

WEAKLEY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Special Called Meeting

Central Office

July 2, 2026

5:00 – 5:25 P.M.

Board Members:

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

Administrative Staff Present:

Brian Allen, Tracey Bell, Scott Killebrew, Lee Lawrence,
David Lewellen, Melanie Needham, Patresa Rogers &
Kandace Jackson.

Media Present:

Weakley County Press

Meeting Called To Order:

Chairman Moore called the meeting to order.

Purpose of the meeting – To Discuss 2026-27Y Budget.

- I. **Agenda Approved** – Motion by Floyd, seconded by Hamlin to approve the July 2, 2026 agenda. Motion carried.
- II. **Public Comment** – None given.
- III. **2026-27SY Budget Discussion** – Director Cupples explained that on June 30, 2026, was the 2nd review of the 2026-27SY Budget by Finance, Ways and Means Committee and it was rejected with a count of 6 to 3 to cut the revenue & lower the rate which would put the budget out of balance & it would put it back into deficit of roughly \$301,000. There was another motion made that passed 8 to 1 to move amount of money within the county general budget to balance that budget and to help balance the debt service which got them squared away. Director Cupples said in his opinion this no longer creates a need to reduce our rate and therefore cut our budget by \$301,000. The budget has passed HEED twice, but since it has been to the Finance, Ways and Means Committee twice it will now go in front of the full commission for a vote.

Director Cupples recommendations are as follows:

A. Send the budget back as it sits balanced, which is what was requested if you read the minutes of that meeting one of the last lines of that meeting was that our last budget which had a \$500 (0.9%) raise for teachers. The Comptroller Report for our county said we were as strong financially as we have ever been we asked for 0.9% raise which was rejected.

B. Vote to cut another \$301,000 out of the budget.

Motion by Floyd, seconded by Sims to send the budget that was approved at the June 4, 2026, special called meeting. Motion carried.

Adjourn – Josh Moore adjourned the meeting at 5:25 PM.

Joshua Moore, Chairman

Jeff Cupples, Director of Schools