

**MINUTES  
SPECIAL CALLED  
EDUCATION COMMITTEE  
SEPTEMBER 26, 2022**

Present:

Robert B. Brown III, Chairman  
Darrell Rogers, Vice-Chairman  
Terri Boyt  
Dillon Lamberth  
Chrissi Miller

Absent:

Shannon Burgdorf  
Danny Sullivan

Also Present:

Ben Allen, Staff Attorney  
John C. Isbell, County Mayor  
Merrol N. Hyde, Commission Chairman  
Amanda Prichard Brown, CFO, SCS  
Scott Langford, Chief Academic Officer, SCS  
Chris Harrison, Purchasing Supervisor, SCS

Chairman Brown brought the special called meeting of the Education Committee to order with an invocation by Comm. Rogers on Monday, September 26, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. in the Sumner County Administration building in Gallatin.

Approval of the Agenda. Upon motion of Chairman Brown, seconded by Comm. Lamberth, the Committee members approved the agenda by unanimous voice vote.

Recognition of the Public.

Jessica McKarns of 657 Neals Lane, Gallatin spoke to concerns about inappropriate books available in the library as well as the book "Hatchet" and other books used as part of the ELA curriculum.

Joanna Daniels of 152 North Shadowhaven Way, Hendersonville spoke about her concerns with the school budget amendments coded "other" and lack of answers she has received from her inquiries.

Marlice Boyce of 1051 Brooke Way, Hendersonville thanked the committee for holding the meeting to take a more in depth look into the school budget amendments.

Kevin Baigert of 424 AB Wade Road, Portland, asked why all the transfers were needed and expressed his appreciation for meeting to discuss the transfers and amendments.

Report of the Chairman. Chairman Brown said he is aware of the concern over inappropriate books and it is to be addressed at the next school board meeting.

He stated he spoke to Dr. Phillips about the amendment descriptions and was assured they would receive better descriptions in future.

Report of County Mayor. No report

Report of Director of Schools. Not present

Old Business. None

New Business.

10a. Sumner County Board of Education Amendments. Chairman Brown opened discussion and explained he would like to go line by line for a better understanding.

Budget Amendment Request 2 - Amanda Brown, CFO of Sumner County Schools explained that this amendment is for CEIS and is a required set aside from federal appropriations. She further explained that the state requires the IDEA funds be taken out of federal funds and put into the general purpose fund. Included in this amendment is the salary, taxes and benefits for one behavioral support analyst, two social workers along with the purchase of software.

After further discussion, Purchasing Supervisor Chris Harrison explained purchasing processes used by the school system.

Budget Amendment Request 3 – Revenue received from Liberty Mutual for wind damage at Portland High School. There was a \$25,000.00 deductible and this amount is after deductible. It was further explained that this is a request to appropriate funds so the repairs can be made.

Budget Amendment Request 7 - It was explained that these are restricted funds to be used for SPED preschools. This is the reserve balance used to pay the 20% for SPED assistants at each location.

Budget Amendment Request 9 – Mrs. Brown gave an overview and explained that these are IEP related and Stellar is a private company that submits for reimbursement from TennCare. She further explained funds are not amended back into the budget until funds are received to keep from increasing Maintenance of Effort.

Budget Amendment Request 12 – Another set aside for CEIS.

Budget Amendment Request 14 & 15 – Revenue received from insurance company for bus accidents. Will be used towards purchase of new buses.

Budget Amendment Request 16 – Mrs. Brown clarified that these are year-end reserve balances for before/after school programs run by the school system. These are restricted funds and reserved by school. They are labeled as other

supplies then allocated as requests are submitted by the principals. There was lengthy discussion.

Budget Amendment Request 17 – Donated money for band instruments and small miscellaneous projects that are required to be tracked.

Budget Amendment Request 18 – Includes salary and benefits for a nurse position and eligible for TennCare reimbursement. Also includes funds for AED's.

Budget Amendment Request 20 – Restricted year end carry over capital money. Balance by each high school, must be used for capital projects. There was lengthy discussion.

Budget Amendment Request 21 – Specific grants or donations that are required to be tracked.

Upon motion by Comm. Lamberth, seconded by Comm. Rogers, to approve the school board budget amendments and forward to full Commission. The Committee voted unanimously by voice vote to approve the amendments and forward to full Commission.

Adjournment.

Chairman Brown declared the Committee adjourned at 8:09 p.m. upon motion of Comm. Lamberth and seconded by Comm. Rogers.

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