

Obion County Board of Education

Regular Board Meeting

December 1, 2008

The Obion County Board of Education met in regular session on December 1, 2008 at Ridgemont Elementary School. Board Chairman, Roger Williams, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Mr. David Lamb led everyone in prayer.

Mr. Huss called the roll. Mr. Roger Williams, Mr. Jimmy Smith, Mr. Glynn Giffin, Ms. Diane Sanderson, Mr. David Lamb, Mr. Brian Rainey, and Ms. Susan Williams were present. Seven members were present. There was a quorum.

STUDENT/STAFF RECOGNITION

A play, written and produced by students, entitled "Once Upon A Time at Disney High", was presented prior to the Board meeting by the seventh and eighth grade Plus Class of Ridgemont Elementary teacher, Ms. Leigh Ann Davis.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Lamb made a motion to approve the agenda. Ms. Susan Williams seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PRIOR MEETING

Mr. Smith made a motion to approve minutes from the regular Board meeting on November 3, 2008. Mr. Rainey seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

CONSENT AGENDA

The consent agenda consists of the monthly personnel report; the substitute teacher report; and the monthly financial reports/business activity. Mr. Lamb made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Mr. Giffin seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

OLD BUSINESS

The following amendments to Board Policy were approved on first reading at the November meeting and require a second reading for final approval:

Consider/Approve Amendment to Board Policy #1.808 – Registered Sex Offenders
Consider/Approve Amendment to Board Policy #4.301 – Interscholastic Athletics
Consider/Approve Amendment to Board Policy #5.114 – Personnel Records
*Consider/Approve Amendment to Board Policy #6.304 – Student Discrimination/
Harassment and Bullying/Intimidation*
Consider/Approve Policy Concerning Automatic External Defibrillators (AED)

Upon Mr. Huss' recommendation, Mr. Lamb made a motion to approve the second and final reading of the above amendments to Board Policy. Mr. Smith seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

NEW BUSINESS

Consider/Approve Block Scheduling for Obion County Central and South Fulton High Schools – According to Mr. Huss, a change in scheduling is needed at the high school level to meet new State educational requirements and to allow students enough time to participate in other programs such as vocational, sports, etc. Therefore, he presented a block scheduling proposal for Board consideration which would enable students to take four (4) classes the first semester and four (4) new classes in the second semester. He further stated that students could gain four (4) extra credits over a period of four years by their participation in the block scheduling format.

Upon Mr. Huss' recommendation, Mr. Smith made a motion to approve block scheduling for Obion County Central and South Fulton High Schools beginning with the 2009 – 2010 school year. Mr. Lamb seconded the motion.

MOTION CARRIED.

Consider/Approve Request to Temporarily Relax Specific Policies/Procedures Relating to Alternative Education – Upon Mr. Huss' recommendation, Ms. Sanderson made a motion to temporarily relax the following Board Policies/Procedures for the remainder of the school year relative to Alternative Education:

- In lieu of students electing to be suspended from school, they will be required to attend Alternative School.
- Since transportation often presents a hardship for parents of students in Alternative School, the students will be allowed to drive to school or may ride the bus to Alternative School, unless such privileges have been revoked.

Mr. Rainey seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Consider/Approve Amendment to Board Policy #6.200 – Attendance –
Since this amendment is requested to simply reconcile Board Policy with current state law, Mr. Huss recommended that the amendment be approved on the first and final reading. Mr. Lamb made a motion to waive the second reading and approve the amendment to Board Policy #6.200 on the first and final reading. Ms. Sanderson seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Consider/Approve Central Cafeteria Food and Non-Food Item Bids –
According to Mr. Huss, bids are solicited for food and non-food items through the Reelfoot Area Consortium. However, each school system represented must submit the bids/recommendations to their respective Boards for acceptance and approval. Upon the recommendations of Mr. Huss and Food Service Supervisor, Judy Denman, a motion was made by Mr. Rainey to approve the Central Cafeteria food and non-food bids. Mr. Giffin seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Discussion of the District's 2008 State Report Card – Mr. Huss stated that the State's annual report card for Obion County Schools is quite satisfying. Adequate yearly progress has been cited at all levels with improvement shown in graduation rate for the third year in a row. Additionally, an increase is indicated in grades 3 – 8 student achievement scores and 11th grade writing scores for a third straight year. Mr. Huss commended the faculty, staff, and students of the Obion County School System for their hard work in accomplishing these scores. In addition, he expressed his appreciation to the County Commission for their dedication to education and assurance of adequate funding for the schools.

Further analysis of the State Report Card was provided by Mr. James Faulkner, Assistant Director of Schools; Ms. Nancy Hamilton, Supervisor of Instruction Grades 9 – 12; Ms. Lesa Scillion, Supervisor of Instruction, Grades 5 – 8; and Ms. Vikki Stevenson, Supervisor of Instruction Grades PK – 4.

No action by the Board was required on the above agenda item.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Huss reminded the Board of their planned school visit on December 15, 2008 to the Dyer County Schools Vocational facilities.

With no further announcements, the meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

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

The minutes were taken and typed by Diane Terry.

Roger Williams, Chairman

David W. Huss, Director of Schools