

**BOARD OF EDUCATION OF CARROLL COUNTY  
GARY W. BAUER, PRESIDENT  
CHARLES I. ECKER, SUPERINTENDENT  
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING BUDGET ADOPTION  
FEBRUARY 17, 2005 - BOARD MINUTES (APPROVED)**

**PRESENT**

Gary W. Bauer, President  
Cynthia L. Foley  
Thomas G. Hiltz  
Laura K. Rhodes, Vice President  
C. Scott Stone  
Charles I. Ecker, Superintendent

President Bauer convened the Board of Education in special session on Thursday, February 17, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. in the auditorium at Westminster High School.

Dr. Ecker presented his proposed FY2006 Operating Budget. There are reductions of approximately \$2 million from the base budget. Every line item was reviewed with some totals less than last year's budget. Negotiations for all five bargaining units have been successfully completed. Additions to the budget include JROTC at Century High School, one additional teacher day, a half-time registrar at Gateway, and a half-time counselor at the Carroll County Career and Technology Center.

Chris Hartlove, Supervisor of Budget, reviewed the Superintendent's budget priorities, the cost of the additions, sources of revenue, expenditures by category, mandatory positions, phase 1 of full-day kindergarten, and Parr's Ridge Elementary School's 17 mandatory positions. Mr. Hartlove explained enrollment projections, growth positions, and other improvement as well as the need for new textbooks.

This budget includes the maintenance of 43 buildings and the transportation of 25,000 students out of an enrollment of 28,000 students. Employee health insurance costs are increasing by 18 percent. Currently we have seven schools with pre-kindergarten classes and

would like to add two additional schools every year for the next three years for a total of 13 schools offering pre-kindergarten. The opening of the new Parr's Ridge Elementary School will cost \$1.5 million this year. Phase-one of full-day kindergarten will require 55 new positions in eight full-day kindergarten schools. These eight schools were chosen for phase-one because they have space for the full-day kindergarten program. Phase-one is projected to cost \$2.5 million and have an enrollment of 625 students in the 2005-2006 school year.

As a school system, we rank 2<sup>nd</sup> out of the 24 Maryland systems for percentage of students passing the Maryland High School Assessments; we are one of the top performing systems on the Maryland School Assessments; and we consistently score above the state and national average on the SAT.

Mrs. Rhodes reviewed citizen participation guidelines.

1. Barry Potts, president of CCEA, commended the superintendent on identifying the needs and building a budget that is going to meet those needs. Mr. Potts' feels that this budget has no fat and hopes that the superintendent and the board hold the line and not make drastic cuts to this budget.
2. Terry Borneman, vice president of CCEA and teacher at East Middle School, feels CCEA reached a good negotiations settlement and encourages the board to honor that agreement. He feels that the teacher workload is still extremely overbearing. Mr. Borneman expressed his willingness to work with the superintendent and the board to help get this budget passed.
3. Sharon Fischer, president of CASE, thanked the board for putting money in the budget to fund the raises. Mrs. Fischer expressed her gratitude for the way negotiations were conducted this year and thanked Dr. Ecker for the growth positions in the budget as they relate to CASE.

4. Ricki Derr and Beth Lee, members of the Special Education Citizens Advisory Council, thanked school system staff for their dedication and efforts in providing all children an education. Carroll County Public Schools excels in making the most with the resources they have available. It is reported that autism has increased at over 500% in the last decade. It is important that special education funding be approved in next year's budget.
5. Rosemary Kitzinger, parent, supports the inclusion of behavioral specialists at the elementary school level. She gave the board a first hand accounting of the problems she had getting her child the help that he needed.

This concluded citizen participation.

Mr. Stone made a motion to adopt the superintendent's  
FY2006 Proposed Operating Budget, seconded by Mrs. Rhodes. Mr.

<b>MOTION TO ADOPT FY2006 OPERATING BUDGET</b>
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Stone shared his concerns with class size and asked for additional teachers in the budget for class size reduction. Adding 20 high school teachers would put another 1 million dollars in the budget. The addition of 1 million dollars into the budget for teachers is with the understanding that if the superintendent found that some of this money could be identified as clerical position dollars to reduce the workload of teachers. Board members agreed on the merit of additional clerical help to directly help the teacher's clerical workload. Moved by Mr. Stone, seconded by Mrs. Rhodes, the Board unanimously voted to amend the budget by adding 20 teachers to the budget for an addition of \$1,000,000.

Moved by Mr. Stone, seconded by Mr. Hiltz, the Board unanimously voted to amend the budget by adding \$45,000 to the budget to reduce the waiting lists to zero, at schools with Community Learning Centers.

Mrs. Rhodes asked Dr. Ecker to address the need for four assistant principals. The high schools involved are Century, Francis Scott Key, North Carroll, and Winters Mill High Schools because of large enrollment. The policy would be revised in the enrollment per assistant principal recommendation. There are increased administrative duties at high schools. High schools issues are getting increasingly complicated in the number and scope of bus and transportation problems, evening activities, and discipline issues.

Mr. Hiltz requested information on the need for additional research-based reading books in all schools. Dr. Ecker explained that, at this time, all of our schools do not have research-based reading textbooks in all classes. However, there are textbooks available in every grade in each school. In order to have research-based textbooks in all classes, he estimates a cost of \$100,000. It is his plan to make these purchases with funds from this year's budget.

There is one behavioral specialist in the proposed budget. Dick Ebersole, behavioral specialist, reported there are currently three behavioral specialists with a workload of 120 students each. One of these people has the job of staff development, with a slightly smaller caseload. It was moved by Mrs. Rhodes, seconded by Mrs. Foley, to amend the budget with the addition of one behavioral specialist for a total of 2 in the 2005-2006 Operating Budget. The Board unanimously voted to approve the addition of one behavioral specialist.

Moved by Mr. Stone, seconded by Mr. Hiltz, the Board unanimously voted to add the cost for 11 ½ guidance counselor positions to the budget.

Moved by Mr. Stone, seconded by Mr. Hiltz, the Board unanimously voted to add \$174,000 to the budget to add the Read 180 reading program to all high schools.

Mr. Bauer asked Board members if they were comfortable with the revisions to the FY06 Operating Budget as outlined by Dr. Ecker. Mr. Bauer asked Chris Hartlove, Supervisor of Budget, to provide the categorical totals with the changes to the Board. Mr. Hartlove reported that with the categorical total revisions the FY06 Operating Budget totals \$269,425,264.

Mr. Bauer amended the motion to approve the revisions to the FY06 Operating Budget to include the updated categorical totals. The Board agreed. The Board voted unanimously to approve the FY06 Operating Budget as revised. (ADDENDUM #1)

Moved by Mr. Stone, seconded by Mrs. Rhodes, the Board unanimously approved the FY06 Debt Service total of \$9,315,123. (ADDENDUM #2)

**FY06 DEBT SERVICE  
TOTAL**

Moved by Mrs. Rhodes, seconded by Mr. Hiltz, the Board unanimously approved the FY06 Food Service Fund Budget total of \$7,302,773. (ADDENDUM #3)

**FY 06 FOOD SERVICE  
FUND BUDGET**

The special Board meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Board of Education for Carroll County  
Requested Operating Fund Budget  
Fiscal Year 2006

Revenues

Local (County)	\$ 141,960,530
State	\$ 111,237,205
Federal	\$ 14,308,063
Other	<u>1,919,466</u>
Total Revenues	<u>\$ 269,425,264</u>

Expenditures

01 Administration	\$ 5,093,796
02 Instructional Salaries & Wages	111,140,520
03 Student Personnel Services	1,105,590
04 Student Health Services	2,435,070
05 Student Transportation	16,993,158
06 Operation of Plant	19,416,613
07 Maintenance of Plant	6,224,439
08 Fixed Charges	44,123,281
10 Community Services	302,030
11 Capital Outlay	732,256
12 Mid-Level Administration	20,051,576
13 Special Education	30,496,070
16 Textbooks & Instructional Supplies	8,254,984
17 Other Instructional Costs	<u>3,055,881</u>
Total Expenditures	<u>\$ 269,425,264</u>

Board of Education for Carroll County  
Adopted Debt Service Fund Budget  
Fiscal Year 2006

Revenues

Local (County) \$ 9,315,123

Total Revenues \$ 9,315,123

Expenditures

14 Debt Service \$ 9,315,123

Total Expenditures \$ 9,315,123

Board of Education for Carroll County  
Adopted Food Service Fund Budget  
Fiscal Year 2006

Revenues

Various Sources \$ 7,302,773

Total Revenues \$ 7,302,773

Expenditures

09 Food Service \$ 7,302,773

Total Expenditures \$ 7,302,773