

Obion County Board of Education

Regular Board Meeting

February 2, 2009

The Obion County Board of Education met in regular session on February 2, 2009 at Obion County Central High School. Board Chairman, Roger Williams, called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m. Ms. Susan Williams led everyone in prayer.

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

STUDENT/STAFF RECOGNITION

Mr. Jesse Bryant, a representative of the Horace Mann Insurance Company, presented a check for \$1,000 (one thousand dollars) to Mr. Randy Pitts, Principal at Ridgemont Elementary School. Mr. Pitts was the lucky recipient of a prize give-a-way sponsored by Horace Mann for its clients.

Mr. Robert M. Barnes and his family were special guests at the February Board meeting. On behalf of the Obion County Board of Education, Board Chairman, Roger Williams, presented a plaque to Mr. Barnes in honor of over forty (40) years of service as a County Commissioner.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PRIOR MEETING

Mr. Giffin made a motion to approve minutes from the regular Board meeting on January 12, 2009. Mr. Rainey seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

CONSENT AGENDA

The consent agenda consists of the monthly personnel report and the monthly financial reports/business activity. Ms. Sanderson made a motion to

approve the consent agenda. Ms. Susan Williams seconded the motion.

MOTION CARRIED.

OLD BUSINESS

Consider/Approve Amendment to Board Policy #6.502 – Foreign Exchange Students – Upon Mr. Huss' recommendation, Mr. Smith made a motion to approve the amendment to Board Policy #6.502 as suggested by TSBA in reference to foreign exchange students eligibility for free or reduced priced lunches on the second and final reading. Mr. Lamb seconded the motion.

MOTION CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS

Consider/Approve School Calendar for the 2009 – 2010 School Year – On behalf of the calendar committee, Mr. Huss recommended the approval of the school calendar for the 2009 – 2010 school year. Mr. Smith made a motion to approve the calendar as presented. Mr. Lamb seconded the motion. **MOTION**

CARRIED.

Consider/Approve Resolution Affirming Support for Appointed Superintendents – Upon the recommendation of Board Chairman Roger Williams, Mr. Smith made a motion to approve a resolution affirming support for appointed superintendents of schools. Mr. Giffin seconded the motion. **MOTION**

CARRIED.

Consider/Approve Overnight Student Trip – The following overnight student trip was submitted for Board approval:

Obion County Central High School, Academic Decathlon, State Competition, February 19 – 21, 2009, Austin Peay State University, Clarksville, TN

Upon Mr. Huss' recommendation, Mr. Lamb made a motion to approve the above noted overnight student trip. Mr. Rainey seconded the motion. **MOTION**

CARRIED.

DIRECTOR'S UPDATE

Mr. Huss stated that the attendance rate has been good despite the hardships families encountered due to the inclement weather. Additionally, he

informed the Board that absentees will not be penalized until the children can safely return to school.

Mr. Huss presented several items for preliminary discussion in reference to next year's budget and plans for the new school year:

- Tentatively, it appears necessary for a budget reduction of \$500,000 to \$600,000, which would be composed of state cuts and necessary reductions in local funds to offset mandatory increases
- Has met with three (3) supervisors in regard to budget cuts
- Main focus is on grades K – 12 instructional programs
- If Stimulus Package is received, could possibly receive \$560,000 for the Agriculture/Vocational Program
- South Fulton Classroom money is still available
- Checking into possibility of a dual credit program with Newbern Vocational
- IDEA and Title I – possible increases in next two years
- Budget looks good in fuel, but tougher in utilities
- Ten stockpiled days – still within that number

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

A copy of the resolution affirming support for appointed superintendents is incorporated as an addendum to the minutes.

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