

March 29, 2016

The Carroll County Board of Supervisors held their meeting on, March 29, 2016 in the Board Meeting Room of the Carroll County Governmental Center.

Present were:

Rex L. Hill
Joshua A. Hendrick
Phil McCraw
Bob Martin
Robbie McCraw
Nikki Cannon, Interim County Administrator

Mr. Hendrick called the meeting to order at 6:33 pm.

Mr. Hendrick lead in invocation and pledge.

SCHOOL BUDGET PRESENTATION

Dr. Blankenship told that he would make this short and sweet. He reviewed the budget goals which are to support instruction, maintain quality of instruction with appropriate class size, provide open lines of communication and to maintain salaries, benefits, incentives and positions. He told that these have not changed much over the last five years. He told that some of the challenges this year are an increase in the special education population and adding one student to the program can blow the budget out of the water. He told that there is also the mandated VRS employee contribution and this is the last year of that, maintaining class size and a 2% state funded salary increase for SOQ position which will go into effect December 1st. He told that the SOQ positions are about 60% so they will have to pick up the remaining 40%. He told that on the revenue projections some good news is the state helped us out for the first time in about 6 or 7 years and it is because of enrollment. He told that there is a increase in federal because of two grants, Americorp and 21st Century. He told that on the county it is the same amount they asked for last year. He told that their biggest expense is personnel with 60% being salaries and 22% being benefits. He told that on the expenditures there is a slight increase. He told that the food budget is in and out and it doesn't affect the budget. He told that in the book you will also find the debt service budget, food service budget and text book budget. He told that this year is light on text books but next year Social Studies is up and it is very expensive.

Mr. Phil McCraw asked how many special ed students there are.

Dr. Blankenship told that they made up 14% when he started and it is now at 17%. He told that the types of students have also changed.

Mr. Phil McCraw asked how much it costs per student.

Dr. Blankenship told that it depends on the need. He told that some are just speech but others have multiple categories. He told that some can run \$75,000 to \$100,000.

Mr. Phil McCraw asked how many home school students there are.

Dr. Blankenship told that there are about 200 between home school and religious exemptions. He told that once they do religious exemption we have no control and basically cut ties.

Mr. Robbie McCraw asked if we provide any kind of testing for them.

Dr. Blankenship told that we do for the home school students and it is free.

Mr. Hendrick asked what the increase is in ADM.

Dr. Blankenship told that they are expecting about 100 more.

Mr. Hendrick asked what the amount tied to each student is.

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Ms. Quesenberry told that it is a little over \$5000.

Mr. Martin told that he has been concerned about how open the high school is from the main building to the field house. He told that up to 500 kids are out in the open and we have done a tremendous job making other schools secure but the period between is very unsafe. He told that he hopes to revisit this again because it has weighed on him.

Dr. Blankenship told that you have personal experience.

Mr. Martin told that it costs money to ride the train but it is an unsafe situation. He told that he is pointing the finger at himself but we have a responsibility to make it safe. He told that he appreciates the efforts of school staff for supervising the kids during transfer.

Dr. Blankenship told that he wouldn't disagree with any of it. He told that we are only as strong as our weakest link and that is our weakest link.

Mr. Martin told that he knew it would not be added in this budget.

Dr. Blankenship told that he values talking about it.

Mr. Martin told that the Board has gone above and beyond to fund the school and do upgrades.

Dr. Blankenship told that the Board gave us money to put security in and he appreciates the concerns.

Mr. Hendrick asked about the 1% raise.

Dr. Blankenship told that it would be around \$225,000.

Mr. Martin told that he appreciates Tammy working with our folks. He told that we are trying to do the best we can and it is a lot better than 1970's.

Mr. Hendrick told that they would be conducting interviews within the next 15 days. He told that it will be closed session at an undisclosed location.

(Order)

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by Mr. Robbie McCraw, seconded by Mr. Phil McCraw and passing, the Board adjourned.

VOTES

Mr. Hendrick	Yes
Mr. Phil McCraw	Yes
Mr. Hill	Yes
Mr. Robbie McCraw	Yes
Dr. Littrell	Yes
Mr. Martin	Yes

(Order)

Chairman

Clerk