

## **Obion County Board of Education**

### **Special Called Board Meeting**

**March 18, 2009**

The Obion County Board of Education met in a special called session on March 18, 2009 at the Obion County Public Library. Board Chairman, Roger Williams, called the meeting to order at 11:01 a.m. Mr. Williams led everyone in prayer.

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

#### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

*Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) Quality Assurance Review Team's Findings* – Dr. Linda Storar, Assistant Superintendent/Curriculum of Pierce County Schools, Blackshear, Georgia, served as Chairperson of the SACS Quality Assurance Review Team in review of Obion County Schools' application for District Accreditation. Prior to presenting their findings, Dr. Storar introduced the following team members: Dr. Marilyn Powell (Vice Chair), Field Consultant Memphis, Tennessee; Patti Copeland, Academic Supervisor, Harding Academy, Memphis, Tennessee; Ms. Betty Wallace, Instructional Supervisor Grades 7 – 12, West Carroll Special School District, Trezevant, Tennessee; Dr. Roy Davenport, Alternative Education Programs, Savannah-Chathan Schools, Savannah, Georgia; and Mr. Jorge Ortega, Director of Teaching and Learning, Leon County Schools, Tallahassee, Florida.

After the conclusion of team introductions, Dr. Storar outlined the steps necessary for SACS District Accreditation and a brief description of Commendations and Recommendations for the Obion County School System.

The Commendations as noted by the Review Team were the following:

- Effective leadership of the Director of Schools
- Constant improvement of purpose/study performance
- Investment in facilities and their maintenance
- Attaining district and school adequate yearly progress (AYP)
- Providing dual enrollment opportunities
- Providing a safe and nurturing environment

Recommendations as noted by the Review Team include the following:

- Provide teachers/staff with sustained professional development opportunities
- Utilize technology for enhanced parent communications

In concluding their review findings, Dr. Storar announced that it is the recommendation of the SACS Review Team that the Obion County School System be awarded accreditation as a Quality School System. Accreditation is granted for a five-year term with a progress report due for submission in two years. Additionally, Dr. Storar informed the Board that the Review Team will submit a more detailed report within the next thirty days.

On behalf of the SACS Review Team, Dr. Storar expressed appreciation for the hospitality, support, respect, and most importantly, their congratulations for our achievement of the SACS Quality School System Award.

Board Chairman, Roger Williams expressed appreciation to the SACS Team for their time and effort involved in the review of our school system.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:21 a.m.

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

The minutes were taken and typed by Diane Terry.

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Roger Williams, Chairman

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David W. Huss, Director of Schools