

## MINUTES – MARCH 30, 2009

The Caswell County Board of Commissioners met in special session at the Whitley Administration Building in Yanceyville, North Carolina at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, March 30, 2009. The purpose of the meeting was to meet jointly with the Board of Education to discuss the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Budget and issues of mutual concern. Members present: Jeremiah Jefferies, Chairman, George W. Ward, Jr., Vice-Chairman, Eric D. Battle, William E. Carter, Nathaniel Hall, Gordon G. Satterfield, and Kenneth D. Travis. Board of Education Members present: June B. Dailey, Chairman, Gladys Garland, Vice-Chairman, Mel O. Battle, Sylvia B. Johnson, and Betty Sartin. Also present: Kevin B. Howard, County Manager, Dr. Douglas N. Barker, Schools Superintendent, Scott Powell, Schools Finance Officer, and Angela Evans representing The Caswell Messenger. Wanda P. Smith, Clerk to the Board, recorded the minutes.

### CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Jefferies called the meeting of the Caswell County Board of Commissioners to order.

Chairman Dailey called the meeting of the Caswell County Board of Education to order.

### DISCUSSION OF FISCAL YEAR 2009-2010 BUDGET

Chairman Jefferies thanked everyone for attending the joint meeting and added that he would like to let the Board of Education know that the County's upcoming budget is going to be very difficult and have many constraints due to the current economic conditions and the County will probably be experiencing a shortfall in revenues. Chairman Jefferies stated that the Board of Commissioners would like to let the Board of Education know that they are concerned about them and the children of Caswell County and asked what the Board of Commissioners could do to help both the children and them. Chairman Jefferies emphasized that the important issue is the children of Caswell County.

Chairman Dailey stated that the Board of Education is also very concerned about the upcoming budget and economic conditions. Chairman Dailey added that the Board of Education respects and understands what the Board of Commissioners is experiencing. Chairman Dailey noted that the Board of Education's 2008-2009 Budget which was presented to the Commissioners was a bare bones budget and did not know how the School System could operate on less. Chairman Dailey stated that the School System, especially the classrooms, will be impacted greatly by the anticipated cuts from the Governor.

Dr. Douglas Barker, Schools Superintendent, stated that he felt that the Board of Education could present a budget for Fiscal Year 2009-2010 and maintain it at the same level as Fiscal Year 2008-2009. Dr. Barker noted that the Governor's proposal would require that the Board of Education send \$300,000 back to Raleigh, but they will not know the exact amount until the first of June. Dr. Barker added that they have already sent \$125,000 back to Raleigh this year.

Chairman Dailey stated that the School System has a lot of needs, but she did not feel that this is the year to present all of those needs to the Board of Commissioners.

(Commissioner Ward entered the meeting at 5:50 p.m.).

The two Boards discussed several other issues, including savings realized by the Board of Education in its energy study and measures they have taken to conserve energy and reduce energy costs, the proposed Vocational Building, fuel costs, Early College Program, and the Alternative School.

Chairman Jefferies thanked the Board of Education for agreeing to meet with the Board of Commissioners, appreciated them listening to the Board's concerns, and he looked forward to another joint meeting in the future.

THE ADJOURNMENT

At 6:15 p.m. Commissioner Travis moved, seconded by Commissioner Battle to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

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Wanda P. Smith  
Clerk to the Board

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Jeremiah Jefferies  
Chairman

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