

**Board of Education Summary
February 18, 2011
School Board Meeting**

Chairman Fred Washington called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M.

Chairman Fred Washington called for the approval of the agenda.

Pledge of Allegiance

Media properly notified

Invocation

Board Member Herbert Burnes gave the invocation

Board Business Action

2011-2012 Budget

Chief Operational Services Officer, Phyllis White, provided to the Board a Revenue Update after meeting with County Staff to obtain an agreed upon preliminary mill value for FY-2011-2012.

Motion for Consideration:

Board Member, Dr. Wayne Carbiener, made a motion that the Board of Education provide broad budget guidance to the Administration at this time so that necessary contractual and other actions can be taken for the 2011-12 school year even though we do not have final information from the legislature and the State Department of Education as to the availability of funds. The guidance should include the following items:

1. The highest priorities should be maintaining teaching in the classroom followed by maintaining our bond rating by having an adequate fund balance to do so.
2. Do not close any schools for school year 2011-12 and assume a 3% growth in local tax revenue by increasing operating millage from 90.26 to 92.97 or the maximum allowed by Act 388 whichever is less. If this increase is not approved, immediately initiate any activities necessary to close at least one or more schools for school year 2012-13.
3. Determine whether our debt could be restructured to decrease debt millage in order to partially offset the proposed increase in operating millage.
4. Reduce the projected budget by approximately 6 million dollars by using items 4-9, 12-16, 19, 21 and one million for item 23, from the Consolidated List of Considerations presented to the Board at its February 1, 2011 meeting as part of the Superintendent's Report. In addition reduce the number of BOE meetings to once per month.

Motion failed.

Board Member Bill Evans made a motion to take each of the four items and discuss from the list separately. Motion passed.

Item 1 – Steve Morello made a motion to accept item 1. Motion passed.

Item 2 – Board Chairman Washington made a motion not to close any schools for SY 2011-2012, but develop a plan for those areas of schools with less than 70 percent capacity for clustering and mothballing in SY 2011-2012; and assume a 3 percent growth in local tax revenue by increasing operating millage from 90.26 to 92.97 or the maximum allowed by Act 388, whichever is less. Motion passed (with an amendment by Board Member Steve Morello that failed).

Item 3 – Secretary Laura Bush made a motion to accept item 3. Motion passed.

Item 4 – Steve Morello made a motion to go line by line and vote yes or no in each area to determine if there are to be any cuts at all. Motion passed.

Items attached.

Adjournment