

FRANKLIN COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD
Workshop

April 20, 2011 - 5:30 p.m. - Franklin County School

The Workshop was held on the above date with the following members present: Chairman Jimmy Gander, Ms. Teresa Ann Martin, Mr. David Hinton, Mr. George Thompson and Mr. Carlton Whaley. Also present were Nina Marks, Superintendent. Barbara Sanders, Board Attorney was not in attendance.

1 CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Jimmy Gander called the workshop to order.

2 Presentations

Mr. Roy Carroll, Finance Director, opened the Town Hall like workshop with a similar power point he had given at a previous Franklin County School Board Meeting on April 14.

Mr. Carroll stressed that his presentation was only proposals and projections and that the numbers keep changing. He considered this only a starting point.

His power point started with the revenue history and preceded through the budget reduction strategies.

Mr. Eric Bidwell, Middle School Dean, FCS, with microphone in hand, fielded questions from the public.

Discussion covered concerns and suggestions, some of which follow:

4 Day Week

Longer Days for Students

Absenteeism

Explanation of Planning Time

What Impact Longer Day has on Small Children

Positive Momentum be Lost

The Effect on the 21st Century Grant

Effect Longer Day would have upon Students with

Learning Challenges

Discussion of Sales Tax Levy

Food Service

Not Enough Time to Get Breakfast and Then Get to Class on Time

ABC School's Conforming to 4 Day School Week

The Board was asked how long they had been considering this action, the 4 Day Week. The response was one week, the staff about three weeks.

Superintendent Marks explained that the Legislature had been sending financial information since March 7 and the final vote on budget by the Legislature would be on May 6.

There was continued discussion of suggestions for generating revenue and cutting cost.


Chairman Gander statements were that tremendous cuts were going to have to be made; the Board and Superintendent would work together and in the end would have to make difficult decisions.

3 Adjournment

Chairman Gander adjourned the workshop.



Jimmy Gander, Chairman



Nina Marks, Superintendent