

Obion County Board of Education

Regular Board Meeting

May 18, 2009

The Obion County Board of Education met in regular session on May 18, 2009 at Black Oak Elementary School. Board Chairman, Roger Williams, called the meeting to order at 7:02 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

Ms. Laura Pitts, Beta Club sponsor at Obion County Central High School, introduced the following Beta Club members who represented their school at the recent State competition in Nashville: Matthew Moore, Katie Beth Vancleave, Katie Hardin, Alton Alexander, Laura Burpo, Megan Montgomery, and Jennifer Brooks. Additionally, Ms. Pitts informed the Board that this was the first time OCCHS students had participated at the State level in thirty years, and each student who attended the competition earned points by doing community services such as breakfast at the Comprehensive Development Class (CDC), after school tutoring, and a fund raiser for St. Jude Children's Hospital.

Board member, David Lamb introduced South Fulton Band Director, David Reid. Mr. Reid gave a brief update on the South Fulton band's participation and success in several events. At the Martin Christmas parade, the Band won their category and a prize of \$125. At the MSU Quad State Festival, Jessica Blodgett earned First Chair in the Blue Band and placed ninth of sixty-five flutists overall. Additionally, at the WTSBOA Concert Festival, the Band earned an excellent rating.

Supervisors of Instruction, Ms. Vikki Stevenson, Ms. Lesa Scillion, Ms. Nancy Hamilton, and Ms. Mary Lynn Dodson introduced the following teachers who received tenure in April of this year:

- Black Oak Elementary School – Jamie Huss
- Career Technology Center – Coby Watts
- Hillcrest Elementary School – Cindy Darnall, Travis Johnson, Kelly Rea

- Lake Road Elementary School – Justin McMahan, Kenthia Revell, Sara Thompson
- Obion County Central High School – Jennifer Creech, Sarah Frazier, Michelle Johnston, Jean Little, Shannon Lyon, Donnie Walton
- Ridgemont Elementary School – Paula Boley, Jentrie Coffey, Annette Ferguson, Cheryl Redden
- South Fulton Elementary School – Alisha Hedge
- South Fulton Middle/High School – Lori Martin

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. Rainey made a motion to approve minutes from the special called Board meeting of March 27, 2009 and the regular Board 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. Lamb made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Ms. Sanderson seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

OLD BUSINESS

Consider/Approve Crisis Management Plan – Prior to the Board meeting, a public hearing was held to hear comments concerning the Crisis Management Plan as required by law. There were no comments made. 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 have developed a Crisis Management Plan for Obion County Schools. Upon Mr. Huss' recommendation, Mr. Lamb made a motion to approve the second and final reading of the Crisis Management Plan as proposed by the safety committee members. Mr. Smith seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

NEW BUSINESS

Request to Address the Board – JoMykel Hepler – JoMykel Hepler, a student of Obion County Central High School, addressed the Board in reference to self esteem issues experienced by larger students being required to tuck in

their shirts while attending school. Hepler conducted a survey of students and staff members with the results indicating a possible issue of lower self esteem due to the students being uncomfortable with having to tuck in their shirts. No action was required by the Board as the presentation was for information and discussion only.

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 unprofessional conduct 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. Smith to certify the charges against Mr. Driver based solely on the information as presented. Ms. Sanderson seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Consider/Approve Architect/Construction Manager Proposals for Career Technology Facilities – According to Mr. Huss, the Anderson Buehler Architect proposal includes a fee that would have been charged if the classroom additions and career technology facilities had been combined into one. In addition, they have proposed a fee of 4.25% of the actual construction costs, plus reimbursable expenses of approximately \$2,500.

The Lashlee-Rich Construction proposal includes a construction management fee of 4.5% on the first \$2,500,000 and 4.25% on the next \$2,500,000.

Based upon previous business dealings with Anderson Buehler Architects and Lashlee-Rich Construction Management, Mr. Huss made a recommendation to retain them and extend their contracts to include the career technology facilities. Mr. Giffin made a motion to approve. Mr. Rainey seconded the motion.

MOTION CARRIED.

Consider/Approve Amendment to Board Policy #6.200 – Attendance – The first proposed amendment simplifies the excused/unexcused portion of this policy, while making modifications for block scheduling. The second amendment

defines the requirements of time-for-time in regard to excessive student absenteeism and the recommendation/implementation of an Attendance Point System. The third amendment separates the attendance hearing section of the policy into grades K – 8 and grades 9 – 12.

Upon the recommendation of Mr. Huss, a motion was made by Mr. Smith to approve the proposed amendments to Board Policy #6.200 – Attendance on the first reading. Mr. Lamb seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Consider/Approve Amendment to Board Policy #4.605 – Graduation Requirements – Due to block scheduling, the following amendment was proposed for adoption for the Board:

Student Load Paragraph #7

All students in grades nine (9) through twelve (12) shall be enrolled each semester in subjects that will produce a minimum of three (3) units toward graduation requirements. Hardships, including “career” athletes, or gifted cases may be appealed by the student to the director of schools with further appeal to the Board.

Credits required for graduation shall be as follows:

For the 2009 – 2010 school year, 23 credits shall be required to receive a diploma.

For the 2010 – 2011 school year, 24 credits shall be required to receive a diploma.

For the 2011 – 2012 school year, 25 credits shall be required to receive a diploma.

For the 2012 – 2013 school year and thereafter, 26 credits shall be required to receive a diploma.

Upon the recommendation of Mr. Huss to adopt the above amendment to Board Policy #4.605, Mr. Lamb made a motion to approve. Ms. Susan Williams seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Consider/Approve Door Access Control Bid – The following bids were received for the purchase of door access control systems (key card systems) for classroom additions at Hillcrest and Lake Road Elementary Schools and for South Fulton Elementary School:

<u>Bidder Name</u>	<u>SFE</u>	<u>HC</u>	<u>LR</u>	<u>Combination</u>
Townsend Systems	\$19,400.00	\$8,700.00	\$10,200.00	\$38,000.00
Data Network Systems	\$19,630.00	\$10,352.00	\$12,693.00	\$42,675.00
Pro-Tec Security	\$21,295.91	\$ 5,306.05	\$ 6,132.07	\$32,734.03

Upon the recommendation of Mr. Huss and Mr. Phil Graham to split the bid, a motion was made by Ms. Sanderson to award the South Fulton Elementary School bid to Townsend Systems for \$19,400.00 (nineteen thousand, four hundred dollars) and to award classroom additions at Hillcrest and Lake Road Elementary Schools to Pro-Tec Security for \$11,438.12 (eleven thousand, four

hundred thirty eight dollars and twelve cents). Mr. Rainey seconded the motion.

MOTION CARRIED.

Consider/Approve Application for Approval of Special Course – ACT Test Preparation – Upon Mr. Huss' recommendation, Mr. Smith made a motion to approve a first year application for South Fulton High School and a second year application for Obion County Central High School to teach an ACT Test Preparation class during the 2009 – 2010 school year. Additionally, it was noted that these courses will not require additional personnel. Mr. Rainey seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Consider/Approve Requests to Declare Property Surplus and Dispose via Most Economical Method – The Transportation Department submitted a request to declare surplus one 1995, 72-passenger International school bus which needs extensive repairs; and one 1994 GMC pick-up truck that was taken out of service due to excessive mileage.

Hillcrest Elementary School submitted a request to declare surplus football helmet that are too old to be reconditioned. Furthermore, they requested permission to sell the helmets for \$10 (ten dollars) each with the funds to be deposited into the school's football account to offset the cost of reconditioning other helmets used in the football program.

Mr. Huss recommended Board approval of declaring the above noted vehicles as surplus with disposition via the most economical method. Additionally, he recommended the disposal of the above mentioned football helmets via the most economical method with the proceeds to be deposited to the school's football account and used within the program. Mr. Giffin made a motion to approve. Ms. Susan Williams seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Consider/Approve Request to Hold Instructional Sports Camps and Payment of Salary Supplements – According to Mr. Huss, coaches from South Fulton Middle/High School have requested permission to hold instructional sports camps for the students of Obion County. Each camper would be charged a fee to cover costs of holding the camps, with any remaining funds to be submitted

through the Central Office to be included in regular payroll as supplements for the instructors. All purchases and supplements would follow Board Policy. Upon Mr. Huss' recommendation, Mr. Lamb made a motion to approve. Mr. Smith seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Consider/Approve Designation of Fund Balance for Special Education Transportation – Upon Mr. Huss' recommendation, Mr. Rainey made a motion to approve all revenues associated with special education transportation service agreements between the Obion County School System and other school systems being designated for the purchase of a special education bus. Mr. Giffin seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Discussion/Consideration of Lindenwood School Property – After discussing the viability of restoring the Lindenwood School property, Mr. Smith made a motion to deed the above mentioned property back to Obion County. Mr. Lamb seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Recognize Gifts from Masonic Lodge – In accordance with Board Policy #2.401, Mr. Huss accepted ten (10), 20-inch bicycles from Masonic Lodge representative, Mr. Kelly Walker with the stipulation that each elementary school would receive two bicycles to be distributed by the end of the year in the following manner:

- One bicycle will be awarded based on reading achievement, as determined by the school's principal.
- The second bicycle will be awarded based on mastery of the most math objectives; most overall progress; or outstanding character.

On behalf of the Board and school administrators, Mr. Huss expressed sincere appreciation for the gifts made by the Masonic Lodge in recognition of our outstanding students. No action was required for this item of business as it was for information only.

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

- Lake Road Elementary School, PLUS Class grades 4 – 8, May 19 – 20, 2009, Memphis Zoo, Memphis, TN (at a previous Board meeting, the Board approved an overnight trip for the Lake Road Elementary PLUS class to visit the Hermitage in Nashville, TN; that trip was not taken, and this trip is a substitute for the Nashville trip.)
- South Fulton Middle School, PLUS Class grades 6 – 8, May 19 – 20, 2009, Memphis Zoo, Memphis, TN
- Obion County Central and South Fulton High Schools, Agriculture Forestry Camp, May 31 – June 5, 2009, Fall Creek Falls State Park, Doyle, TN

- Obion County Central and South Fulton High Schools, State FFA Leadership Training Camp, June 15 – 19, 2009, Fall Creek Falls State Park, Doyle, TN
- South Fulton High School, BETA Club National Competitions, June 17 – 20, 2009, Orlando, FL
- Obion County Central High School, HOSA National Competitions, June 24 – 26, 2009, Opryland Hotel, Nashville, TN
- Obion County Central High School, FCCLA National Competition, July 12 – 13, 2009, Opryland Hotel, Nashville, TN

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A special called Board meeting will be held around the date of June 26, 2009.

The next regular scheduled Board meeting will be held June 1, 2009 at South Fulton Elementary School with the retiree reception to be held prior to the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

The South Fulton High School graduation ceremony will be held at 5:30 p.m. and the Obion County Central High School graduation will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, May 22, 2009.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:04 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