

TIME: 10:00 a.m. **Location: J.M. Tawes Technology & Career Center**

PRESENT: Board Members: Chairman William Miles, Mr. Warner Sumpter, Ms. Margo Green-Gale; Interim Superintendent Dr. John B. Gaddis; Interim Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum & Instruction, Ms. Nancy Smoker, Interim Assistant Superintendent of Instruction Mr. Dave Elebash; and Recording Secretary Melissa Tilghman. Supervisors were also present. Mr. Dan Kuebler was absent from the meeting. Vice Chairman Wells entered the meeting at 10:30 a.m. Supervisors were also present.

Chairman Miles declared a quorum and called the meeting to order.

SUMMARY OF PROPOSED 2015 BUDGET

Dr. Gaddis presented expenses included in the FY2015 Proposed Budget. He reported that he is looking to reduce large class sizes. The budget includes increases in the following categories totaling \$1,821,492:

ADMINISTRATION

- Legal Fees
- Consortium Dues
- PNC Bank Fees
- Veritime Attendance System
- Data Specialist Position from the RTTT Grant
- Public Relations Expenses

INSTRUCTION

- Counselor at MSP/JMT
- Facilitator Positions from the RTTT Grant
- Athletic Trainer
- Additional Teacher Mentor Position
- Summer School Stipends
- New Teacher Orientation
- Computer Software
- General Materials of Instruction
- Dual Enrollment
- Consultants for Professional Development

SPECIAL EDUCATION

- Teacher for Elementary Class at Marion Sarah Peyton
- Paraprofessional for Elementary Class at Marion Sarah Peyton
- Sign Language Interpreters

TRANSPORTATION

- Summer School Transportation

OPERATIONS

- Gas - Heat

MAINTENANCE

- Facilities Supervisor
- Grounds Crew – Hourly
- Building Repairs in all Schools – Contractors

FIXED CHARGES

- Health Insurance Opt Out
- Health Insurance Increase
- Health Insurance Call
- ESMEC Increase
- Retirement Incentive Plan
- Social Security
- Tuition Reimbursement

Dr. Gaddis reported that PNC Bank Fees have always been paid from the local account but were never included in the operating budget. Summer School will be extended to twenty days causing an increase in teacher stipends and student transportation costs. He informed the Board that the High Roads Academy has been categorized as a Title II non-public school. The State will begin sending out monthly statements based on the actual number of students at the academy. Special Education Supervisor, Dr. Lynnette Johnson and the Infant and Toddler Coordinator, Vicky Ford, have been moved to the Somerset Promise Academy (SPA). Dr. Gaddis expressed that their professionalism was needed at the academy to deal with various situations and concerns that may arise.

Ms. Smoker reported that the Legislative Auditors will be citing the Board for staff attendance verification. She stated that the presented budget did not include bus contract increases, maintenance/custodial equipment, negotiated agreements, or fees associated with the elementary class setup costs at Marion Sarah Peyton.

Mr. Elebash reported that the State will assist with funding for technology infrastructure upgrades. A list of the devices needed and technology upgrades have been sent to the State.

The Board unanimously agreed that the Proposed FY2015 Budget should be presented to the Commissioners as soon as possible.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion – Mr. Sumpter and seconded by Ms. Green-Gale and passed to adjourn the meeting at **12:30 p.m.**; motioned carried unanimously.

Dr. John B. Gaddis, Interim Superintendent
Recorded and Prepared by: Melissa Tilghman/Recording Secretary