

WESTMORELAND COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD BOARD MINUTES

April 7, 2011

The Westmoreland County School Board a public work session on Thursday April 7, 2011, at 8:30 a.m. at Washington & Lee High School to discuss proposed cuts to the 2011-2012 proposed budget. Members present for the work session were Daniel Wallace, Chairman, Edith Hutt, Vice-Chairman, Rosemary Mahan and Bryan Oliff. Gernard Reed was late arriving. Also in attendance were James Cook, Acting Superintendent, and Linda Dillard, Clerk of the Board.

1. The meeting was called to order by Daniel Wallace, Chairman.
2. The Board Members and public recited the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Dr. Wallace read the Westmoreland County Public Schools' mission statement to the public.
4. The agenda was unanimously approved as presented.
5. Dr. Wallace informed the public that the Board is faced with cutting appropriately \$1,924,143.00 from the proposed budget that was presented to the Board of Supervisors. Dr. Wallace stated that every cut that is made will be academically unsound and that the public needs to contact the Board of Supervisors to encourage them to fund the school system with what they had requested.
6. Dr. Wallace then reviewed with the public the proposed cuts to the 2011-2012 budget presented to the Board of Supervisors:

1. Ticket Takers at Washington & Lee	\$ 2,600.00
2. Teacher Attendance Incentives	4,000.00
3. Transportation Attendance Incentives	20,400.00
4. Assistant Superintendent position	105,820.88
5. Additional CTE Teachers (1MMS & 1 WLHS)	95,466.10
6. Consolidated bus routes	58,860.40
7. (2) Accelerated Reader Stipends	1,950.00
8. Mentor Teacher	1,300.00
9. (4) Problem Solvers Coaches	5,200.00
10. Too good for Drugs Stipend	1,300.00
11. SASI stipend	1,300.00
12. Power Speak License	15,000.00
13. Gates-MacGinitie	13,942.04
14. MM Full-Time secretary reduced to part-time	23,320.58
15. Elementary Instructional Supplies	10,000.00
16. Central Office Position	77,142.98
17. Reduced tuition to Technical Center	5,825.00

Total 698,427.98

Dr. Wallace then reviewed with the Board additional budget cuts if the Board of Supervisors insist that the full \$1,924,143.00 is cut. The additional cuts are as follows:

1. (2) buses	\$ 170,000.00
2. 8 th Grade and JV Coaches contracts	20,800.00
3. Central Office Position	70,294.33
4. Contingency Fund	100,000.00
5. (3) Paraprofessionals	63,126.67
6. Central Office Position that is Vacant	70,731.78
7. (2) Additional Pre-K & (2) Additional Pre-K aides	133,279.30
8. Additional Math Teacher (MMS)	47,733.05
9. Middle School Assistant Principal	70,741.37
10. (2) Assistant Elementary Principals	130,266.24
11. Varsity Sports Program	135,560.70
12. Step Increases	292,307.57
13. (2) Pre-K Programs (local Share)	114,351.09
14. 1.5% Increase from December (salary decrease)	175,597.98
Total	\$ 1,594,790.08

7. Mrs. Hutt was concerned about the number of proposed central office positions being cut.
8. **PUBLIC COMMENTS/DELEGATIONS:**

1. Laura Coats stated that she is behind the School Board. Mrs. Coates stated she would be willing to forego the step increase. Mrs. Coates was concerned about sports being eliminated from the budget.
2. Cheryl Henry, PTA president, stated that memos have been sent out to parents to show up at the Board of Supervisors meeting in support of education
3. Gernard Reed stated the only thing that could be cut from the budget is positions. He stated you cannot put teachers in a classroom without instructional materials and supplies.
4. Michael Clark stated that cutting 8th grade and JV sports, varsity sports will suffer.
5. Mrs. Mahan said the public needs to contact the Board of Supervisors to state they are in a support of a tax increase.
6. Cole Vanover suggested the School Board close school tomorrow, so that the teachers can attend the Board of Supervisors work session tomorrow.
7. Kimberly Grimm said she was concerned about her job and the jobs of the

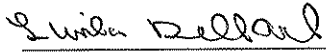
other paraprofessionals. Mrs. Grimm also was not in favor of eliminating sports from the proposed budget.

8. Dorothy Langmack stated that the School Board members need to be nice to the Board of Supervisors. She stated the School Board needs to be conscious on how they are spending their monies. She feels the teachers need to be paid what is deserved.
9. Laura Coats recommended contacting the parents through the Instant Alert System about the potential budget cuts.
10. On **MOTION** of Mrs. Mahan, seconded by Mrs. Hutt, motion was carried to remove from the proposed budget the first round of budget cuts totaling \$698,427.98.

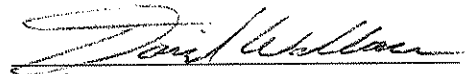
AYES: Mrs. Mahan, Mrs. Hutt, Mr. Reed, Mr. Oliff and Dr. Wallace
NAYES: None

9. On **MOTION** of Mr. Oliff, seconded by Mrs. Mahan, the meeting was adjourned.

AYES: Mr. Oliff, Mrs. Mahan, Mrs. Hutt, Mr. Reed and Dr. Wallace
NAYES: None



Clerk



Chairman