

# **Obion County Board of Education**

## **Regular Board Meeting**

**January 11, 2010**

The Obion County Board of Education met in regular session on January 11, 2010 at Lake Road Elementary School. Board Chairman, Roger Williams, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Mr. David Lamb led everyone in prayer.

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

### **STUDENT/STAFF RECOGNITION**

Prior to the regular business of the Board meeting, twenty students from Lake Road Elementary Fifth Grade Rhythm Band showcased their talents by playing "Rhythm Parade". They were followed by the Obion County Children's Chorus which sang "The National Anthem". The Rhythm Band and the Chorus were led by music instructor, Ms. Jeannie Foster.

Bryleigh Jennings, a fifth grader at Lake Road Elementary, presented her speech titled "Who I Admire Most – My Grandad" which had previously won first place in the County 4-H Speech Contest.

### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PRIOR MEETINGS**

Mr. Lamb made a motion to approve minutes from the regular Board meeting of October 5, 2009 and the special called meeting on November 2, 2009. Mr. Fussell seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

The consent agenda consists of the monthly personnel report, report of substitute teachers, and financial reports/business activity. Ms. Susan Williams made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Mr. Rainey seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

*Discussion of the District's 2009 State Report Card* – A synopsis of the Obion County Schools' State Report Card was presented by Assistant Director of Schools, Mr. James Faulkner; Supervisor of Instruction Grades 9 – 12, Ms. Nancy Hamilton; Supervisor of Instruction Grades 5 – 8, Ms. Lesa Scillion; and Supervisor of Instruction Pre-K – Grade 4, Ms. Vikki Stevenson. Areas of strength included:

- Top 25% in State with available money spent for each child below State average.
- System is in good standing based on No Child Left Behind standards and has All Safe Schools.
- System has 99.3% rate of highly qualified teachers.
- No schools on State improvement list; adequate yearly progress has been met at all schools.
- 2009 graduation rate of 88% is above State average.
- All schools and the System are SACS accredited.

Areas of need, which are already being addressed, include:

- Hispanic students and students with disabilities had slightly lower scores, but were still above State average.
- Deficiencies in high school scores are being addressed with the use of math tutors and ACT prep classes.

Mr. Huss concluded the State Report Card presentation by stating that one of the areas which he is most proud is the graduation rate which is only 2% from the State goal. However, his goal is to surpass the State goal of 90% for graduation. Additionally, Mr. Huss emphasized his pride for the supervisors, teachers, and support staff of the System while expressing appreciation to the County Commission, the School Board, and the community for their continued support.

No action was required by the Board as this item was for information only.

*Consider/Approve Amendments to the General Purpose School Fund Budget* – According to Mr. Huss, the first amendment is for additional grant funds which were awarded to the Adult Education Program in the amount of \$42,796 (forty two thousand, seven hundred ninety-six dollars) to establish a GED Preparation for Youth Program. The second amendment is to account for a \$1,500 (one thousand, five hundred dollar) contribution from the Kohler Company to the Adult Education Program. Upon his recommendation, a motion was made

by Mr. Lamb to approve both amendments to the General Purpose School Fund. Ms. Sanderson seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

*Consider/Approve Amendment to Board Policy #6.314 – Corporal Punishment* – According to Mr. Huss, TSBA (Tennessee School Boards Association) has provided a proposed policy change to Board Policy #6.314 Corporal Punishment. The amended policy would delete item number six (6) which states: “In determining the use and degree of corporal punishment, consideration will be given to the age, sex, size, physical, and emotional condition of the child.” Upon his recommendation, a motion was made by Mr. Rainey to approve the proposed change to Board Policy #6.314 on the first and final reading. Ms. Susan Williams seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

*Consider/Approve Amendment to Board Policy #2.200 – Annual Operating Budget* – To update Board Policy #2.200, Mr. Huss recommended the following changes:

1. Strike all references to “budget director” and replace with “director of schools”.
2. Strike “January 1” in the fifth paragraph and replace with “March 1”.
3. Under the heading “Final Adoption Procedure, replace “July” with “August”.

*Consider/Approve Amendment to Board Policy #2.400 – Revenues* – The following revisions to Board Policy #2.400 were recommended by Mr. Huss:

1. In the second paragraph, line 7, remove phrase “from lunch rooms”.
2. Under the heading “Fines”, the second sentence should be struck and replaced with:  
All funds collected for lost or damaged textbooks, equipment, and buildings shall be remitted to the Central Office for accounting through the General Purpose School Fund. All funds collected for lost or damaged library books, including fines, shall be receipted and accounted for through the individual school’s library restricted account. The school principal shall ensure that all funds placed in the library restricted account for lost or damaged library books, including fines, is expended to purchase new and/or additional library books. All funds collected for fines shall be receipted and accounted for through the individual school’s general activity fund.
3. Under the heading “Tuition Income”, for clarity purposes, this sentence should be struck and replaced with:  
Tuition collected from nonresident students shall be remitted to the Central Office for accounting through the General Purpose School Fund.

*Consider/Approve Amendment to Board Policy #2.402 – Investment Earnings* – Mr. Huss recommended the following revision to Board Policy #2.402:

To keep standard practices intact, line 5 can be amended to state: Interest earned on restricted fund accounts shall be credited to revenue in the general activity fund in order to offset some of the operating expenses of each restricted activity.

*Consider/Approve Amendment to Board Policy #2.804 – Expenses and Reimbursements* – For clarification purposes, Mr. Huss recommended that the following be added as a separate heading under Board Policy #2.804:

**DAY TRAVEL**

“Day travel” is defined as any school related travel that begins and ends during a day and does not include trips that require overnight accommodations.

School personnel who incur expenses in carrying out their authorized duties will be reimbursed upon submission of approved vouchers and supporting receipts. School personnel are encouraged to use county-owned vehicles for all day travel outside the county limits of Obion. If employees voluntarily choose to use their personal vehicle for day travel outside the county limits of Obion, employees will be reimbursed based upon fuel receipts. If the Supervisor of Transportation certifies in writing that a county-owned vehicle was not available for use, employees will be reimbursed in accordance with regulations and standards set by the Tennessee Department of Education, which is calculated at an approved rate per mile times the total number of miles traveled.

Employees will be reimbursed for day travel within the county limits of Obion in accordance with regulations and standards set by the Tennessee Department of Education, which is calculated at an approved rate per mile times the total number of miles traveled.

Upon the recommendation of Mr. Huss, a motion was made by Mr. Lamb to approve amendments to above noted policies #2.200 – Annual Operating Budget; #2.400 – Revenues; #2.402 – Investment Earnings; and #2.804 – Expenses and Reimbursements on the first and final reading. Ms. Sanderson seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

*Consider/Approve Access Control System for South Fulton Middle/High School* – Bids were submitted by the following vendors for the purchase of a door access control system for South Fulton Middle/High School:

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Door Access System</u>	<u>Maintenance Agreement</u>	<u>Annual Maintenance</u>
Townsend Systems	\$17,000.00	\$1,900.00	\$650.00
Edutech	\$16,886.63	No Bid	No Bid
Pro Tec Security	\$13,031.15	\$625.00	\$250.00

Upon the recommendation of Mr. Huss, a motion was made by Mr. Fussell to approve the above noted low bid from Pro Tec Security for the door access

system, maintenance agreement, and annual maintenance for South Fulton Middle/High School. Mr. Lamb seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

*Consider/Approve Central Cafeteria Food and Non-Food Item Bids* – According to Mr. Huss, the Reelfoot Area Consortium solicited bids from Hardin’s Sysco, U. S. Foods, and Gordon Foodservice for the second semester of the school year. The Consortium approved the low bids submitted by Hardin’s Sysco for all food and non-food items in proposal I and II; and U.S. Foods for volatile bid items. However, each individual school board must accept the bids. Upon the recommendation of Mr. Huss and Food Service Supervisor, Ms. Judy Denman, a motion was made by Ms. Sanderson to approve the bids as submitted by the Consortium. Mr. Fussell seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

*Consider/Approve Requests to Declare Property Surplus and Dispose Via Most Economical Method* – Upon the recommendation of Mr. Huss, a motion was made by Mr. Lamb to declare surplus old football helmets from Lake Road Elementary School; allow the helmets to be sold at a cost of \$10 (ten dollars) each with the proceeds to be deposited to the school’s football account and used within the program; and to have the buyer sign a waiver of liability upon purchase of helmet(s). Mr. Fussell seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

## **DIRECTOR’S UPDATE**

Mr. Huss presented a brief update on the 2010 – 2011 School Calendar. He stated that the school calendar committee had met twice, and after taking various ideas back to their respective schools, were in agreement on the following parameters and challenges:

- .A preference for ninety (90) day semesters due to high school block scheduling
- Continue traditional dismissal of students for Fair Day
- At least 150 days of instruction prior to TCAP testing
- Teachers requested that all five (5) days of staff development be scheduled

Therefore, the committee agreed upon and voted unanimously to recommend the proposed calendar for the 2010 – 2011 school year. To allow the Board

sufficient time for review, the proposed school calendar will not be an action item until the February 1, 2010 meeting.

According to Mr. Huss, the yearly Board retreat is tentatively scheduled for March 26, 2010 at the Obion County Public Library. No action was required on this item as it was for information only.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

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

Amendments to the General Purpose School Fund Budget are hereby incorporated as addendums to the minutes.

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