



SEVIER COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

Education Committee – May 2024

May 13, 2024 5:30 PM

Members

Gary Cole
Warren Hurst
Greg Haggard
Harold Pitner
Ronnie Whaley
Aaron Foster

Others

Mayor Larry Waters
Vice Mayor Bryan McCarter
Assistant County Mayor/Senior Director of
Finance & Administration Brooke Huffaker
Assistant County Mayor/Senior Director of
Community Planning and
Development/Government Services Matt
Rudder
Director of Public Affairs and
Communications Tyler Basler
School System Superintendent, Finance &
Human Resources Whit Helton
School System Director of Schools
Stephanie Huskey

Assistant Superintendent Tony Ogle
Director of Special Education Missy Wade
Assistant Superintendent Stacia Lewis
Sheriff Michael Hodges
Commissioner Fred Atchley
Commissioner Kent Woods
Commissioner Mike Chambers
Commissioner Mike Hillard
Commissioner Ronnie Allen
Commissioner Ray Ogle
Commissioner Scott Catlett
Commissioner Carroll Rauhuff
Commissioner Michael Maddon
Commissioner Melissa Godfrey
Commissioner Todd Humble
Commissioner Jack Parton
School Board Member Mike Oakley
School Board Member John McClure
School Board Member Kevin Townsend
School Board Member Charles Temple
Cindy Simpson

Assistant Superintendent Helton gave an overview of the Sevier County School System including the number of schools, employees, students, etc. Assistant Superintendent Helton proposed the budget for 2024–2025 and reviewed budget revenues, expenditures, and the capital outlay budget.

Mayor Waters asked Superintendent Huskey about the number of students with English as a second language currently in the Sevier County School System. Assistant Superintendent Helton stated we had 2,186 as of December 1, 2023, but that number had likely grown since then.

Commissioner Maddron asked how many total students we had. Superintendent Huskey stated a little over 14,000 total.



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Commissioner Atchley asked to confirm the goal of starting pay is \$48,000 starting pay for new teachers. Commissioner Foster asked about the plan for employees not currently at the \$48,000 threshold. Assistant Superintendent Helton stated they had a pay schedule in place.

Commissioner Woods asked about the starting and completion dates for the Northview Primary extension. Superintendent Huskey stated bids hoped to be ready for the June School Board meeting with an anticipated completion date of February 2025.

Commissioner Woods asked about County liquor-by-the-drink statistics.

Mayor Waters called the Education Committee meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

Mayor Waters called for the committee to nominate a chairman for the Education Committee. Commissioner Haggard made a motion to nominate Commissioner Cole as Chairman. Commissioner Pitner seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Vice Mayor McCarter stated the committee needed to nominate a secretary for the Education Committee. Commissioner Cole made a motion to nominate Andrew Temple as secretary. Commissioner Haggard seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Cole called for a motion to approve and present the proposed 2024–2025 budget to the Budget Committee. Commissioner Whaley made a motion. Commissioner Haggard seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Hurst made a motion to adjourn to move forward with the Budget Committee. Commissioner Whaley seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The Education Committee adjourned at 6:37 PM.