

Obion County Board of Education

Regular Board Meeting

December 5, 2011

The Obion County Board of Education met in regular session on December 5, 2011 at Hillcrest Elementary School. Board Chairman, Brian Rainey, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Mr. David Lamb led everyone in prayer.

Mr. Huss called the roll. Mr. Brian Rainey, Mr. Fritz Fussell, Mr. David Lamb, Ms. Diane Sanderson, Mr. Willis Easley, and Ms. Susan Williams were present. Mr. Tim Partin was absent. Six members were present. There was a quorum.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Rainey made a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Lamb seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PRIOR MEETING

Mr. Rainey made a motion to approve the minutes of October 3, 2011 and October 12, 2011. Mr. Easley seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

CONSENT AGENDA

The consent agenda consists of the monthly personnel report; the report of substitute teachers; the monthly financial reports/business activity; and the report of technology equipment declared surplus and disposed via most economical method. Mr. Rainey made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Mr. Fussell seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

OLD BUSINESS

Consider/Approve Amendment to Board Policy #4.602 – Class Ranking – Upon the recommendation of Mr. Huss, a motion was made by Mr. Lamb to approve, on second and final reading, an amendment to Board Policy #4.602 – Class Ranking. Ms. Sanderson seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Consider/Approve Amendment to Board Policy #4.606 – Graduation Activities – Upon the recommendation of Mr. Huss, a motion was made by Mr. Easley to approve, on second and final reading, an amendment to Board Policy

#4.606 – Graduation Activities. Ms. Williams seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

NEW BUSINESS

Consider/Approve Amendment to Board Policy #6.304 – Student Discrimination/Harassment and Bullying/Intimidation – Upon Mr. Huss' recommendation, a motion was made by Ms. Sanderson to approve, on first reading, an amendment to Board Policy #6.304 – Student Discrimination/Harassment and Bullying/Intimidation. Mr. Lamb seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Consider/Approve Amendment to Board Policy #4.603 – Promotion and Retention – Upon Mr. Huss' recommendation, a motion was made by Mr. Easley to approve, on first reading, an amendment to Board Policy #4.603 – Promotion and Retention. Ms. Williams seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Consider/Approve Amendment to Board Policy #5.109 – Evaluation – Upon the recommendation of Mr. Huss, a motion was made by Ms. Sanderson to approve, on first reading, an amendment to Board Policy #5.109 – Evaluation. Mr. Easley seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Consider/Approve Amendment to Board Policy #6.202 – Home Schools – Upon the recommendation of Mr. Huss, a motion was made by Mr. Lamb to approve, on first reading, an amendment to Board Policy #6.202 – Home Schools. Ms. Sanderson seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Consider/Approve Resolution in Support of Appointed Superintendents – Upon Mr. Huss' recommendation, a motion was made by Mr. Lamb to approve a resolution in support of appointed superintendents. Mr. Easley seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Consider/Approve Resolution Opposing a School Voucher System – Mr. Huss stated that, in his opinion, any type of voucher program would be a deterrent to public education. Therefore, upon his recommendation, a motion was made by Mr. Fussell to approve a resolution in opposition to a school voucher system. Ms. Williams seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Consider/Approve Resolution Opposing a Mandatory School Start Date – Mr. Huss stated that, in his opinion, a mandatory school start date diminishes the power of the local board and is not in the best interest of education. Upon his recommendation, a motion was made by Mr. Easley to approve a resolution in opposition of a mandatory school start date. Mr. Lamb seconded the motion.

MOTION CARRIED.

Consider/Approve Resolution Concerning School Federal Projects Budgets – Upon the recommendation of Mr. Huss, a motion was made by Ms. Sanderson to adopt a resolution to accept the School Federal Projects Fund as approved by the Tennessee Department of Education for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2012. Ms. Williams seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Consider/Approve Budget Amendment for the General Purpose School Fund – Upon the recommendation of Mr. Huss, a motion was made by Mr. Fussell to approve a resolution to amend the General Purpose School Fund Budget for the 2011 – 2012 fiscal year. Ms. Sanderson seconded the motion.

MOTION CARRIED.

Consider/Approve Budget Amendment for School Federal Projects Fund – According to Mr. Huss, the School System was awarded additional funding in the amount of \$13,112 (thirteen thousand, one hundred twelve dollars) after the Board had adopted the School Federal Projects Budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2012. Upon his recommendation, a motion was made by Mr. Easley to approve a resolution to amend the budget of the School Federal Projects Fund to include this one-time award for the 2011 – 2012 fiscal year. Mr. Lamb seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Consider/Approve Request to Declare Property Surplus and Dispose Via Most Economical Method - The following item was presented for Board approval to declare surplus and dispose via the most economical method:

- South Fulton Middle/High School surplus football uniforms that are no longer used by the school due to age. Any funds received for these items would be deposited in the school's athletic fund to offset cost of future purchases.

Upon the recommendation of Mr. Huss, a motion was made by Mr. Fussell to approve the above noted item as surplus and dispose via the most economical method. Ms. Williams seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Consider/Approve Limited Purpose Personal Electronic Devices Procedure – Mr. Huss stated that he and Board members Rainey, Partin, and Easley had attended meetings in regard to the use of personal communication devices as a learning tool in the classroom. They also met with System teachers for further exploration and subsequently, a meeting is scheduled with Greeneville City School System via teleconference to gain more insight into the use of cell phones, iPads, and electronic textbooks in the classroom. Therefore, upon the recommendation of Mr. Huss, a motion was made by Mr. Lamb to approve a limited field test of personal communication devices to enhance student learning in the second semester for grades 9 – 12 with teachers who choose to participate reporting back to the Board with their findings at the May, 2012 Board meeting. Mr. Easley seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Consider/Approve Overnight Student Trip(s) – The following overnight student trip were presented for Board approval:

- Obion County Central High School Band, Various Performances, April 20 – 22, 2012, Marietta, GA

Upon Mr. Huss' recommendation, a motion was made by Mr. Fussell to approve the above noted student overnight trip. Ms. Sanderson seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

DIRECTOR'S UPDATE

The Director's Update included the following item of interest:

- A letter will be sent to students and parents in grades 9 – 12 regarding the use of cell phones and iPads in the classroom.
- School enrollment is down by 60 (sixty) students since the beginning of the school year.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Fussell gave recognition to the Obion County Central High School cheerleaders for winning the State Championship competition.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

The entire meeting was recorded and stored as an electronic copy.

The following resolutions are included as an addendum to the minutes:

- Resolution in Support of Appointed Superintendents
- Resolution Opposing A School Voucher System
- Resolution Opposing a Mandatory School Start Date
- Resolution Concerning School Federal Projects Budgets

The minutes were taken and typed by Diane Terry.

Brian Rainey, Chairman

David W. Huss, Director of Schools