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**MINUTES OF A WORK SESSION
OF THE
JACKSON COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
HELD ON
APRIL 30, 2008**

The Jackson County Board of Commissioners met in a Work Session with the Jackson County Board of Education on April 30, 2008, at 5:00 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
Darlene Fox, Finance Director
Evelyn B. Baker, Clerk to Board

Board of Education:

Ken Henke, Chairman
Tracie Rice
Mark Brooks
Thurza McNair
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 special meeting is to discuss the Board of Education's budget requests for FY 2008-09.

(1) Gwen Edwards, Finance Officer, presented the following budget requests:

OPERATING EXPENSES 2008-09	
FY2007-2008 appropriation remain the same	\$ 6,260,069
10% COLA increase for certified teachers	328,311
4% COLA increase for non-certified personnel	189,572
Social Security	39,618
Retirement	46,609
Decrease in Impact Aid (average 2.5 positions)	101,000
Decrease in Indian Education funding	7,000
Student accounting software conversion to NC-WISE	5,200
Worker's Comp Increase	10,000
Increase in building insurance premiums	10,000
Additional Maintenance	100,000
Utilities	106,668
Fuel for facilities (12% increase anticipated)	117,170
Charter Schools	87,918
Other	213,745
Appropriated Fund Balance	315,026
Total	\$ 7,937,906

(2) **CAPITAL OUTLAY**: Steve Jones, Asst. Superintendent, presented an itemized list for capital improvements at various schools, central office, bus garage and vehicles in the total amount of \$672,418.74.

(3) **SUMMARY**:

SCHOOLS BUDGET REQUESTS 2008-09	
Operating Expenses	\$ 7,937,906.00
Capital Outlay	672,418.74
Technology	600,000.00
TOTAL	\$ 9,210,324.74

(4) **SCHOOL BUS GARAGE**: SCC requested title to the bus garage property. It was the consensus that representatives from both boards will meet and work out the details for transferring title in addition to an agreement for the continued use of the property until the Skyland Dr. building is renovated to accommodate the bus garage.

(5) **CULTURAL ARTS/GYM**: Mr. Henke stated that a cultural arts/gym facility at SMH is the school board's priority, not a new school bus garage.

There being no further business, Commissioner Jones moved to adjourn the work session. Commissioner Shelton seconded the Motion. Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Evelyn B. Baker, Clerk to Board

Brian Thomas McMahan, Chairman