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CCBOE Votes to Approve the FY2020 Budget

JONESBORO – During the Monday, June 3, Clayton County Board of Education (CCBOE) meeting, the Board approved its proposed Fiscal Year 2020 (FY2020) Budget which was tentatively adopted on April 8. In compliance with state law, the proposed budget was the subject of two public hearings held to obtain citizen input.

The final approved consolidated budget of \$728.2 million includes \$489.2 million in general fund expenditures and \$131.6 million in Capital Projects expenditures.

The approved budget is based on the current millage rate of 20 mills and features a recommendation for pay increases for all employees, which are as follows:

- All Clayton County Public Schools (CCPS) employees on the teacher pay scale (Teachers, Counselors, Media Specialists and DES Compliance Specialists, Social Workers and Psychologists) will be paid \$3,000 (the full amount of state funds allocated by Governor Brian Kemp) plus a one-step increase. This translates to an average pay increase of five to seven percent for those on the teacher pay scale.
- All other employees will receive qualified steps which amounts to an average increase of about 3%.
- All employees who are on pay grades 13 through 19 (the lowest on the district's compensation schedule) will receive a \$1 per hour increase in addition to the step increase. The lowest paid employees' total increase is approximately 7 percent on average.

The FY20 increases will apply to all persons that are employees prior to July 1, 2019. All new employees will be placed on the appropriate pay schedules at the time of hire.

“We are pleased that this district has never wavered in its decision to pass the full amount of the Governor's Raise to all eligible employees,” said Dr. Morcease J. Beasley, CCPS Superintendent/CEO.

“We are continuing to emphasize our mission to establish and maintain a healthy fund balance that is consistent with state budgetary mandates,” Dr. Beasley said. “We are also able to propose these salary increases for all employees including certified staff, inclusive of teachers, counselors, social workers,

psychologists, media specialists, etc., all other staff, inclusive of bus drivers, custodians, school nutrition workers, paraprofessionals, secretaries, etc., and administrators.”

Ms. Emma Benton, CCPS Chief Financial Officer, told Board members during her FY2020 Budget presentation that other priorities included in this budget were funding for increased employer contributions to the Teachers Retirement System, funding for new teaching positions to support the implementation of block scheduling, funding to purchase instructional materials and the restoration of funds to transportation, maintenance and other essential services that were reduced as part of the effort to build the district’s fund balance during the present fiscal year.

“If all revenue projections meet our expectations, we should be able to meet all expenditure commitments and continue to grow and maintain a healthy fund balance for the citizens of this county,” she said.

The approved budget is expected to be posted on the district’s website, www.clayton.k12.ga.us, on Tuesday, June 4, 2019.

About Clayton County Public Schools

Clayton County Public Schools (CCPS) is fully accredited through AdvancED – Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Council on Accreditation and School Improvement. The district offers a focused world-class program based on a challenging curriculum which is taught from pre-kindergarten through 12th grade. Serving over 55,000 students, Clayton County Public Schools is ranked among the 100 largest school districts in the U.S. and is the fifth largest school system in Georgia.

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