

HEALTH & EDUCATION COMMITTEE

April 23, 2013

5:30 p.m.

Courthouse

MINUTES:

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Commissioner Rhonda Allen
Commissioner Carol Cook
Commissioner Will Jordan
Commissioner Jeff Phillips
Commissioner Chantho Sourinho
Commissioner Brad Turner
Commissioner Jeff Jordan, C

OTHERS PRESENT:

Ernest Burgess
Jeff Sandvig
Steve Schroeder
Teresa Jolly
Dana Garrett
Becky Shelton

Chairman J. Jordan presided and called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m. with all members being present at that time.

MINUTES:

"Commissioner Allen moved, seconded by Commissioner Sourinho, to approve the minutes of the last meeting. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

COMMUNITY CARE REPORT:

Chairman J. Jordan presented the April 4, 2013 Community Care minutes for the use and information of the Committee. Following discussion,

"Commissioner J. Phillips moved, seconded by Commissioner Allen, to approve the Community Care report. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

HEALTH DEPARTMENT REPORT:

Dana Garrett first presented the supplemental salary agreement for her position with the Tennessee Department of Health. Following discussion,

"Commissioner W. Jordan moved, seconded by Commissioner Cook, to approve the supplemental salary agreement with the State of Tennessee for the position of Dana Garrett and forward the same to the Budget Committee. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

Ms. Garrett next presented the March, 2013 Health Department report for the use and information of the Committee. Following discussion,

"Commissioner Sourinho moved, seconded by Commissioner Turner, to approve the Health Department report as presented. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

SPECIAL PROJECTS REPORT:

Teresa Jolly presented the Special Projects report for the use and information of the Committee. Following discussion,

"Commissioner Cook moved, seconded by Commissioner Sourinho, to approve the Special Projects report as presented. This motion passed unanimously by acclamation."

BOARD OF EDUCATION REPORT:

Jeff Sandvig presented the School Board report first advising of a budget amendment reallocating \$26,113 in teacher pay and benefits, \$24,678 in already budgeted teacher pay and \$1,435 in related changes in 2012/13 benefits in order to cover the school year. Following discussion,

"Commissioner Turner moved, seconded by Commissioner Allen, to amend \$26,113, \$24,678 in already budgeted teacher pay and \$1,435 in related benefits in order to cover staff changes as presented. This motion passed unanimously by roll call vote."

Mr. Sandvig next presented a proposed budget amendment to reallocate \$75,606 in already budgeted classified staff pay and benefits, \$67,062 in pay and \$8,544 in related benefits in order to cover staff changes that have occurred in the 2012/13 school year. Following discussion,

"Commissioner W. Jordan moved, seconded by Commissioner Cook, to amend \$75,606 in already budgeted classified staff pay and benefits, \$67,062 in pay and \$8,544 in related benefits, in order to cover staff changes as presented. This motion passed unanimously by roll call vote."

The next proposed budget amendment budgeted the \$270,000 in additional State BEP funds the system will receive for the mid-year insurance increase in the lines where it may be needed and adjusts other miscellaneous insurance lines based on the 2013 plan year. Following discussion,

"Commissioner Allen moved, seconded by Commissioner Sourinho, to amend the \$270,000 in additional State BEP funds the system will receive for the mid-year insurance increase to the insurance lines and to adjust other miscellaneous insurance lines as presented. This motion passed unanimously by roll call vote."

The next proposed budget amendment budgeted the \$241,326 in State flow through funds for high-cost special ed students the system received. These funds must be budgeted for current year non-administrative, special ed expenditures. Following discussion,

"Commissioner Turner moved, seconded by Commissioner Allen, to amend \$241,326 in State flow through funds for high cost special ed students to the special education budget line items as presented. This motion passed unanimously by roll call vote."

The next proposed budget amendment budgets \$36,000 in rental income for the custodians' apartments in high schools which offsets the flow through expenditure in custodian pay and benefits recorded per the recent audit. The balance of the amendment dealt with contributions and takes \$21,175 from Fund Balance for a 2011/12 donation from the Jennings Jones Foundation and budgets it for staff development for the Spectrum Program, 72220-524. The amendment also budgets \$59,606 in other donations to the line items designated by the donors. Following discussion,

"Commissioner Allen moved, seconded by Commissioner Turner, to amend \$21,775 from Fund Balance to 72220-524, Special Education staff development, \$36,000 in rental income which offsets the flow-through pay and benefits and \$59,606 in donations with the related expenditures as presented. This motion passed unanimously by roll call vote."

The next proposed budget amendment reduced State Career Ladder revenues by \$184,118 and reduced Career Ladder expenditures by \$158,000 in pay and \$26,118 in related benefits. It also reallocated \$2,000 in State Extended Contract expenditures and the related \$331 in benefits in order to cover a staff reassignment due to a retirement last year. Following discussion,

"Commissioner Allen moved, seconded by Commissioner W. Jordan, to reduce State Career Ladder revenues by \$184,118 and to reduce the related Career Ladder expenditures by \$184,118 and to move \$2,133 in extended contract expenditures from 71100, Regular Education, to 72220, Special Education Program as presented. This motion passed unanimously by roll call vote."

The Committee was next presented the 2012/13 Centralized Cafeteria budget amendment which reduced revenues by a net of

\$239,711, decreased expenditures by a net of \$38,043 and reduced the reserves, Restricted for School Nutrition by \$201,668. \$164,747 of the decrease in reserves is to cover two equipment purchases that are needed this school year, a compressor and a hood system. Following discussion,

"Commissioner Sourinho moved, seconded by Commissioner Cook, to amend the 2012/13 Centralized Cafeteria Budget Amendment by reducing revenues by a net of \$239,711, decreasing expenditures by a net of \$38,043, and reducing the reserves, Restricted for School Nutrition, by \$201,668 as presented. This motion passed unanimously by roll call vote."

Chairman J. Jordan reminded the Committee the next meeting would be May 21 at 5:30 p.m. at the School Board offices to review the proposed School Board 2013/14 budget. The School Board and Budget Committee will attend the meeting and will be able to ask questions about the budget. The Health & Education Committee will be the only Committee voting on the budget.

Mr. Sandvig advised \$300,654,000 is the preliminary number on the budget which includes a 1 1/2% State raise built in across the board. Medical insurance is the big item with a 24.6% increase. The budget includes \$2,200,000 for technology. Mr. Sandvig advised revenue looks like it will have a healthy improvement over this year. The budget is still being finalized as to secondary staffing.

Commissioner W. Jordan advised he had found papers indicating the School Board budget in 1984 was \$24,000,000 and the Commission had vowed not to fund it because it was too much.

The Committee was provided the proposed budget as prepared to date for information and review prior to the next meeting when the Committee has to vote.

Commissioner Allen advised she had received a call from a constituent regarding the medical insurance. The Committee was advised in 1999 the Commission authorized continued insurance coverage for retirees at 50% of the actual cost but the costs are extremely high. Commissioner J. Phillips advised the private sector lowers costs by changing benefits.

There appearing to be no further business to come before the Committee, Chairman J. Jordan declared the meeting adjourned at 6:34 p.m.

JEFF JORDAN, Chairman