

# **Obion County Board of Education**

## **Regular Board Meeting**

**April 5, 2010**

The Obion County Board of Education met in regular session on April 5, 2010 at the Career Technology Center in Union City. Board Chairman, Roger Williams, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Fritz Fussell 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. Six members were present. There was a quorum.

### **STUDENT/STAFF RECOGNITION**

Prior to the regular business of the Board, Skills USA students who plan to participate in the Chattanooga state competition on April 26 through April 29 were introduced by their current president, Luke Laster. Competitors and their areas of competition include the following:

- Auto Body Structural – Chase Wright
- Cabinet Making – Bo Falgout
- Carpentry – Brandon Stevenson
- Cosmetology – Anna McBride
- Crime Scene – Stephanie Glisson, Kayla Long
- Criminal Justice – John Michael Green, Ethan Vaughn
- Job Interview – Kayla Keeling
- Suitcase Occupation – Kelsey Johnson, Sarah Long, Morgan Solomon
- Welding – Shane Walley

FTA (Future Teachers of America) sponsors, Mr. Terrance Moore and Ms. Beth McManus, introduced the following students who were in competition at Nashville on March 25 and March 26:

Christian Gardner, Lauren Jones, Devin Ellison, Petie Jackson, Nikki McCord, Rachel Praytor, Brittany Hill, Josh Gale

Areas of competition and honors were as follows:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place Creative Writing – Rachel Praytor
- Chairman of State FTA Board – Josh Gale
- Group honors of 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Scrapbook, 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Best Project, 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Most Outstanding Chapter

## **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Mr. Rainey made a motion to approve an amended agenda with the addition of an overnight South Fulton High School FFA field trip. Mr. Lamb seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

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

Ms. Williams made a motion to approve minutes from the regular Board meeting of March 8, 2010 and the special called meeting on March 26, 2010. 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. Mr. Lamb made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Ms. Williams seconded the motion.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

*Consider/Approve Resolution Extending Director's Contract to June 30, 2014* – Upon the recommendation of Board Chairman, Roger Williams, a motion was made by Ms. Sanderson to approve the resolution to extend Mr. Huss' contract to June 30, 2014. Mr. Rainey seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, the Board voted as follows: Mr. Roger Williams – yes; Mr. Brian Rainey – yes; Mr. Fritz Fussell – yes; Mr. David Lamb – no; Ms Diane Sanderson – yes; Ms. Susan Williams – yes. **MOTION CARRIED**

*Recognition of Administrative/Principal Assignments for the 2010 – 2011 School Year* – The Board was presented a report detailing the administrative, principal, and assistant principal assignments for the 2010 – 2011 School Year. No Board action was necessary, as the report was for informational purposes only.

*Consider/Approve Teachers Recommended for Tenure* – The following teachers did not receive a recommendation for rehire from his/her respective principal and/or instructional supervisor:

Lake Road Elementary – Danny Bomar

Obion County Central High – Joshua Puckett, Sara Wharton

The above noted teachers have received notification in accordance with Board Policy #5.117 and TCA §49-5-409(a)(2) (requiring notification prior to April 15).

In accordance with TCA §49-2-203(1), teachers recommended for tenure by their respective principal and/or instructional supervisor(s) were as follows:

Black Oak Elementary – Lanna Hicks, Brian Moffitt  
Hillcrest Elementary – Michelle Buchanan, Jessica Eason, Candice McMahan  
Lake Road Elementary – Melanie Baggett, Mindy Galbraith, Joshua McKinnis  
Obion County Central High – Shawna Pounds, Michelle Powell, Craig Rogers,  
Casey Webb, Billy Windsor  
Ridgmont Elementary – Donald Capps, Jennifer Cox, Hope Ross, Melissa Seymour  
South Fulton Elementary – Stacy Hogan, Melissa Merritt  
Central Office – Terri Pike

Upon the recommendation of Mr. Huss, a motion was made by Mr. Lamb to approve tenure for the above noted teachers. Mr. Fussell seconded the motion.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

*Consider/Approve Amendment to Board Policy #4.602 – Class Ranking –*

The following amendments to Board Policy #4.602 were presented for Board approval:

- Strike lines 4 and 5 and replace with: All grades earned in grades 9, 10, 11, and the first three nine-week grading periods of grades 12 will be counted toward the grade point average and the rank in class.
- Strike lines 24 through 26 and replace with: The valedictorian and salutatorian must be participants in the Obion County Challenge Program. Students must have been enrolled in the Obion County School System four (4) semesters in order to be eligible for these awards.
- Strike line 28 through 29 and replace with: The valedictorian and salutatorian selection will be determined at the end of the third nine-week grading period of the senior year.
- Strike from line 31, page 1 through line 13, page 2 and replace with: To be a graduate of the Obion County Challenge Program, the student must have completed, as part of his/her graduation requirements 4 credits in English (honors level, if offered); 4 credits in math (Algebra I, Algebra II, geometry, and advanced math); 4 credits in science (Biology I, Chemistry I, Biology II, Chemistry II, or physics); 2 Career and Technical Education courses; minimum requirement of the Tennessee Diploma Project; student must maintain a B average; student must maintain a 95 percent attendance rate; and student must have an acceptable discipline record with no out-of-school suspensions.
- Strike the last paragraph on page 2 and replace with: The Top Ten students will be based on cumulative grade averages (accumulated years). Class rankings for grades eleven and below will be determined by the cumulative long semester averages. All Top Ten Awards for seniors will be finalized by the end of the third nine-week grading period of the current school year.

Upon the recommendation of Mr. Huss, a motion was made by Mr. Lamb to approve the first reading of amendments as noted to Board Policy #4.602. Ms. Sanderson seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

*Consider/Approve Amendments to Handbook for Interscholastic Sports –*  
The following amendments to the Obion County Schools Handbook for Interscholastic Sports, as proposed by the Athletic Advisory Committee, were submitted for Board approval:

- On page 10 under the title “Communication You Should Expect from your Student-Athlete’s Coach,” strike item 6 and replace with “Team rules, guidelines, and consequences for infractions in addition to the athletic manual.
- On page 11 under the title “Eligibility of Participation,” add the second sentence “Any student that does not meet the attendance requirements for the proceeding semester will be ineligible in the following semester.”
- On pages 15 and 16, strike items 1, 2, and 3 and substitute (1) Use of Drugs; (2) Use of Alcohol; (3) Tobacco Policy – the Committee will follow Board Policy.
- On page 16, item 7, strike the first two sentences and replace with “A student-athlete who is arrested/charged with a crime will be removed from athletic participation until the Athletic Advisory Committee can hold a hearing to review the case. The committee will meet within five (5) school days.”

Upon the recommendation of the Athletic Committee and Mr. Huss, a motion was made by Mr. Rainey to approve the above noted amendments to the Handbook for Interscholastic Sports on first reading. Ms. Williams seconded the motion.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

*Consider/Approve Budget Amendment to the General Purpose School Fund –* According to Mr. Huss, a grant was written by South Fulton Middle/High School Librarian, Ms. Brandi Cantrell, to conduct a summer work program for youth. The school was awarded the grant totaling \$13,179.95 (thirteen thousand, one hundred seventy-nine dollars and ninety-five cents) and the funds will be used to pay all salaries, wages, etc. of the program. Upon the recommendation of Mr. Huss, a motion was made by Mr. Lamb to approve the above noted budget amendment to the General Purpose School Fund. Mr. Fussell seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

*Consider/Approve Pre-K Playground/Exercise Equipment Bid –* The following bids were received for the purchase of Pre-K playground/exercise

equipment for Lake Road, Hillcrest, and Ridgemont Elementary Schools' Pre-K Programs:

- Custom Recreation – \$27,988.23
- Kidz Zone Play Systems - \$27,278.44

Upon the recommendation of Mr. Huss, a motion was made by Mr. Fussell to approve the low bid of \$27,278.44 (twenty seven thousand, two hundred seventy-eight dollars and forty-four cents) from Kidz Zone Play Systems for Pre-K playground/exercise equipment at Lake Road, Hillcrest, and Ridgemont Elementary Schools. Ms. Sanderson seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

*Consider/Approve Obion County Central High School's Request to Carry-Over Outstanding Purchase Order/Accounts Payable as of June 30, 2010 –* According to Mr. Huss, Obion County Central High School has submitted a list of unpaid bills in the amount of \$14,000.00 (fourteen thousand dollars) for the manufacture of football uniforms that may not be delivered or payable until after the end of the 2009 – 2010 fiscal year. Additionally, he stated that the football program has saved over \$4,000.00 (four thousand dollars) by placing its' order in March for these uniforms. Upon his recommendation, a motion was made by Mr. Lamb to approve the carry-over of this outstanding purchase order to allow time for manufacture and delivery of the uniforms. Ms. Williams seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

*Consider/Approve Recommendations from Textbook Adoption Committee* – According to Mr. Huss, the Obion County Textbook Adoption has made the following recommendations for Board approval:

Grades K – 5 Language

- Strategies for Writers by Zaner –Bloser

Grades 6 – 8 Language

- Tennessee Elements of Language by Holt

Grades 9 – 12

- English: Write Source by Great Source Education Group
- Spanish, French, and Journalism textbooks by Glencoe/McGraw Hill

Based upon the recommendations of the Textbook Committees and Mr. Huss, a motion was made by Mr. Fussell to approve the above noted textbooks for a six-year cycle beginning with the 2010 – 2011 school year. Ms. Sanderson seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

*Consider/Approve Requests to Declare Property Surplus and Dispose Via Most Economical Method* – The following two-part request was submitted for Board approval: (1) The Technology Department requests the Board to declare surplus various pieces of vocational equipment that has been taken out of service due to age and/or safety concerns. Additionally, any funds received from the sale of these items would be designated for the purchase of up-to-date equipment at the vocational school. (2) Black Oak Elementary School requests the Board to declare surplus old football jerseys and requests permission to dispose via a fundraiser to sell the football jerseys for \$20.00 (twenty dollars) each, with proceeds to be deposited to the school's football restricted account and used to offset the expense of replenishing jerseys in the football program.

Upon the recommendation of Mr. Huss, a motion was by Mr. Rainey to approve the above noted items as surplus and disposed via the most economical method, as outlined in the requests. Mr. Fussell seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

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

- South Fulton High School, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCL), State Competition, April 5 - 8, 2010, Opryland Hotel, Nashville, Tennessee
- South Fulton High School, Future Farmers of America (FFA), Middle Tennessee State University, April 23 - 24, 2010, Murfreesboro, Tennessee
- Career Technology Center, Career and Technical Education, Skills USA, April 25 – 29, 2010, Chattanooga, Tennessee

A motion was made by Mr. Lamb to approve the above noted overnight student class trips. Ms. Sanderson seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

#### **DIRECTOR'S UPDATE**

Mr. Huss presented the following items of interest to the Board:

- The Masonic Lodge has donated bicycles to be given away at each elementary school this year. Every school has specific criteria that a student must meet in order to qualify for a bicycle.
- Dirt work is complete at South Fulton High School.
- Gas and water lines have been moved at Obion County Central High School with dirt work to begin on schedule.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

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

An amendment to the General Purpose School Fund Budget is hereby incorporated as an addendum to the minutes.

A resolution to extend the Director of Schools contract is hereby incorporated 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