

**MINUTES**  
**BUDGET HEARING**  
**September 14, 2010**

The Jefferson County Board of Education met in a work session on Tuesday, September 14, 2010, at 1:03 p.m. in the board's office, 2100 18th Street South, Birmingham, Alabama, with the following members present: Vice-President Ronald A. Rhodes, Mrs. Karen Smith Nix, and Mr. Tommy L. Little. Members absent: President Jennifer H. Parsons and Ms. Jacqueline A. Smith. Also present were Superintendent Phil Hammonds and Board Attorney Whit Colvin.

**MEETING CALLED TO ORDER** - Vice-President Rhodes called the meeting to order and stated that the purpose of the meeting was for the second presentation of the budget for fiscal year 2011.

**PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2011 PRESENTED** - The superintendent explained that this is the second of two required hearings on the fiscal year 2011 budget, October 1, 2010 through September 30, 2011. 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 2011. The superintendent introduced Mrs. Sheila Jones, executive director of business and financial affairs, while commending her for preparing the 2011 budget.

Mrs. Jones announced that copies of the proposed budget for fiscal year 2011 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 2011, Mrs. Jones pointed out that it is projected the general fund ending balance for fiscal year 2011 will be \$60.2 million or approximately 2.8 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 2011 is unknown. In addressing the allocation to be received from the Jobs Bills, Mrs. Jones noted that salaries of approximately 47 teachers, 34 school administrators, counselors and librarians were moved to that funding source. Mrs. Jones went on to explain that the Jobs Bill allocation as well as stimulus dollars from the American Recovery and Relief Act being used to fund such positions as aides and secretarial/clerical staff will not be available beginning FY 2012. She noted that those costs totaling approximately \$15 million will return to the general fund and preparations are being made to fund those costs in FY 2012.

The superintendent noted that this is a conservative budget. He noted that the board is fortunate in having built a healthy fund balance with the next couple of years projected to be lean and uncertain and reiterated that the focus remains on the classroom.

**MEETING ADJOURNED** - There being no further business, Vice-President Rhodes adjourned the meeting at 1:15 p.m.