

Obion County Board of Education

Regular Board Meeting

November 3, 2008

The Obion County Board of Education met in regular session on November 3, 2008 at South Fulton Elementary. Board Chairman, Roger Williams, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Brian Rainey led everyone in prayer.

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

STUDENT/STAFF RECOGNITION

The Board unanimously approved a resolution in recognition of the 2008 South Fulton Middle School Football team for their accomplishments and honors brought to the school and community during the 2008 football season. Board member David Lamb presented the resolution to team and school representatives.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Lamb made a motion to approve the agenda with an amendment to include a field trip request by Ms. Leigh Ann Davis. Mr. Smith seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PRIOR MEETING

Mr. Smith made a motion to approve minutes from the regular Board meeting on October 6, 2008. Mr. Giffin seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

CONSENT AGENDA

The consent agenda consists of the monthly personnel report; the substitute teacher report; the monthly financial reports/business activity; and the recognition of an easement granted by the County Commission to the Tennessee

Department of Transportation. Mr. Lamb made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Mr. Rainey seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

OLD BUSINESS

Consider/Approve Amendment to Board Policy #3.206 – Community Use of School Facilities – Upon Mr. Huss' recommendation, Mr. Rainey made a motion to approve the second and final reading of the amendment to Board Policy #3.206. Mr. Lamb seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

NEW BUSINESS

Presentation of Individual School Activity Fund Audit and Individual School Cafeteria Agreed Upon Procedures Report – Mr. David Hart – Mr. Hart, a CPA with Alexander, Thompson, and Arnold, presented his recommendations in reference to the Individual School Activity Fund Audit and Individual School Cafeteria Agreed Upon Procedures. There were no serious findings indicated. However, he did recommend training sessions every two or three years to familiarize school bookkeepers with rules and regulations pertaining to school activity funds. Additionally, Mr. Hart stated that there are no current issues in regard to Individual School Cafeteria Agreed Upon Procedures. Since this item is for informational purposes only, no action was required by the Board.

Consider/Approve Amendment to Board Policy #1.808 – Registered Sex Offenders – According to Mr. Huss, TSBA has recommended an amendment to Board Policy #1.808, Registered Sex Offenders, to comply with recent changes to TCA §40-39-201. Upon his recommendation, Mr. Lamb made a motion to approve the amendment on first reading. Mr. Smith seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Consider/Approve Amendment to Board Policy #2.404 – School Support Organizations – Upon Mr. Huss' recommendation, Mr. Smith made a motion to approve the amendment to Board Policy #2.404 on first and final reading. Mr. Lamb seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Consider/Approve Amendment to Board Policy #4.301 – Interscholastic Athletics – According to Mr. Huss, the anti-hazing language, which, up to this point, has been exclusively within the Interscholastic Athletics Policy, has been

moved from Board Policy #4.301 to Board Policy #6.304. Board Policy #6.304 addresses anti-bullying programs and the language now specifically applies to all school programs. Therefore, upon the recommendation of TSBA, Mr. Huss recommended the deletion of lines twenty six (26) and twenty seven (27) of Board Policy #4.301. Upon Mr. Huss' recommendation, Mr. Rainey made a motion to approve the amendment to Board Policy #4.301 on first reading. Ms. Williams seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Consider/Approve Amendment to Board Policy #5.114 – Personnel Records – According to Mr. Huss, TSBA recommended amendments to Board Policy #5.114, which addresses confidentiality procedures for personnel records maintained by the System. Upon Mr. Huss' recommendation, Mr. Lamb made a motion to approve the amendment to Board Policy #5.114 on first reading. Mr. Rainey seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Consider/Approve Amendment to Board Policy #6.304 – Student Discrimination/Harassment and Bullying/Intimidation – Mr. Huss stated that the anti-hazing language in Board Policy #4.301, which exclusively addresses athletic programs, has been moved to Board Policy #6.304. Furthermore, the language in Board Policy #6.304 is now specifically applied to all school programs. Upon his recommendation, Mr. Lamb made a motion to approve the amendment to Board Policy #6.304 on first reading. Ms. Susan Williams seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Consider/Approve Policy Concerning Automatic External Defibrillators (AED) – Upon Mr. Huss' recommendation, Mr. Smith made a motion to approve the first reading of a proposed policy concerning the placement of and training for the use of automatic external defibrillators in the System. Mr. Rainey seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Consider/Approve Resolution Regarding the Grant of Taxing Authority to School Boards – According to Mr. Huss, the proposed resolution gives recognition and appreciation for the financial support appropriated on an annual basis by the County Commission for our School System. Furthermore, the resolution provides that the Obion County Board of Education will not actively

seek the grant of taxing authority to school boards in the State of Tennessee. Upon the recommendation of Mr. Huss, Mr. Lamb made a motion to approve the proposed resolution. Mr. Giffin seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Consider/Approve Request from Transportation Department to Declare Property Surplus and Dispose Via Most Economical Method – According to Mr. Huss, the Transportation Department has submitted a request to declare surplus two (2) 1993 school buses with a passenger capacity of seventy two (72); one (1) 1985 John Deere lawn mower; and one (1) 1985 school bus. Upon his recommendation, Mr. Rainey made a motion to declare the property surplus and approve the disposition of the surplus property via the most economical method. Mr. Giffin seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Consider/Approve Bids for Student Lockers at Black Oak Elementary School – The following bids were received for lockers at Black Oak Elementary School:

1. Dale and Dale	\$25,571.00
2. Fastenal	\$34,589.19
3. Townsend Door & Hardware	\$35,317.00
4. Division 10 (faxed bid not accepted)	\$21,675.00

(Note: To preserve the integrity of the bidding process, our Board policy is to request sealed bids followed by a formal bid opening. Division 10 submitted a faxed bid which made them ineligible for consideration.)

Upon Mr. Huss recommendation to accept the low bid which met Board specifications, Mr. Lamb made a motion to approve the bid from Dale & Dale in the amount of twenty-five thousand, five hundred seventy-one dollars (\$25,571).

Mr. Rainey seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.** Subsequent to vote approving the student lockers, the Board unanimously approved the bid procedures used in this bid process. The Director is to reduce these procedures to writing as guidance for future purchases.

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

1. Obion County Central High School Cheerleaders, Cheer Competition, December 5 – 6, 2008, Murphy Center, Murfreesboro, TN
2. Leigh Ann Davis Plus Class, May 1 – 2, 2009, Hannibal, MO

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

DIRECTOR'S UPDATE

Mr. Huss stated that construction crews are on-site at Hillcrest and Lake Road Elementary Schools making preparations for the new classroom additions. Additionally, he informed the Board that he will have a surprise announcement in reference to the schools report card at the December meeting. He referred to the possibility of its' results being comparable to elite school systems in much larger metropolitan areas.

Mr. Huss invited supervisors and school faculty members to give a brief update to the Board. Those in attendance who addressed the Board were Larry Parks, Supervisor of Transportation; Sheila Stone, Black Oak Elementary Principal; Adam Stephens, South Fulton Middle/High Principal; Heather Kendall, School Health Coordinator; Elise Braswell, South Fulton Elementary Principal; Patresa Rogers, South Fulton Elementary Assistant Principal; Linda Short, Obion County Central High Principal; and Robert Powell, Director of Athletics and Student Affairs.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Williams reminded the Board of their planned school visits in November and their visit to the Dyer County Schools Vocational facilities in December. It was decided that the scheduling of dates/time will be coordinated at the Board Office and each Board member will be contacted by e-mail or phone to provide them with their itinerary.

A copy of the resolution recognizing the South Fulton Middle School Football team is hereby attached as an addendum to the minutes.

A copy of the resolution regarding the grant of taxing authority to school boards is hereby attached as an addendum to the minutes.

With no further announcements, the meeting adjourned at 8:07 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