Robertson County Budget Committee
Minutes of June 10, 2025 Meeting

The Budget Committee met at 4:00 P.M. with the following members present: Bobby Couts, Billy Ray Dorris, Bob Stroud, and Faye Stubblefield were present. Mayor Billy Vogle and Jody Stewart were also present. Eric Roberts was absent.

Mr. Bobby Couts called the meeting to order and following main discussions and actions took place during the meeting:

The Budget Committee minutes of June 3, 2025 were approved as presented.
Bobby Couts asked if the Public had any comments about the agenda, there were no Public Comments at this time.

Dr. Danny Weeks, School Director, presented the School Fund 141 - FY 2025-2026 School Board approved budget to the Budget Committee. He distributed a budget highlight for 2026 page that listed items added to this year's budget. See the list of items below:

- 4 teaching positions for growth / potential growth
- 2 special education teaching positions
- 3 special education assistant positions
- 9 Grow Your Own Program candidates
- Employee daycare in eastern cluster

- $1,200 increases per certified position
- $ 800 increase per classified position in special education, Pre-K, CDC, & 1:1s
- $ 600 increase per classified position

- Absorption of costs previously covered by ESSER (Federal Dollars), ISM and other grants
- Regular and / or Contractual Increases

Danny stated the pay increases are approximately 2% in the FY2026 budget (see amounts listed in the paragraph above) because in FY2024 the Teacher's salaries were increased to $55,000 to meet the Governor's increase request early to attract the most qualified teachers. The Governor's request to increase Teacher's salaries to this level allowed a four year period beginning in FY2024. Danny stated there needs to be annual raises, but there is a strain on the budget dollars because the Governor's required teacher pay increases occurred four years earlier.

Danny presented the Committee with documents for a proposed School Fund FY 2025-26 Budget for revenues and expenditures. He briefly explained the details of both documents and there was a question/answer session. Danny said the FY2026 revenues budget is $140,429,286 and the expenditures budget is $149,280,353 whereas the expenditures will exceed the revenues by $8,851,067.

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 P.M.

Bobby Couts, Chairman

Jody Stewart, Finance Director