

MINUTES
BUDGET HEARING
September 13, 2011

The Jefferson County Board of Education met in a work session on Tuesday, September 13, 2011, at 2:03 p.m. in the board's office, 2100 18th Street South, Birmingham, Alabama, with the following members present: President Jennifer H. Parsons, Vice-President Ronald A. Rhodes, Mrs. Karen Smith Nix, and Mr. Tommy L. Little. Members absent: Ms. Jacqueline A. Smith. Also present was Superintendent Phil Hammonds.

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER - President Parsons called the meeting to order and stated that the purpose of the meeting was for the second presentation of the budget for fiscal year 2012.

PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2012 PRESENTED - The superintendent explained that this is the second of two required hearings on the fiscal year 2012 budget, October 1, 2011 through September 30, 2012. He announced that immediately following the hearing the board would convene a special meeting and one of the items for consideration would be the approval of the budget for fiscal year 2012. The superintendent introduced Mrs. Sheila Jones, executive director of business and financial affairs, while commending her for preparing the 2012 budget.

Mrs. Jones announced that copies of the proposed budget for fiscal year 2012 were available for the public and forms providing for written questions were provided in the budget packets. She noted that since there will not be another public meeting, responses to questions would be made in writing.

Mrs. Jones reviewed the budget package including a summary of revenues, expenditures, and reports by cost center, schools and departments. In reviewing the anticipated ending fund balances for fiscal year 2012, Mrs. Jones pointed out that it is projected the general fund ending balance for fiscal year 2012 will be \$50.4 million or approximately 2.27 months operating reserve. With the use of a power point presentation, Mrs. Jones reviewed the categories in expenditures, sources of revenues, and the anticipated funding from those sources. She also noted that proration for fiscal year 2012 is unknown. Mrs. Jones noted that as a result of the loss of 220 students and the lowering of the funding divisor there was a loss of 70 state-funded teacher units for FY 2012. Mrs. Jones reviewed the budgeted revenues and expenditure for fiscal year 2012.

The superintendent noted that this is a conservative budget. He noted that the board is fortunate in having built a healthy fund balance. He noted that the anticipated ending fund balance for FY 2011 is projected to be \$60 million and the state funding that is based on ADM 20 days after Labor Day, is up approximately 200 students from 2010.

MEETING ADJOURNED - There being no further business, President Parsons adjourned the meeting at 2:30 p.m.