

**GUILFORD COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
BUDGET WORK SESSION  
GREENSBORO, NORTH CAROLINA**

**Tuesday, July 21, 2009**

The Guilford County Board of Education met in a budget work session to discuss various capital outlay issues on Tuesday, July 21, 2009 at 712 North Eugene Street, Greensboro, North Carolina. The following board members were present: Sandra Alexander, Kris Cooke, Alan Duncan, Darlene Garrett, Deena Hayes, Amos Quick and Nancy Routh. Board members Jeff Belton, Paul Daniels, Carlvena Foster and Garth Hébert were absent. Also present were Superintendent Maurice Green and Attorney Jill Wilson.

**Call to Order**

Chairman Alan Duncan called the meeting to order at 11:17 a.m.

**Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence**

Board member Kris Cooke led the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

**Approval of the Agenda**

Chairman Duncan asked board members to review the meeting agenda and called for a motion to approve or amend it. *Motion was made by Kris Cooke, seconded by Darlene Garrett, to approve the agenda as presented. The motion passed upon unanimous voice vote.*

**Discussion of Various Capital Outlay Issues**

Superintendent Maurice Green and Sharon Ozment, chief financial officer, led the board in discussion regarding the 2009-10 capital outlay issues. The board will have an opportunity to take action on these items at its regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday, July 23, 2009. The deadline for GCS to apply for the qualified school construction bonds is July 31, 2009.

Superintendent Green informed the board that Brenda Fox, the county manager, indicated that the county leadership does not wish to move forward with the HVAC systems replacements at Hunter and Archer Elementary Schools until GCS can provide them a better indication of where those schools fit on a priority list.

The budget that was approved by the county allotted \$4M to the district in regular capital outlay funds. As a result of the adoption of the budget, an additional \$3M is being requested from the county.

The qualified school construction bonds would be used for school maintenance projects such as HVAC, roof replacement/repairs, window/door replacement and other renovations. The bonds are zero interest federal stimulus bonds. The application for the bonds must be approved by the Guilford County Board of Commissioners.

Board members were given the opportunity to ask questions and make requests related to the qualified school construction bonds.

**Operating Budget**

The following Tier II items will be brought by staff on Thursday, July 23, 2009 for the board to consider on a one-by-one basis.

1 - Home Field Advantage – The proposal is changing the concept in 2009-2010 so that students will be eligible to participate in the program still for the remainder of the year in which a relocation that would change their school assignment takes place with grandfathering allowed in subsequent school years if the guardian or parent provide transportation. The proposed savings would be \$416,877.

2 – Dental Insurance – The proposal is to change the plan for 2009-2010 so that employees pay the full cost for participation in the plan. GCS has paid \$10.75 per month per participating employee for 2008-09. The annual proposed savings would be \$1,358,000.

3 – Athletics – The proposal is to reduce supplies and materials by 15% at middle and high schools. Also reduce the supplements to a base of 80% instead of 85%. The proposed savings would be \$123,667.

4 – Consolidation of Bus Stops – The proposal is to eliminate the circling of neighborhoods. The primary impact is on high school routes and a few middle schools routes. The proposed savings would be approximately \$250,000.

5 – Eliminate ten standby bus driver positions. The standby drivers would be placed in vacant driver positions. The proposed savings would be \$300,000.

6 – Reduce the lead bus drivers from eleven to ten month terms of employment. The proposed savings would be \$44,000.

Additional items for the board to consider from Tier III are as follows:

1. Make a determination of whether or not the board want to scale back the number of days students attend Brooks Global and Johnson Street Elementary Schools;
2. Eliminate the extended year program (estimated savings of \$428,000);
3. Implement Tier III bus schedule (estimated savings of \$500,000); and
4. Eliminate the IB program at Smith High School (estimated savings of \$73,500).

## **Adjournment**

With no further business, at 12:50 p.m., *motion was made by Amos Quick, seconded by Deena Hayes, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed upon unanimous voice vote.*