

**STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF MCDOWELL COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
SCHOOL BOARD – MAY 16, 2016**

ASSEMBLY

The McDowell County Board of Commissioners met in a joint session with the McDowell County Board of Education on Monday, May 16, 2016, at 6:00 p.m., at the McDowell County Schools Central Office, 334 South Main Street, Marion, North Carolina.

MEMBERS PRESENT

David N. Walker, Chair; Barry McPeters, Vice-Chair; Van “Randy” Hollifield; and Tony Brown

MEMBERS ABSENT

Matthew Crawford

OTHERS PRESENT

Ashley Wooten, County Manager, Cheryl Mitchell, Clerk to the Board; Alison Morgan, Finance Officer; School Board members: Terry Frank, Chair; Bob Brackett, Vice Chair; Greg Barksdale; Mark Cauthen; Patrick Ellis; Terry English; Amy Moomaw; Brian Piercy; Superintendent Mark Garrett; Suzanne Rampey; Brian Oliver; Laura Davis; Charlie Mae Mace; Mike Conley, McDowell News reporter

BUDGET PRESENTATION

School Superintendent, Mark Garrett reviewed the budget needs and request. Request for \$600,706 included a 3% salary increase and 3% supplement increase, with approximately 13 positions cut. Mr. Oliver stated there were 1,100 total employees, with 810 of those being full-time employees. Mr. Frank stated on behalf of the board their appreciation for the working relationship they have with the Commissioners, and appreciate their funding for the success of the 1-to-1 program.

Chair Walker stated education was a priority of the Board, and they would work hard to meet the short fall and add supplement funds. The Board agreed with the School Board members, the importance of retaining teachers, and filling hard to fill teacher positions.

DAVID N. WALKER
CHAIRMAN

CHERYL L. MITCHELL
CLERK TO THE BOARD