remaining in the balance. It expires 5/25. The next page included what the school system has paid. Several projects have been taken over and paid for. There are still several projects that have to be finished. The total preliminary budget comes out to \$7,921,987. There is about \$6 million in the school's fund balance. The board believes they can help pay for half of the amount, but they won't be able to cover all of it. These projects are long-term projects to help keep everything up to date in the schools. There are also some delays in getting different equipment.

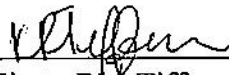
There is some CARES money that has been requested; however nothing has been approved yet.

Commissioner Hawks asked if the bleachers that were replaced were for the football field. Director Frazier explained that the bleacher replacements were in the gymnasiums.

VI. Adjourn

Having no other business, Commissioner Vincent made a motion to adjourn and with a second from Commissioner Nanney, the meeting was adjourned at 9:28 a.m.

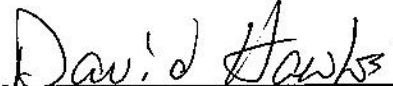
Respectfully Submitted,



Kirsty-Rhe Tiffner, Secretary
Health, Education, and Economic Development

Committee

Approved:



David Hawks, Chairperson
Health, Education, and Economic Development Committee

Date: _____