



PROPOSED 2011 BUDGET MEETING

By unanimous agreement the Somerset County Board of Education met at the J.M. Tawes Technology & Career Center, Tuesday, March 30, 2010 hold the Public Hearing on the FY2010 Budget. Present were Chairman Miles, Vice Chairman Pruitt, Dr. Whittington, General Sumpter, Mr. Wells, Superintendent Dr. Karen-Lee Brofee, and Melissa Tilghman, recording secretary. General Sumpter arrived later into the meeting.

AGENDA

OPEN BUDGET SESSION

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Brofee at 7:00 p.m.

2. Roll Call

The roll was called by Melissa Tilghman indicating that five Board members and the Superintendent were present.

3. Declaration of Quorum

It was declared that a quorum was present.

4. Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Miles led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

5. Budget Development

Chairman Miles announced the schedule of past and future meetings held in the completion of the budget.

6. Presentation of FY2011 Proposed Budget

Dr. Brofee showed a presentation on the proposed FY2011 Budget. The purpose of this presentation is to provide a clear understanding of the proposed 2011 Budget of Anticipated Revenue, to compare the 2011 proposed budget with the budgets of previous years and identify any trends, and to identify the expenditures that were given priority. Dr. Brofee stated that the County Commissioners had approved their level of funding and non recurring cost which is a little more than last year. She was appreciative of their support. The presentation included the current revenue status for State, Local and Federal funding. In the Proposed FY2011 Budget we have a carryover fund balance of \$536,560.00, which is 2% of the next year's budget. Local revenue is \$8,936,100 and State Revenue is \$22,842,087.

Restricted Revenue is federally funded programs such as Title I. SCPS was also given Stimulus Funding which is temporary funding. Title I Programs (3,300,000), Title I and Special Education (ARRA-\$1,539,184) which are not expected in 2012, State Fiscal Stabilization Fund (SFSF-\$594,861) and Competitive Grants (550,000). Examples of the competitive grants are Gear Up, Reading First, Safe Schools/Healthy Students, STEM, and 21st Century. The commissioners have granted SCPS \$126,776 to purchase student furniture for Washington High School, Secondary CAD replacement and funding to move forward on Technology Initiative at Crisfield High and Washington High Schools.

The presentation also compared budget expenditures and revenue from FY2004 through FY2011. We no longer have Thornton Funding so the carryover fund balance has reduced significantly due to the increase in expenditures and decrease in revenue.

Dr. Brofee discussed the priorities gathered from an online survey:

- Staff Priorities – Staffing, Instructional Coaching, ARRA and Title I funding
- Steering Team – Core Programs, Elective CTE Programs, Leadership Technology
- Community Groups – Core Programs, Staffing, Professional Development, Student Services and Technology
- Superintendent – Core Staffing, Highly Qualified Effective Teachers and Staff and Technology

Dr. Brofee listed the State and Federal Priorities:

Master Plan/NCLB

- Student Achievement
- ELL Achievement
- Highly qualified and effective Teachers
- Safe Learning Environment
- All Student Graduate
- Local Goals
- Teacher Accountability

Federal Assurances

- Increase teacher effectiveness and assure equitable distribution of most effective teachers
- Establish and use Pre K – College/Career data readiness using high quality assessments with all
- Provide targeted intensive support and effective interventions to turn around schools

The Superintendent provided a list of necessary allocated decreases and increases made throughout the budget:

Decreases

- Supplies
- Travel
- Supplemental Clerical Support
- Professional Development
- Teacher Orientation
- Materials of Instruction
- Recruitment Incentive
- Computer Replacement Cycle
- Small reductions from several categories
- Operation of School Plant
- Maintenance of School Plant

Increases

- Office Equipment
- School Support Services
- Annual Audit Fees
- Data Processing Fee
- Tracking and Hiring System
- Time Clock System for Employees
- Maintain Core Staff
- Maintain Alt. Ed. Center
- Maintain Substitute Account
- Support Secondary Summer School including HSA Intervention
- Textbook Replacement
- Data Software Licenses
- Student Activities Insurance
- Technology Support Contracts
- Professional Development Consultants
- Contracted Services for Medically Fragile Students
- Student Personnel Services
- Transportation Services
- Fixed Charges
- Capital Outlay

The Superintendent announced the FY2011 Budget Calendar. A public hearing will be held on April 13, 2010, a regular Board session will be held on April 20, 2010, and final budget approval on May 25, 2010.

7. Board Member Clarifications

Vice Chairman Pruitt questioned the issue of the cost of Wicomico County printing checks. Dr. Brofee announced that our contract was ending with Wicomico County and that we could be contracting with Worcester County next year. Ms. Miller added that the level of state reporting depends on the outside accountability of accounting and checking system. There are future plans to do something different, but SCPS is not ready yet. General Sumpter questioned the expenditures reporting system.

Dr. Whittington questioned the reasons for not staying with Wicomico. Ms. Miller explained the Wicomico County is moving into a new direction which is not efficient or beneficial to SCPS. The person that designed the accounting system is contracting with Worcester and our best option at this time is to follow. General Sumpter has requested a periodical update on the advancement of the accounting system and voiced concern that the reliability on one person to run a system could be problematic. The Superintendent thanked the Board for listening to the presentation.

Chairman Miles thanked the Superintendent for providing an outstanding and informational Budget report and announced that the next Board meeting be advertised and the public invited.

8. Public Participation/Input

There was no public participation.

9. Consideration of the May Regular Session Date

A motion was called for Chairman Miles, moved by General Sumpter, and seconded by Vice Chairman Pruitt and passed approve May 18, 2010 as the May Board meeting. The motion was carried unanimously.

10. Adjournment

It was moved by Vice Chairman Pruitt, seconded by General Sumpter and passed to approve the adjournment of the March 30, 2010 Proposed Budget Meeting at 8:10 p.m.