

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

**Thursday, July 9, 2009**

The Guilford County Board of Education met in a budget work session to discuss the 2009-10 budget on Thursday, July 9, 2009 at 712 North Eugene Street, Greensboro, North Carolina. The following board members were present: Sandra Alexander, Jeff Belton, Garth Hébert, Nancy Routh, Kris Cooke, Paul Daniels, Amos Quick, Deena Hayes, Carlvena Foster and Darlene Garrett. Chairman Duncan was absent. Also present were Superintendent Maurice Green and Attorney Jill Wilson.

**Call to Order**

Vice Chairman Amos Quick called the meeting to order at 11:35 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**

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

**Continued 2009-10 Budget Discussion**

Superintendent Maurice Green and Sharon Ozment, chief financial officer, led the board in discussion regarding the budget recommendations for the 2009-10 school year. Ms. Ozment provided a recap from the July 7, 2009 board meeting. The district's anticipated loss in state funding for the 2009-10 school year was roughly \$40M. Staff worked on a tiered approach for the reductions. Tier I was documented in the superintendent's budget which the board adopted.

Staff recommendations for different budget scenarios were provided as follows:

Budget cuts based on House Committee Proposal:

Tier 1 (Superintendent's/Board's Budget)	\$(12,585,925.00)
Tier 2	\$(12,893,056.96)
Tier 3	<u>\$(11,364,899.31)</u>
	\$(36,843,881.28)

Staff recommendation based on House Budget:

Tier 1 (Superintendent's/Board's Budget)	\$(12,585,925.00)
Tier 2	\$(12,893,056.96)
Tier 3	
Increase K-12 class size by +1	\$(8,032,604.64
	<u>\$ (663,104.00)</u>
	\$( 8,695,708.64)
	\$(34,174,690.60)

Cuts from Administrative Support Services (45%)	\$(15,224,541.25)
Cuts from Schools (55%)	<u>\$(18,950,149.35)</u>
	\$(34,174,690.60)

Several items not included as a part of the current proposal but would require board approval were as follows:

1. The elimination of the extended year program at Brooks Global and Johnson Street;
2. The implementation of a three tier bus schedule;
3. The consolidation of bus stops; and
4. The elimination of the IB program at Smith High School.

Items for consideration for savings in Tier II are as follows:

1. Changes in the Home Field Advantage Program for the 2009-10 school year with a savings of: \$416,877.00;
2. The elimination of the employer paid dental program. Employees would pay the premium with savings totaling approximately \$1.4M;
3. The reduction of one month of employment for assistant principals at middle and high schools for a savings of \$223,630.00;
4. The elimination of extended year programs at Brooks Global and Johnson Street Elementary Schools with a savings of \$500,000;
5. The consolidation of bus stops with total savings of \$250,000; and
6. The elimination of ten stand-by bus driver positions and changing lead bus driver positions from eleven to ten-month employment.

Board members were given the opportunity to ask questions and make requests related to the proposals presented.

*Motion was made by Carlvena Foster, seconded by Deena Hayes to remove Johnson Street and Brooks Global Elementary Schools from consideration from Tier III budget cuts for the 2009-10 school year. The motion fails by tie electronic vote of 5-5 as follows: **Ayes** – Nancy Routh, Amos Quick, Paul Daniels, Deena Hayes and Carlvena Foster; **Nays** – Sandra Alexander, Jeff Belton, Garth Hébert, Kris Cooke and Darlene Garrett.*

*A substitute motion was made by Jeff Belton, seconded by Garth Hébert to reduce the instructional days by five days for Brooks Global and Johnson Street Elementary Schools for the 2009-10 school year. The motion fails by majority electronic vote of 3-7 as follows: **Ayes** – Jeff Belton, Garth Hébert and Kris Cooke; **Nays** – Sandra Alexander, Nancy Routh, Amos Quick, Paul Daniels, Deena Hayes, Carlvena Foster and Darlene Garrett.*

Board discussion continued regarding various potential cuts to the budget.

*Motion was made by Paul Daniels, seconded by Sandra Alexander to move \$500,000 from Tier III bus consolidation to Tier II. The motion fails by majority electronic vote of 3-7 as follows: **Ayes** – Sandra Alexander, Paul Daniels and Darlene Garrett; **Nays** – Jeff Belton, Garth Hébert, Nancy Routh, Kris Cooke, Amos Quick, Deena Hayes and Carlvena Foster.*

*Motion was made by Paul Daniels, seconded by Darlene Garrett to make the AP exam optional.*

*Motion was made by Garth Hébert, seconded by Kris Cooke to table discussion regarding making AP exams optional. The motion passes by majority electronic vote of 9-1 as follows: **Ayes** – Sandra Alexander, Jeff Belton, Garth Hébert, Nancy Routh, Kris Cooke, Amos Quick, Deena Hayes, Carlvena Foster and Darlene Garrett; **Nays** – Paul Daniels.*

## **Adjournment**

With no further business, at 1:47 p.m., *motion was made by Kris Cooke, seconded by Deena Hayes, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed upon unanimous voice vote.*