

Obion County Board of Education

Regular Board Meeting

April 13, 2009

The Obion County Board of Education met in regular session on April 13, 2009 at the Career Technology Center in Union City. Board Chairman, Roger Williams, called the meeting to order at 6:58 p.m. Mr. Jimmy Smith 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. Joe Wade, Career Technology Center Welding Instructor, introduced the following students who will be competing at the Skills USA state competition in Chattanooga, Tennessee on April 19 – April 23:

- Chelsea Bing – Criminal Justice
- Brittany Bizwell – Bulletin Board
- Janey Burpo – Bulletin Board
- Jordan Clouse – Cabinets
- Josh Ferrell – Criminal Justice
- John Michael Green – Criminal Justice
- Brock Griffin – Carpentry
- Cameron Jones – Criminal Justice
- Jonathan Keeling – Masonry
- Kayla Keeling – Interview (Criminal Justice)
- Luke Laster – Collision Repair
- Anna McBride – Cosmetology
- Alison Osborne – Suitcase Display
- Brent Rinker – Residential Wire
- Morgan Solmon – Suitcase Display
- Chase Wright – Collision Repair

Additionally, Dylan Hawks competed in welding at Miller-Motte Technology Center in Goodlettsville, Tennessee on March 14.

Mr. James West, Math Instructor at Obion County Central High School, introduced students who placed in the State Academic Decathlon Competition

that was held at Austin Peay State University on February 20 – 21, 2009.

Students receiving honors were the following:

Essay

Casey Warren – gold

Josh Ferrell – silver

Chelsea Boyd – bronze

Kacee Sanders – bronze

Interview

Michael Ruddy – silver

Speech

Chelsea Hogg – silver

Bret Shelton – bronze

Social Science

Michael Ruddy – gold

Math

Michael Ruddy – bronze

Art

Josh Ferrell – gold

Language and Literature

Josh Ferrell – gold

Chase Roney – silver

Kacee Sanders- bronze

Economics

Kyle Byassee – gold

Chase Roney – silver

Super Quiz

Josh Ferrell – Silver

Plaque for Top Five Finishers in each Division

Josh Ferrell – Fourth in Varsity Division

Michael Ruddy – Fifth in Honor Division

2008 – 2009 Blue Team Members (Third Place Trophy):

Honor Team

Scholastic Team

Varsity Team

Chelsea Boyd

Kacee Sanders

Kyle Byassee

Reid Wiggins

Jordan Smith

Josh Ferrell

Michael Ruddy

Bret Shelton

Chase Roney

2008 – 2009 Red Team Members (Tenth Place)

Honor Team

Scholastic Team

Varsity Team

Barrett Marlowe

Levi Bell

Kendal Byassee

Matthew Roberson

Bradley Harris

Chelsea Hogg

Kacee Warren

Emily Morton

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PRIOR MEETING

Mr. Rainey made a motion to approve minutes from the regular Board meeting of March 2, 2009 and the special called meeting of March 18, 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.

OLD BUSINESS

Consider/Approve Handbook for Interscholastic Sports – Policies and Procedures – Upon the recommendation of Mr. Huss and Mr. Robert Powell, Director of Athletics and Student Affairs, Mr. Smith made a motion to approve the Handbook for Interscholastic Sports Policies and Procedures on the second and final reading. Additionally, it was stated that the Handbook's effective date of implementation will be July 1, 2009. Mr. Rainey seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

NEW BUSINESS

Consider/Approve Resolution Extending Director of Schools Contract to June 30, 2013 – Board Chairman, Roger Williams made a motion to extend Mr. Huss' contract by an additional year which would equate to a four-year contract that will expire at the end of the 2013 fiscal year. Furthermore, Mr. Williams stated that the extended contract for the Director of Schools would express a vote of confidence from the Board which would provide Mr. Huss with an added dimension of job security. After much discussion, Mr. Giffin seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, the Board voted as follows: Mr. Giffin – yes; Mr. Lamb – no; Mr. Rainey – no; Ms. Sanderson – yes; Mr. Smith – yes; Mr. Williams – yes; Ms. Williams – abstain. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Presentation of Charge Letter Recommending Teacher Dismissal – Mr. Huss submitted a letter to the Board in support of the dismissal of Mr. Joe Bryant Driver, a teacher in the Obion County School System. Additionally, he stated that Mr. Driver is charged with insubordination and is currently suspended without pay. Furthermore, Mr. Huss requested a vote from the Board to determine justification of dismissal and certification of the charges against Mr. Driver. A motion was made by Mr. Williams to certify the charges against Mr.

Upon Mr. Huss' recommendation, Mr. Rainey made a motion to accept the low bid submitted by Lawns by Woods for \$610.00 (six hundred ten dollars) per four week period. Mr. Lamb seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Consider/Approve Crisis Management Plan – TCA. §49-6-(3-15) or the SAVE Act (Schools Against Violence in Education) establishes specific and consistent requirements for local education agencies in providing a safe school environment. According to Mr. Huss, district-wide school safety committee members, Heath Cunningham and Donnie Walton, have developed a Crisis Management Plan for Obion County Schools. Upon Mr. Huss' recommendation, Mr. Giffin made a motion to approve the first reading of the Crisis Management Plan as proposed by the safety committee members. Mr. Lamb seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Consider/Approve Recommendations from Textbook Adoption Committee – Upon Mr. Huss' recommendation, Mr. Smith made a motion to approve recommendations of the Textbook Adoption Committees in regard to grades K – 12 Science, Family and Consumer Science, Agriculture, and Wellness textbooks. Mr. Rainey seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Consider/Approve Amendments to the Alternative School Plan – In a prior meeting, the Board temporarily amended the Alternative School Plan by adding the following paragraph to page 2 of the Plan:

All other students assigned to alternative school will be provided transportation from their home school in the morning and back to the home school in the afternoon. This option is not available to students who have been removed from their bus for disciplinary reasons.

Upon Mr. Huss' recommendation, Mr. Smith made a motion to waive the second reading of the amended Alternative School Plan, as noted above, and to adopt it on the first and final reading. Mr. Rainey seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Consider/Approve Board Relations and Procedures – In compliance with TCA §49-2-207, which requires local boards of education to compile and publish an official operating policy pamphlet, Mr. Huss recommended the adoption of a Board Relations and Procedures document. Following the recommendation of

Mr. Huss, Mr. Smith made a motion to adopt a Board Relations and Procedures document for the Obion County Board of Education. Mr. Lamb seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Discussion of Student Cell Phones in School – According to Mr. Huss, there have been several issues this year involving student use of cellular phones during the school day; however, he reiterated that the Board has a sound policy on this issue. He presented policies from other school systems which might be of interest to the Board. No action was taken on this item as it was presented for Board consideration and information only.

Discussion of Parental Communication System – According to Mr. Huss, funds were previously allocated for the purchase of a parental communication system. However, no action has occurred due to a Board directive stipulating the need for Board approval prior to purchasing this system. After a review of various vendor demonstrations by Mr. Dale Hollowell and Mr. Jason Kendall, the School Messenger program appears to be the most compatible with our current attendance program. Although this agenda item was for informational purposes only, Mr. Smith made a motion to pursue efforts in the procurement of a parental communication system for the Obion County Schools. Mr. Giffin seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Consider/Approve Pre-K Smart Board Bid – Bids were solicited from Hatch and Bid Ocean for the purchase of two (2) Smart Board packages for Ridgemont and Hillcrest Elementary Schools' Pre-K Program. A bid was received from Hatch in the amount of \$7,600 (seven thousand, six hundred dollars) for each Smart Board package. Mr. Huss stated that the Pre-K program has an ample amount of funds in its budget to cover the cost of the Smart Boards and additional Smart Boards would be ordered as funds became available for the other elementary schools' Pre-K programs. Upon his recommendation, Ms. Sanderson made a motion to approve the bid from Hatch. Mr. Lamb seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

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

- Obion County Career Technology Center, Skills USA – Welding, State Competitions, March 13 – 14, 2009, Goodlettsville, TN (This trip was not submitted in time for the March meeting; however, Mr. Huss e-mailed the request to all Board members and received no negative responses. Therefore, the request is included for informational purposes only.)
- Obion County Central High School, Beta Club, State Convention /Competitions, April 13 -15, 2009, Opryland Hotel, Nashville, TN (Due to postponing the April meeting for one week, the students were leaving on the day of the Board meeting; however, Mr. Huss emailed the request to all Board members and received no negative response concerning the request.)
- Obion County Career Technology Center, Skills USA, State Competitions, April 19 – 23, 2009, Chattanooga, TN
- South Fulton Elementary School, PLUS Program, May 1 – 2, 2009, Huntsville Space and Rocket Center, Tranquility Base, Huntsville, AL
- Hillcrest Elementary School, PLUS Program, May 14 – 16, 2009, Horse Cave and Louisville, KY, Clarksville, IN (This request was approved at a prior meeting; however, the itinerary changed. Therefore, Mr. Huss asked that the request be resubmitted for Board approval.)

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

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:26 p.m.

The following items are of business are hereby incorporated as an addendum to the minutes:

- Resolution to extend the Director of Schools' Contract
- Resolution to amend the general purpose school fund budget
- Certification of textbook adoption

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