

WEAKLEY COUNTY, TENNESSEE
HEALTH, EDUCATION, AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
Tuesday, June 27, 2017; 9:00 a.m., Conference Room at Department of Finance

HEED Committee Members Present: Commissioners Donald Doster, James Roy Pope, James Bynum, Roger VanCleave, Dale Overton, Jack Vincent, Scott Fortner, Gary Eddings

HEED Committee Members Absent: Commissioner Larry Hudson

The Health, Education and Economic Development Committee met on Tuesday, June 27, 2017, at 9:00 a.m. in the board room at the Weakley County Board of Education/Department of Finance in Dresden. Others in attendance were County Mayor Jake Bynum, Director of Finance John Liggett, Director of Schools Randy Frazier, Schools Nutrition Supervisor Trista Snider, Special Education Supervisor Deborah Perkins, School Board Member John Hatler, and a representative of the media.

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

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

TRANSFERS

Transfer 1617-23

This transfer moves various monies to various lines in the school nutrition budget. Reasons for the movement documented on the transfer include an increased delivery charge for commodities, an increase in legal notices for advertisements to fill school positions, and an increase in staff development funds to cover additional training for a new director and staff. Commissioner VanCleave made the motion to approve Transfer 1617-23 and with a second by Commissioner Bynum, the motion passed unanimously.

Discussion of School Budgets – School Nutrition Fund [143] and General Purpose School Fund [141]

School Nutrition Fund 143:

Director of School Frazier began by stating that the revenues and expenditures balance. He stated that \$80,000 had been budgeted for food service equipment for the replacement of steamers, warmers, and other various equipment. He said that for the first year in some time, the school nutrition program was operating in the black. Commissioner Pope made the motion to tentatively approve Fund 143 and recommend it to the Finance, Ways, and Means Committee, and with a second by Commissioner VanCleave the motion passed unanimously.

Discussion of 2017-2018 FY Revenues

Director of School Frazier provided a document to the body that displayed some highlights of the changes in his budget. He began with revenues.

43517: He stated that revenues match expenditures in the Before and After School Day Care Program.

46511: He said that the BEP increase \$426,000, which incorporates the raise for employees.

46590SEq: Salary Fund Equity. Director Frazier stated that there was salary inequity amongst districts.

48990ECD: Director Frazier said that Weakley County did not receive a Three-Star Grant for tutoring for 17-18 FY.

He went on to mention highlighted expenditures:

71100-116: Mr. Frazier said most teachers are paid from this line and included a 2% salary increase, and mentioned the modifications in the number of teaching staff at the various schools, which comes to a loss of 9 teachers from 2016-17 FY. He said that for about 3 consecutive years, enrollment has been down an average of 100-150 students per year. Director Frazier stated that Weakley County Schools has 322 certified staff, down from 364 since 2010. Mr. Frazier said this line encompasses

teacher salaries, assistant principal supplements, teaching supplements, coaching supplements, summer school, after-school tutoring, differentiated pay, mentoring program, and more.

71100-207: Mr. Frazier stated that all medical insurance would be going up 7-23%, including a dramatic increase of 16-23% increase to the health savings and limited insurance plans. He said he anticipated that many employees would be switching to the more expensive plans since the more economical plans would be increasing so sharply.

71100-722, 72250: Mr. Frazier said that the state has mandated that all technology be broken out into its own line [72250] and be accounted for separately. He noted that decreases in some account lines for technology were accounted for in other areas of the budget due to these state mandates. He said that the state is wanting to track how many dollars are being spent on technology. He stated that he had 5 technicians broken out into the 72250-120 line.

There was some discussion about the breakout of technology and the various costs for internet connectivity for the departments in the courthouse. Conversation continued to discussion of new teacher salaries.

72310-506: Director Frazier mentioned the various insurance policies and coverages. He mentioned an increase due to an increase in building capacity.

72610-399: Director Frazier mentioned that this line pays the cleaning contract that the school has with GSA Cleaning Services. He said that the line was increasing because the amount of space to be cleaned has increased. He said that this service takes care of all schools with the exception of one custodian at the Adult Learning Center who also does the mowing for the facility.

72710-511: Director Frazier said that insurance rates are on a 5 year average and due to some past accidents, the insurance has increased. He believed that the rates would decrease once the accidents roll off of the 5 year average.

72710-729: Director Frazier said that the School System would be purchasing a Special Education bus for fall 2017. He also said that Weakley County has 7 Special Education buses and 34 regular buses.

82330: Director Frazier said that the debt service was increasing to \$264,000. He said four payments are being paid from that line, including EESI Energy Savings loan 1, and HVAC renovations for Martin Middle and Dresden High, a second EESI loan for the lighting project, and the Adult Learning Center renovation loan. He asked that the county commission consider helping provide some financial assistance to the school system with their debt.

Commissioner Pope made the motion to tentatively approve all of the discussed budgets and recommend them to the Finance, Ways, and Means Committee, and with a second by Commissioner Eddings the motion passed unanimously.

OTHER BUSINESS

Short discussion was had about revenues, budgeting and amending budgets, field trips, and school nurses. Having no other business Commissioner Pope made the motion to adjourn and with a second by Commissioner VanCleave, the meeting was adjourned at 9:47 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Erica Moore, Secretary

Health, Education, and Economic Development Committee

Approved:



Donald Doster, Chairperson

Health, Education, and Economic Development Committee

Date: 9-11-17