

WEAKLEY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Special Called Meeting

Central Office

August 11, 2026

5:00 – 5:46 P.M.

Board Members:

Beau Atkins, Wendell Cates, Jeff Floyd, John Hatler, Gath Meeks, Joshua Moore, Doug Sims & Steve Vantrease.
(Absent-Martin Hamlin)

Administrative Staff Present:

Brian Allen, Tracey Bell, Scott Killebrew, Lee Lawrence, David Lewellen, John Lifsey, Melanie Needham, Eva Essary, Jon Gardner, Donald Ray High, Kandace Jackson, Jamie Knott, Krystle Smith & Terri Stephenson.

Media Present:

Weakley County Press

Meeting Called To Order:

Chairman Moore called the meeting to order.

Purpose of the meeting – To Approve Board Policies & Discuss 26-27SY Budget

- I. Agenda Approved** – Motion by Vantrease, seconded by Floyd to approve the August 11, 2026 agenda. Motion carried.
- II. Public Comment** – None given.
- III. Board Policies** – Motion by Meeks, seconded by Sims to approve the following board policies. Motion carried.
 - 1. Board Policy 1.400 Revisions (School Board Meetings)** 2nd Reading
 - 2. Board Policy 1.403 Revisions (Agendas)** – Approve with the model policy of 2 days not 7 days. 2nd Reading
 - 3. Board Policy 1.404 Revisions (Appeals to and Appearances Before the Board)** 2nd Reading
 - 4. Board Policy 4.213 Revisions (Family Life Education)** 2nd Reading
 - 5. Board Policy 4.215 (Instructional Use of Digital Devices)** 2nd Reading
 - 6. Board Policy 5.302 Revisions (Sick Leave)** 2nd Reading
 - 7. Board Policy 5.303 Revisions (Personal and Professional Leave)** 2nd Reading
 - 8. Board Policy 5.600 Revisions (Staff Rights and Responsibilities)** 2nd Reading
 - 9. Board Policy 6.202 Revisions (Home Schools)** 2nd Reading
 - 10. Board Policy 6.205 Revisions (Student Assignments)** 2nd Reading
 - 11. Board Policy 6.303 Revisions (Questioning Students and Searches)** 2nd Reading
 - 12. Board Policy 6.306 Revisions (Interference/Disruption of School Activities)** 2nd Reading

13. Board Policy 6.318 Revisions (Admission of Suspended or Expelled Students)

2nd Reading

14. Board Policy 6.4053 (Outside Applied Behavior Analysis Therapy) 2nd Reading

15. Board Policy 6.412 Revisions (Emergency Allergy Response Plan) 2nd Reading

- IV. 2026-27SY Budget Discussion** – Director Cupples explained to the board that the budget they approved that was balanced went before the full commission August 10, 2026, was denied. He explained that the school's part of the county property tax was decreased from .5262 to .4918 & that equates to a cut in our revenue of \$302,645 which means that put our balanced budget into a deficit. He told the board the budget they are looking over now has been updated with some actual numbers from prior year receipts that have come in since the last meeting. He showed them that with the \$302,645 cut they have already rebalanced the budget for the board to look over, but he did explain that it does show a deficit because of the childcare funds that were passed back in March 2026 with Resolution No.2026-38. The reason that money was not encumbered was because the final bid amount was not received until July 8, 2026.
- He went over the grants that have been written & sent to the Board of Education to help with certain things for childcare & most of the grants are restricted on what they can be used for. We have \$200,000 left from the ISM funds, \$308,000 came from the FEMA money that we received & the rest is what we took out of the fund balance for Capital Projects in March 2026 on Resolution No.2026-38.
- The revenue that was taken out was the revenue provided from the tax rate that was passed last year which was what we used. Now since that rate was lowered for the schools, we took that out & rebalanced the budget & then reallocated money that had already been approved so we can finish Capital Projects.
- Motion by Floyd, seconded by Cates to approve the presented budget for 26-27SY. Motion carried.
- Motion by Floyd, seconded by Sims to use the \$525,000 out of Fund Balance for the childcare project. Motion carried.
- Motion by Vantrease, seconded by Hatler to amend the motion to state that we are requesting the commission to use the \$525,000 out of the fund balance that already was approved in 25-26SY budget year. Motion carried.

Adjourn – Josh Moore adjourned the meeting at 5:46 PM.

Joshua Moore, Chairman

Jeff Cupples, Director of Schools