

**School Liaison Committee  
Minutes  
March 19, 2015**

**Members present:** Commissioners Carolyn Granger and Ron Berry, Board Members Everett Massengill and Vic King

**Members absent:** Commissioner James Brummett (sick)

**Others present:** Ron Woody, County Executive; Gary Aytes, Director of Schools; Commissioner Randy Ellis; Mike "Brillo" Miller, Chairman BOE; Rob Jago, BOE member

**Call to Order:** Commissioner Ron Berry was acting chair in the absence of James Brummett, who was sick. Commissioner Berry called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm and declared a quorum present.

**Purpose of Meeting:**

1. Review and discuss Budget Committee requests articulated in a January 30, 2015 letter.
2. Discuss location and agenda for April 2, 2015 joint School Board and County Commission meeting.
3. Discuss the current unofficial School Board position on the proposed FY16 school budget.
4. Review timeframe constraints or timetable for FY16 budget adoption including concerns of reappraisal timeframe.

**Agenda Item #3**

Current School Board budget status appears to indicate the 2016 Roane County Schools Budget will be out of balance between \$3.4-3.5 million. The School Board's intent is to provide a priority listing of cuts in the event funds are not provided to make up the budget short fall. The School Board has already announced a freeze on replacing any position that becomes vacant. The School Board is also considering eliminating part time positions.

**Agenda Item #1**

Review/Response to Budget Committee January 30, 2015 letter

Director Aytes distributed to the committee various documents including:

- 1) BEP July 2014 final estimate
- 2) BEP Allocation Calculations
- 3) Analysis of BEP funding of positions compared to positions in schools which included by school:
  1. Average Daily Membership estimate
  2. Student/Teacher ratio
  3. BEP funded positions
  4. School actual positions
  5. Comments on difference in 3 & 4

- 4) School staff planning workbook prepared by Terry Futtrell
- 5) Other information requested in the letter is being prepared.

**Agenda Item #2**

April 2, 2015 joint work session

Location & Time: Roane County High School Auditorium at 5:30 pm

Agenda: Presentation will be presented by the school system with time for open discussion

**Agenda Item #4**

The 2016 budget process is well under way and a number of meetings may be needed to develop a better understanding of the schools' needs. The 2015 reappraisal process could delay adoption of the 2016 budget even if the School Board and County Commission are prepared to adopt a budget. The local boards will have to wait for final budget adoption upon a certified tax rate which in 2010 was not received until October 2010.

**Adjournment:** committee adjourned at 6:10 pm

**Submitted by:** Ron Woody