

MINUTES
Adjourned Session

Cheatham County Board of Education
September 25, 2007

Call to order:

The Cheatham County Board of Education met in an adjourned session on Tuesday, September 25, 2007, in the Board Room of the Educational Annex Building. Chairman Breen called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

Roll call:

Present were Barry Breen, Susan Greer, Jackie Kemp, Dianne Proffitt, Chris Spiegl, and Rickey Thomas

Business:

Thomas made a motion, seconded by Spiegl to approve the 2007-2008 budgets for General Purpose Schools, Central Cafeteria, and Federal Projects as presented. The appropriation for General Purpose Schools is \$41,982,046, Central Cafeteria is \$2,948,275, and Federal Projects is \$2,822,005. When questioned, Finance Director Tillman stated the Federal Projects budget must be approved by the Board only; the General Purpose Schools and Central Cafeteria must be approved by the Board and sent to the County Commission for final approval. Discussion followed. Chairman Breen asked for a roll call vote. Voting yes were Greer, Kemp, Spiegl, Thomas, and Breen. Proffitt voted no. Breen declared the motion passed.

Chairman Breen commented that passage of this budget gives all employees a three percent increase and all negotiated items in the teacher contract. He thanked the Board and staff for preparation of the budget and presenting it in a timely fashion. He said a comment was made at the Commission meeting about when the budget increase was going to stop. Chairman Breen stated the increases will never end because students have to continually advance; we have to provide them increased and improved opportunities; we have to provide the best school district we can; we cannot prevent the laws of economics from affecting the school district; and we want to continually find out how to have a better opportunity for the students to learn. He pointed out that the Board converts resources into knowledge for students – the Board is a resource knowledge converter and will do it as effectively and efficiently as possible. He declared that is the Board's motivation.

Seifert reported on the Student Board Representative and Community Representative training that took place earlier in the day. She reported they were asked to attend as many Board meetings and work sessions as possible. The representatives were charged to be ears and eyes for the Board and bring input to the work sessions. The

representatives will include two from each high school, one from each middle school, and one community representative from each cluster.

There being no further business, Chairman Breen adjourned the meeting at 6:48 p.m.

Submitted by
Carol F. Cannon

Barry E. Breen, Board Chairman

Lynn E. Seifert, Director of Schools