



## **PROPOSED 2010 BUDGET MEETING**

By unanimous agreement the Somerset County Board of Education met at the J.M. Tawes Technology & Career Center, Tuesday, April 14, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. to hold the Public Hearing on the FY2010 Budget. Present at the meeting were Chairman Willing, Vice Chairman Miles, Mr. Pruitt, General Sumpter, Dr. Whittington, Dr. Brofee, Student Board member Josh Lundgren and Joy Hall, recording secretary.

### **AGENDA**

#### **FY2010 Budget Hearing**

**1. Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Willing at 7:04 p.m.

**2. Roll Call**

The roll was called by Joy Hall indicating that all Board members and the Superintendent were present. Student Board member Michelle Malinger was not present at the meeting. The vote was unanimous.

**3. Pledge of Allegiance**

Chairman Willing led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**4. Purpose of a Public Hearing**

Chairman willing stated that the purpose of the meeting was: "To receive public input on the 2010 Superintendent's Proposed Budget and to provide guidance to the Superintendent for her work with the County Commissioners".

**5. Summary of Budget Status**

Dr. Brofee stated that the County Commissioners had approved their level of funding and non recurring cost. She was appreciative of their support.

Dr. Brofee presented the current revenue status for State, Local and Federal funding. She discussed the importance of the ARRA Stimulus and what it can be used for. Instructional Ed. does not include ARRA funds.

Dr. Brofee talked about her seven (7) priorities:

- Supporting and Retaining Highly Qualified and Effective Staff at all levels
  - Embedded Professional Support & Development  
Instructional Facilitators, Reading Coaches, Collaborative Planning, APD, and EDPD)
- Maintaining the Core Program and Academic Progress
- Aligning Program Design, Delivery, and Assessment, and Intervention
  - Coalition of Essential Schools Consultation K-12;  
Data Analysis
  - Sustaining Support Services for Students
  - Integrating Technology for Student Engagement and Academic Achievement
  - Maintaining the Arts
  - Continuing Renovations and Capital Improvements

Dr. Brofee stated that due to budget cuts we had lost about 24 positions. Work had shifted to other people for the most part. Dr. Brofee informed everyone that teacher reimbursement for tuition had increased in '08.

## **6. Board Member Clarifications**

Chairman Willing expressed his appreciation to the administrators and staff for their input on the budget. He also expressed his appreciation to the County Commissioners. He stated that this was a joint effort by everyone.

The other Board members complimented everyone for a job well done which showed a tremendous amount of hardwork.

Mr. Pruitt thought that more from the community would have turned out. Dr. Whittington stated that one of his priorities is to try to get more public participation.

## **7. Public Participation Input**

There was no public participation.

## **8. Approval of Local Request**

Dr. Brofee asked the Board for approval of the budget's County Appropriation of \$8,624,324 and the Non Recurring Costs of \$119,450.

It was moved by Dr. Whittington and seconded by Mr. Pruitt to approve the local revenue session of the proposed budget. Motion was carried.

It was moved by Mr. Pruitt, seconded by Dr. Whittington and passed to approve April 21, 2009 as the next open regular session. The closed session will begin at 6:00 p.m., the open regular session will begin at 7:00 p.m. at the J.M. Tawes Career & Technology Center. The vote was unanimous.

9. The meeting was adjourned at 7:33 p.m.