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**MINUTES OF A  
 SPECIAL MEETING  
 OF THE  
 JACKSON COUNTY  
 BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
 HELD ON  
 MARCH 19, 2007**

The Jackson County Board of Commissioners met in a Special Meeting with the Jackson County Board of Education on March 19, 2007, at 7:00 pm, Justice & Administration Building, Room A227, 401 Grindstaff Cove Road, Sylva, North Carolina.

Board of Commissioners:

Brian T. McMahan, Chairman  
 Joe Cowan, Vice Chair  
 Tom Massie, Commissioner  
 Mark Jones, Commissioner  
 William Shelton, Commissioner  
 Kenneth L. Westmoreland, County Manager  
 Evelyn Baker, Clerk to Board

Board of Education:

Ken Henke, Chairman  
 Tracie Rice  
 Mark Brooks  
 Thurza McNair  
 Sue Nations, Superintendent  
 David Steinbecker, Finance Officer  
 Steve Jones, Asst. Superintendent  
 Betty Brown, Clerk to Board

Chairman McMahan called the meeting to order and stated that the purpose of the special meeting is to discuss the Board of Education's budget requests for FY 2007-08.

(1) David Steinbecker, Finance Officer, presented the following requests:

<b>SCHOOL EXPENSES 2007-08</b>	
Appropriation 2006-2007 remain the same	\$ 5,915,468
Reimburse Fund Balance (\$114,008 for utilities; \$ 75,413 for 2.8 custodians)	189,421
Impact Aid Funding (75% of teacher assistant position)	20,000
5% Salary Increases for certified	81,093
2% Salary Increases for non-certified	56,103
Social Security	10,495
Retirement	13,128
Health Insurance	49,092
Additional Maintenance	150,000
Technology Position	50,000
Worker's Comp Premium	35,000
Charter Schools	23,000
Southern Assoc. Accreditation of Schools	12,000
Psychological Services	6,000
<b>Total Expense Appropriation Requested</b>	<b>\$ 6,610,800</b>
Total Increase Requested (8.05%)	\$ 695,332

(2) **TECHNOLOGY:** Superintendent Nations requested that the technology line item appropriation remain the same as last fiscal year - \$400,000 (\$300,000 for computers, \$100,000 for infrastructure). The state also appropriates \$77,000 for technology. The purchase of 500 new computers during the past two years enabled the schools to commence a 5-year replacement cycle. However, because the schools now have 1,800 computers, there is the need for an additional technology position (\$50,000). Computer wiring must be upgraded in order to connect to the new broadband service together with a \$150,000 per annum license fee.

(3) **MAINTENANCE:** Ms. Nations stated that the school system has good buildings, but in order to keep them in good condition continuous maintenance is necessary and there have been several costly repairs to the buildings during the past year. She stated there are six maintenance personnel; the \$150,000 for additional day-to-day maintenance is not included in the \$650,000 capital outlay request and the county is responsible for the entire maintenance budget. The county's Grounds Department maintains school grounds. Mr. Jones would like to discuss the Grounds Dept. assisting with some of the ball fields.

(4) **CAPITAL OUTLAY:** The following school capital outlay was requested:

<b>SCHOOL CAPITAL OUTLAY 2007-08</b>	
Capital Outlay	\$ 650,000
Technology	400,000
Add matching for ADM Projects and contribute toward Oven Replacement	<u>123,875</u>
Total <b>Capital</b> Appropriation Requested	\$ 1,173,875
Total <b>Expenses</b> Requested	<u>6,610,800</u>
<b>TOTAL</b> (11.72% increase)	<b>\$ 7,784,675</b>

Ms. Nations explained the \$123,875 for oven replacement is because the schools are no longer permitted to fry foods per state mandate. Also presented was a "Requested Capital Outlay Projects" list which contains itemized requests for each school totaling \$1,210,378.95 (\$403,211.95 of that amount is included in the \$650,000 capital outlay request).

There being no further business, Commissioner Massie moved that the meeting be adjourned. Commissioner Jones seconded the Motion. Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

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Evelyn B. Baker, Clerk to Board

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Brian Thomas McMahan, Chairman