The Williamson County Board of Education adopted budgets for the 2013-14 school year during its monthly meeting Monday, March 18. The Board approved a General Purpose School Fund Budget of $260,658,669; a Central Cafeteria Fund Budget of $11,084,482; an Extended School Program Fund Budget of $1,826,298; and a budget request of $7,041,319 for capital needs. The budgets will be reviewed by the budget and education committees of the Williamson County Commission before being presented to the full Commission in July. School lunch prices will remain the same for the 2013-14 school year.

In other action, the Board approved several schools that will be open zoned next year. Parents must provide transportation for students attending out of zone. All open zone seats will be filled on a first come, first served basis. Applications are being accepted today and will be time and date stamped at the local school level. The deadline for applying is May 15, 2013. Open zoned schools include:

- Centennial High from any WCS school up to 25 students, per the commitment made during rezoning.
- Fairview High from any WCS school up to 25 students.
- Page High from any WCS school up to 25 students.
- Heritage Middle from Spring Station up to 50 students. Those students could continue in the Heritage Middle feeder pattern.
- Page Middle from Spring Station up to 25 students. Those students could continue in the Page Middle feeder pattern.
- Edmondson Elementary from Lipscomb Elementary up to 40 students.
- Crockett Elementary from Lipscomb Elementary up to 20 students. Those students would continue in the feeder pattern.

Students and staff were honored with spotlights during the meeting. Fairview Middle School’s Trey Boone won first place in the Speech Category of the Tennessee Association of Student Councils. His teacher is Mary Justus. Summit High was honored for winning the State Science Bowl Competition. Team members include Josh Allen, Lauren Flader, Anthony Kupecz, Camden McNeely and Cass Roberts. Their coach is Ryan Lowry.

Several students won first place in the State DECA competition. Franklin’s Seth Livingston won in Quick Serve Restaurant Management and Taylor Ware on in Sports and Entertainment Marketing. Their teacher is Tunisha Hobson. Page High’s Caleb Green, Dakota Love and Abby Brooks won for Advertising Representatives and Promotional Campaign; Ryan Holguin, Taylor Elliott and John Henry Ganser won for Entrepreneurship Innovation Business Plan; and Savannah Fulmer won for Food Marketing. Their teacher is Jackie Stevens.

Williamson County schools almost swept the Tennessee High School Press Association competition. Brentwood’s Marshall Travioli won for Best Commercial; Andrew Hughes, Hannah Feldhacker and Apakorn Burapharat won for Best PSA; Conner Holmes, Drew Brown and Apakorn Burapharat won for Best Short Feature. In addition, Brentwood’s Abby Vorhaus, Chandler Butler, Andrew Hughes, DJ Moulton, Stephen Hart, Apakorn Burapharat, Cameron Pedley, Samantha Anderson, ReBecca Allen, Hannah Feldhacker, Conner Holmes, Dakota Payne, Sarah Dunne, Jenna Red, Ben Sherrill and Thomas Tatum won for Best Sports Coverage; John Anderson, Zach Driver, Haylie Craver, Chloe Connors, Elijah Gonzalez, Joey Guarino and Hannah Feldhacker won for Best Sports Show; and W-BHS9 won for Best TV Station. Their teacher is Ronnie Adcock.

Other winners from the THSPA include Independence High’s Chase Lutz who won for Reporting. His teacher is Matt Balzer. Ravenwood’s Chaz Olivier won for Best Videographer and Ravenwood’s Aaron Mirtes and Chaz Olivier won for Best Video On-Line Media. Their teacher is Laura Faber.

In athletics, Ravenwood’s Tailor Stole won the Tennessee State Girls’ Wrestling Championship in the 138 pound Division; and Jacob Freeman won in the Tennessee State Boys’ Wrestling Championship 145 pound Division. Their coach is Josh Peck.

In the arts, Franklin’s Sam Stubblefield and Hannah Cavender were named All State Band Members. Their teacher is David Aydelott. Franklin’s Sam Stubblefield, Cohin Ruble and Hannah Cavender were named to the Honor Band of America and Brian Curl was named to the Honor Orchestra of America. Their teacher is David Aydelott.

Independence High’s Charlotte Lacroix earned the National Scholastic Art Competition’s American Vision Award. Her teacher is Stephanie Prewitt.

Several staff members were honored with spotlights. Franklin High’s Kelly Scheetz was recognized for being named Director of the Sociedad Honoraria Hispanic. Page High’s Laurie Mauldin was honored for being named Tennessee Regional High School Teacher of the Year. She now moves on to the State competition. Ravenwood High’s Cyndy Howes was named the Tennessee Association of Student Councils Advisor of the Year and Principal Pam Vaden was named the Tennessee Association of Student Councils Administrator of the Year.

In the Superintendent’s Report, Dr. Looney called on Board Chairman Pat Anderson who, along with Food Service Director James Remete, recognized the College Grove two-person cafeteria staff, Pam Cothern, manager, and Lisa Brannon with the WCS Food Service Gold Tray Award for the 2012-13 school year. The award will be given to the top cafeteria staff each year. In addition, Dr. Looney shared a legislative update with the Board.

In the Board Chairman’s Report, Pat Anderson congratulated the Brentwood High girls and boys teams for their tournament successes.

In New Business, the Board:

- Approved a 2012-13 General Purpose School Fund Budget amendment of $275,000 for gasoline and parts for buses.
• Approved a 2012-13 Capital Budget intra category transfer adjustment of $60,000 to cover additional funds needed for high school toilet and concession buildings and storage.
• Approved the textbook adoption for language arts.
• Approved a recommendation for tenure.

In other business, the Board:

• Approved recommended field trip fee requests.
• Approved the plan and budget for the First to the Top Rewards Schools Ambassador Program.
• Approved allowing voluntary employee payroll deductions through the Invest Now program.

Each school principal has a copy of the Board packet information.

The next regular meeting of the WCBE will be Monday, April 22, 2013, at 6:30 p.m. in the Auditorium of the Administrative Complex.