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**MINUTES OF A BUDGET WORK SESSION
OF THE
JACKSON COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
HELD ON
MARCH 25, 2009**

The Jackson County Board of Commissioners met in a joint Budget Work Session with the Board of Education on March 25, 2009, at 9:00 am, Justice & Administration Building, Room A227, 401 Grindstaff Cove Road, Sylva, North Carolina.

Board of Commissioners:

Brian T. McMahan, Chairman
Tom Massie, Vice Chair
Joe Cowan, Commissioner
Mark Jones, Commissioner
William Shelton, Commissioner
Ken Westmoreland, County Manager
Darlene Fox, Finance Director
Evelyn B. Baker, Clerk to Board

Board of Education:

Ken Henke, Chairman
Thurza McNair
Ali Laird-Large
Traci Rice
Sue Nations, Superintendent
Steve Jones, Asst. Superintendent
Gwen Edwards, Finance Officer
Betty Brown, Clerk to Board

Chairman McMahan called the meeting to order and stated that the purpose of the work session is to discuss the Board of Education's budget requests for FY 2009-10.

(1) Gwen Edwards, Finance Officer, reported that the county (including timber receipts) allocated 19% of the schools operating revenue for FY2008-09 which was expended as follows: 61% salaries and benefits, 18% maintenance/fuel, 8% instructional services, 5% charter schools, 4% transportation, and 4% administration. Additional funding in the amount of \$630,385 was requested for FY2009-10 which includes reimbursement of state reversionary funds in the amount of \$222,310, governor's budget cuts of \$588,185, plus funding for projected salary increases, health insurance and retirement.

(2) Steve Jones, Asst. Superintendent, presented an itemized list for capital improvements in the total amount of \$602,679 and technology in the amount of \$300,000.

(3) Summary of the Board of Education's Budget Requests for FY2009-10:

<u>Operating Expenses (same as FY08-09)</u>	<u>\$ 6,564,448</u>
<u>Capital Outlay</u>	<u>\$ 602,679</u>
<u>Technology</u>	<u>\$ 300,000</u>
<u>Add'l funding</u>	<u>\$ 630,385</u>
TOTAL	\$ 8,097,512

There being no further comments, Commissioner Shelton moved to adjourn the work session. Commissioner Massie seconded the Motion. Motion carried and the work session adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Evelyn B. Baker, Clerk to Board

Brian Thomas McMahan, Chairman