

# Obion County Board of Education

## Special Called Session

### Board Retreat

March 26, 2010

The Obion County Board of Education met in a special called session on March 26, 2010 at the Obion County Public Library. Board Chairman, Roger Williams, called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m.

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

#### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

A motion was made by Mr. Lamb to add as a topic of discussion under Item XI. – Consider/Approve Students from Obion County Central and South Fulton High Schools to Serve as Student Representatives to the Board. Mr. Rainey seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

A motion was made by Mr. Lamb to approve the agenda. Mr. Fussell seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

The Board Retreat presented the Board with an opportunity to receive updates on the following items of business:

- Ms. Terri Pike and Ms. Vikki Stevenson presented a Reading Recovery/Balanced Literacy Update.
- Panel Discussions were presented by Black Oak Elementary Principal Ms. Sheila Stone; Hillcrest Elementary Principal, Ms. Melinda McCullough; Lake Road Elementary Principal, Mr. Dennis Buckelew; Ridgemont Elementary Principal, Mr. Randy Pitts; Obion County Central High Principal, Ms. Linda Crigger; South Fulton Elementary Principal, Mr. Elise Braswell; and South Fulton Middle/High Principal, Mr. Adam Stephens.

- Special Programs Updates including Pre-K, LEAPs, Inclusion, and ESL were presented by Ms. Vikki Stevenson and Ms. Mary Lynn Dodson.

No action was required by the Board on the above items as they were for informational purposes only.

*Development of Board Goals/Adoption of Board Resolution – Tennessee Diploma Project* – Mr. Lamb made a motion to approve a resolution in support of Tennessee Academic Standards. Ms. Sanderson seconded the motion.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

*Consider/Approve Students from Obion County Central and South Fulton High Schools to Serve as Student Representatives to the Board* – Upon the suggestion of Mr. Huss, a motion was made by Mr. Lamb to allow SCOPE (Student Congress on Policies in Education) delegates from the two County high schools to serve as student representatives to the Board, on a rotating basis, during their senior year in high school. Such student members will attend Board meetings and provide input from the student perspective; however, the student representatives would not, by law, have a vote on matters requiring Board action. Mr. Fussell seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

*Director of Schools Annual Evaluation* - The final item of business on the agenda was the Director of Schools annual evaluation. Board members recently completed their individual evaluations of Mr. Huss' job performance, which reflected an overall approval rating of 85.11%.

Within the evaluation, Board members noted areas of strength and areas of possible improvement. Notable strengths include his dedication to the education of Obion County children; effective staff development; leadership ability; communication skills; open-minded to new ideas from staff and Board; knowledgeable of current trends and issues in education; organizational skills; development of good implementation procedures for Board policies; dedication to the pursuit of excellence in education; and good character. Areas of possible improvement included increased promotion of good things happening in the schools; better visibility in the schools and in public; community involvement outside the school system; development of public/private partnerships that will

benefit the students; addressing support staff concerns; and ensuring a vocational program that is in alignment with modern standards.

No official action was taken on Mr. Huss' contract. However, a discussion of extending his contract is on the agenda for the next regular school board meeting in April.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 3:23 p.m.

The evaluation of Mr. Huss was recorded and stored as an electronic copy.

The resolution in support of the new Tennessee academic standards is hereby included as an addendum 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