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The Carroll County Board of Supervisors held a Special meeting on, April 7, 2008 in the Board Meeting Room of the Carroll County Governmental Center.

Present were: W.S. "Sam" Dickson, Chairman
 David V. Hutchins, Vice-Chairman
 Andrew S. Jackson
 Dr. Thomas W. Littrell
 Gary Larowe, County Administrator
 Ronald L. Newman, Assistant Administrator

Mr. Dickson called the meeting to Order at 6:04 p.m. and asked Mr. Hutchins to lead in prayer and pledge.

Mr. Dickson welcomed everyone and told that it is an important meeting because they would be looking at the School budget.

SCHOOL BUDGET PRESENTATION

Dr. Greg Smith went over the highlights and told that Carroll has been declared a Super System for Quality Schools by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools and that nine out of the ten schools are fully accredited by the Department of Education. He told that during 2007-2008 the school had 373 students that received 2203 dual enrollment college credits saving the students and parents approximately \$189,972 in tuition costs.

Dr. Smith reviewed the budget and told that it provides a salary increase of 4% for all employees and maintains insurance and incentives. He told that it adds 2 reading coaches and provides for continuation of the CASE Program. He told that the new parent notification system and student accident and athletic insurance for all students is included. Dr. Smith told that it provides appropriate staff development opportunities and adds one 18 passenger bus with a wheel chair lift, adds one 52 passenger bus, adds one 65 passenger bus, adds 17.92% for the increase in fuel costs, adds 6.36% for increase in utilities, and adds funding for security camera upgrade and maintenance. He told that the Composite Index is .2460 and he discussed where funds came from and debt service funding. He told that the current school debt is \$30,400,801.

Dr. Smith told that the counties percentage of the total school budget is 23.7%. He compared this to the 31.83% the County supplied in 1955-56. He recommended that \$500,000 be rolled over from this year to 2008-2009 for textbooks.

Mr. Dickson asked if the salary scale included the proposed increase.

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Ms. Quesenberry told that the column on the far right included the increase.

Dr. Smith told that there is unfairness in the facilities. He told that K-5 are lovely and that schools are a civic fixture. He told that Phase III would include CCHS, CCIS and Woodlawn. He told that Woodlawn has been maintained, but it is not the school it used to be and showed slides of the deterioration.

Dr. Smith told that he understands why some say the County can't afford to fund Phase III at this time, but stated that the County can't afford not to fund the planning process. He told that planning and design would take 12-18 months and project 1, 2 and 3 would each take 24 months for a total of 5.8 years and asked for \$500,000 to be used for planning for Phase III construction.

Mr. Dickson asked what the yearly charge is for the parent notification system.

Dr. Smith replied that it is \$250 per year per child and it is one of the best safety tools. He told that every parent is contacted within 4-6 minutes from the time of activation.

Mr. Dickson asked how much was spent on Phase I.

Ms. Quesenberry told that Phase I was \$20.4 million and Phase II was \$22 million.

Mr. Dickson stated that it started out at \$42M and was now down to \$30M. He then asked if Woodlawn School could be used at all.

Dr. Smith told that architects have looked at the building and recommended it would be more costly to renovate than to build new.

Mr. Hutchins told that looking at photographs things are still working and it makes one wonder where they were manufactured because they are still working.

Dr. Smith told that he would like to do a study of the County financial situation to see how to fund the construction.

Mr. Hutchins told that level funding is based on County funding but there is a significant funding increase.

Dr. Smith told it is \$1.82 million with the increase from State funding.

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Mr. Hutchins told that the school budget increased \$1.8 million but due to state recalculating the County obtained more State funding. He told that the overall County budget increases.

Dr. Littrell asked if the extra state money would continue next year.

Dr. Smith told that it is locked in for two years and the State will recalculate in 2010.

Mr. Dickson asked that questions be funneled through Mr. Larowe or himself and they will pass it on to Dr. Smith.

(Order)

AUTHORIZE ADVERTISING SCHOOL BUDGET

Upon motion by Mr. Hutchins, seconded by Dr. Littrell, and passed unanimously, the Board approved to advertise the fiscal year 2008-2009 Carroll County School budget.

VOTES

Mr. Jackson Yes
Mr. Hurst Not Present
Mr. Hutchins Yes
Mr. Dickson Yes
Dr. Littrell Yes
Mr. McMillian Not Present

Mr. Dickson told that the public hearing would be held on April 21 and the Board would approve the school budget on May 5th.

(Order)

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Littrell, and passed unanimously, the Board adjourned at 6:48 p.m. until April 14, 2008 at 4:00 p.m.

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W.S. "Sam" Dickson, Chairman

Ronald L. Newman, Assistant Clerk