

# Obion County Board of Education

## Regular Board Meeting

March 2, 2009

The Obion County Board of Education met in regular session on March 2, 2009 at South Fulton Middle/High School. Board Chairman, Roger Williams, called the meeting to order at 6:57 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. Brian Rainey, and Mr. David Lamb were present. Ms. Susan Williams was absent. Six members were present. There was a quorum.

### STUDENT/STAFF RECOGNITION

Teachers of the Year were recognized prior to regular Board business. Presentations were as follows:

#### **Building Level**

*Pre-K – Grade 4 (Introduced by Vikki Stevenson, Supervisor of Instruction)*

Linda Darnall – Black Oak Elementary

Sharon Regen – Hillcrest Elementary

Bethany Ingersoll – Lake Road

Jada Davis – Ridgemont

Jennifer McConnell – South Fulton Elementary

*Grades 5 – 8 (Introduced by Lesa Scillion, Supervisor of Instruction)*

Debbie Batchelor – Black Oak Elementary

May Wiggins – Hillcrest Elementary

Maria Matheny – Lake Road Elementary

Joe Brent Cary – Ridgemont Elementary

Kevin Seymour – South Fulton Elementary

Marina Greer – South Fulton Middle/High

*Grades 9 – 12 (Introduced by Nancy Hamilton, Supervisor of Instruction)*

Jeremy Roney – Career Technology Center

Jeanna Walker – Obion County Central High

Lori Martin – South Fulton Middle/High

#### **System-Wide**

Sharon Regen – Grades Pre-K – 4

Maria Matheny – Grades 5 – 8

Jeanna Walker – Grades 9 -12

Other student/staff recognition was as follows:

- This year's Student Congress on Policies in Education (SCOPE) delegates who will attend the March 12 – 13 conference were introduced. The delegates for Obion County Central High School students are Leisel

Grossner and Travis Daniel. South Fulton High School delegates are Skylar Cherry and Mallory Martin.

- South Fulton High School Beta Club President, Alexander McWhirt reported on the club's various community service activities. Additionally, he thanked the Board for their continuing support of the Beta Club.
- Board member, Diane Sanderson presented a resolution in recognition of the Ridgemont Girls Basketball Team's outstanding accomplishments during the 2008 – 2009 season. With the leadership of Coach Lance Gray and assistant coach Joe Brent Cary, the team captured the TMSAA West Tennessee Sectional Championship, the Obion County Junior High Championship, and the Area 5 Junior High Championship while finishing the season with a 22 – 1 record and posting a cumulative grade point average of 89.6.

#### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

#### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PRIOR MEETING**

Mr. Rainey made a motion to approve minutes from the regular Board meeting on February 2, 2009. Mr. Giffin seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

#### **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

**MOTION CARRIED.**

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

*Consider/Approve Amendments to General Purpose School Fund* – The following amendments to the 2008 – 2009 fiscal year budget were presented for Board approval:

- \$102,443 (one hundred two thousand, four hundred forty-three dollars) to account for an increase in state revenues to pay a one-time state bonus for licensed personnel and related expenditures.
- \$4,745 (four thousand, seven hundred forty-five dollars) to account for an increase in salary in the Alternative School Program. These funds will be transferred from the Special Education Program.

Upon Mr. Huss' recommendation, Mr. Lamb made a motion to approve the above amendments to the General Purpose School Fund for the fiscal year 2008 – 2009. Mr. Smith seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

*Consider/Approve Weight Equipment Bid for Obion County Central and South Fulton High Schools* – In addition to advertising, bids were solicited for the purchase of weight equipment for Obion County Central and South Fulton High Schools. The low bid for each school as submitted by Wilder Fitness was as follows:

- \$26,400 with \$10,000 to be paid by the Board of Education and \$16,400 to be paid by South Fulton High School;
- \$16,450 with \$10,450 to be paid by the Board of Education and \$6,000 to be paid by Obion County Central High School.

Upon Mr. Huss' recommendation, Mr. Giffin made a motion to approve the above stated weight equipment bid for Obion County Central and South Fulton High Schools. Mr. Rainey seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

*Consider/Approve Handbook for Interscholastic Sports – Policies and Procedures* – According to Mr. Huss, this manual represents the first step in defining our mission, while providing consistent policies and procedures for our extracurricular programs. Upon his recommendation, Mr. Smith made a motion to approve the Handbook for Interscholastic Sports – Policies and Procedures on first reading. Mr. Lamb seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

*Recognition of Administrative/Principal Assignments for the 2009 – 2010 School Year* – A complete list of appointments is attached as an addendum to the minutes with the addition of Terri Pike, Director of the Reading Recovery Program. No Board action was required since this was for informational purposes only.

*Consider/Approve Amendment to Board Policy #4.406 – Use of the Internet* – According to Mr. Huss, for Board Policy #4.406 to be in compliance with state law, the State Department of Education recommended the addition of the statement “Employees will receive professional development pertaining to internet safety and security on an annual basis.” Upon the recommendation of Mr. Huss, a motion was made by Mr. Lamb to amend Board Policy # 4.406 to include this statement, waive the second reading, and approve on the first and final reading. Ms. Sanderson seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

*Consider/Approve Overnight Student Trips* – The following overnight student trips were submitted for Board approval:

- Obion County Central High School, Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA), State Conference, March 22 – 25, 2009, Chattanooga, TN
- Obion County Central High School, Art Club, Senior Art Club Trip, March 26 – 29, 2009, Cincinnati, OH
- Obion County Central High School, Family, Career, and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA), State Competition, April 7 – 9, 2009, Opryland Hotel, Nashville, TN
- Hillcrest Elementary School, PLUS Program, May 14 – 16, 2009, Bowling Green, Horse Cave, and Louisville, KY

Upon Mr. Huss’ recommendation, Mr. Smith made a motion to approve the above noted overnight student trips. Mr. Rainey seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

#### **DIRECTOR’S UPDATE**

Mr. Huss presented a brief update to the Board on the following items:

- The Budget Committee of the County Commission expressed their support of the appointment of Director of Schools in lieu of electing School Superintendents.
- Internet provider, Education Networks of America provided gift cards for ten (10) families of school children in need due to the recent ice storm.
- Numerous employees have expressed their thanks to the Board for paying them for days missed on account of the ice storm.
- Ms. Judy Barker, State Representative, expressed her appreciation to the Obion County School System and to Black Oak Principal, Ms. Sheila Stone for the use of Black Oak Elementary as a shelter during the recent ice storm.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mr. David Lamb extended a thank you to the South Fulton Schools for honoring Board members during Board Appreciation Week.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

A resolution in recognition of the Ridgemont Elementary School Girls' Basketball Team is hereby incorporated as an addendum to the minutes.

Resolutions to amend the general purpose school fund budget are hereby incorporated as an addendum to the minutes.

The weight equipment bid comparison for Obion County Central and South Fulton High Schools is hereby 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.

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Roger Williams, Chairman

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David W. Huss, Director of Schools