

## **Obion County Board of Education**

### **Regular Board Meeting**

**May 3, 2010**

The Obion County Board of Education met in regular session on May 3, 2010 at South Fulton Elementary School. Board Chairman, Roger Williams, called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. Mr. James Faulkner 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, the South Fulton Elementary Chorus, directed by Mr. Greg Sinclair, sang several songs for the enjoyment of those attending the Board meeting.

SCOPE delegates (Student Congress on Policies in Education) from both County high schools were introduced and were asked to report on their attendance at the recent SCOPE conference held at Tennessee State University in Nashville. Delegates Katie Beth Vancleave and Reid Wiggins represented Obion County Central High School while Derek Giffin and Hannah Morris were representatives of South Fulton High School. Board Chairman, Mr. Roger Williams informed them that it was a consensus of the Board to have each delegate serve as a non-voting student Board member on a rotating basis during the 2010 – 2011 school year to provide input from a student perspective.

Teachers who received tenure at the April Board meeting were recognized and each one was presented a token of appreciation by Mr. Roger Williams.

#### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Mr. Lamb made a motion to approve an amended agenda with the addition of Item N. *Disposal of Surplus Equipment at the Career Technology Center*. Mr. Fussell seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

## **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PRIOR MEETING**

Ms. Sanderson made a motion to approve minutes from the regular Board meeting of April 5, 2010. Ms. Susan Williams seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

The consent agenda consists of the monthly personnel report and financial reports/business activity. Mr. Rainey made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Mr. Lamb seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

## **OLD BUSINESS**

*Consider/Approve Amendment to Board Policy #4.602 – Class Ranking –*  
Upon the recommendation of Mr. Huss, a motion was made by Mr. Lamb to approve the amendment to Board Policy #4.602 – Class Ranking on the second and final reading. Mr. Fussell seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

*Consider/Approve Amendments to Handbook for Interscholastic Sports –*  
Upon Mr. Huss' recommendation, a motion was made by Mr. Rainey to approve amendments to the Handbook for Interscholastic Sports on the second and final reading. Ms. Sanderson seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

*Consider/Approve Amendment to Board Policy #5.117 – Procedure for Granting Tenure –* According to Mr. Huss, in order to bring our current policy into compliance with law (TCA §49-1-606(a)), he recommends an amendment to Board Policy #5.117 which includes the use of an annual estimate of teacher effect on student progress. Mr. Lamb made a motion to approve the first reading as noted. Ms. Sanderson seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

*Consider/Approve Amendment to Board Policy #5.200 – Separation Practices for Tenured Teachers –* According to Mr. Huss, the initial hearing of dismissal proceedings for a tenured teacher is now required, by State law, to be held before an impartial hearing officer at a date not later than thirty (30) days following receipt of the initial request for a hearing. Upon his recommendation, Mr. Fussell made a motion to approve the first reading of the amendment to

Board Policy #5.200 as noted. Mr. Lamb seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

*Consider/Approve Amendment to Board Policy #6.406 – Student Psychological Services* – Upon the recommendation of Mr. Huss, a motion was made by Ms. Sanderson to approve first reading of an amendment to Board Policy #6.406 which states that school personnel cannot conduct mental health screenings except as provided by law (TCA §49-2-124). Mr. Rainey seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

*Consider/Approve Amendment to Board Policy #6.500 – Special Education Students* – Upon the recommendation of Mr. Huss, a motion was made by Mr. Rainey to approve first reading of the amendment to Board Policy #6.500 which states that students receiving special education services cannot be restrained, except as by permitted by law (TCA §49-10-1305). Ms. Williams seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

*Consider/Approve Amendment to the Field Trip Manual* – According to Mr. Huss, the list of current Board approved field trips has been updated to include the following field trips:

- Middle School Beta Convention
- Obion County Spelling Bee
- Junior High Academic Bowl
- National FFA Convention
- State FFA Leadership Convention
- High School Beta Convention
- Skills USA Competition
- HOSA National Competition

In order to allow these organizations ample time for planning, adequate funding, and support, a motion was made by Mr. Fussell to approve the addition of the foregoing student field trips to the current Board approved field trip list in the Field Trip Manual. Ms. Sanderson seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

*Consider/Approve Budget Amendment to the General Purpose School Fund* – Upon the recommendation of Mr. Huss, a motion was made by Mr. Lamb to amend the General Purpose School Fund to transfer funds from the regular education program to the special education program to correct a mistake that

was made in the original budget. Mr. Fussell seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

*Consider/Approve Bid for Cafeteria Tables at Lake Road* – The following bids were received for the purchase of cafeteria tables at Lake Road Elementary School:

- Mega Met, Inc. \$13,131.06 (Did not meet specifications)
- Howard D. Happy \$24,318.00
- Caldwell's Office \$27,900.00
- Virco \$16,110.00 (Did not meet specifications)
- ATD American \$20,498.94
- Missco \$20,340.00 (Did not meet specifications)
- J C Educational \$15,510.60

Mr. Huss stated that three of the above noted bids did not conform to specifications for the cafeteria tables. Upon his recommendation, a motion was made by Mr. Lamb to approve the low bid that met all specifications in the amount of \$15,510.60 (fifteen thousand, five hundred ten dollars and sixty cents) from J C Educational. Ms. Williams seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

*Consider/Appoint Member to Athletic Advisory Committee* – A motion was made by Ms. Sanderson to appoint Mr. Brian Rainey as the Board's representative on the Athletic Advisory Committee for the upcoming year. Mr. Lamb seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

*Consider/Approve Request to Declare Property Surplus and Dispose Via Most Economical Way* – According to Mr. Huss, a request has been submitted by Transportation Supervisor, Mr. Larry Parks to declare surplus a 25-72 Land Pride finish mower that was taken out of service at South Fulton Middle/High School about three years (3) ago. Upon his recommendation, a motion was made by Mr. Lamb to dispose of this surplus mower via sealed bids to the highest bidder. Mr. Fussell seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

*Consider/Approve Request to Transfer Land to the City of South Fulton via Quitclaim Deed* – A motion was made by Mr. Lamb to transfer a portion of land that was omitted from the original old South Fulton High School property deed to the City of South Fulton via quitclaim deed. Mr. Rainey seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

*Consider/Approve Request to Hold Instructional Sports Camps at South Fulton Middle/High School and Payment of Salary Supplements* – Upon the recommendation of Mr. Huss, a motion was made by Mr. Fussell to (1) grant permission for South Fulton Middle/High School to hold instructional sports camps for the students of Obion County; and (2) use fees collected to pay for cost of camps with the remainder to be submitted through our payroll office as salary supplements for the participating coaches. Ms. Williams seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

*Consider/Discuss Purchase of Land Adjacent to Obion County Central High School* – As discussed at the Career Technology Advisory Committee meeting, the school system has submitted a grant for phase two of agriculture improvements which is specifically written for a greenhouse that will become an integral part of the agricultural learning complex. According to Mr. Huss, the third phase will include an emphasis on livestock which will require the availability of more land. The only available land that is adjacent to Obion County Central High School has been offered to the System at a cost of \$4,000 (four thousand dollars) per acre for an estimated 15 (fifteen) acres or \$50,000 (fifty thousand dollars), whichever is greater. After much discussion, it was a consensus of the Board to view the property before making any decisions on the above noted item.

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

- Obion County Central High School, Future Farmers of America (FFA), State Forestry Camp, May 30 – June 4, 2010, Fall Creek Falls State Park, Pikeville, TN
- Obion County Central High School, Future Farmers of America (FFA), FFA Leadership Training Camp, June 21 – 25, 2010, Camp Clements, Doyle, TN
- South Fulton High School, Beta Club, National Beta Convention, June 30 – July 2, 2010, Louisville, KY
- Obion County Central High School, Future Farmers of America (FFA), National Leadership Conference, July 4 – 11, 2010, Washington, D.C.

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

*Disposal of Surplus Equipment at the Career Technology Center* – Upon the recommendation of Mr. Huss, a motion was made by Mr. Lamb to donate specified pieces of surplus equipment from the CTC to Discovery Park for its'

restoration shop with the stipulation that representatives from Discovery Park would pick up the donated items. Mr. Rainey seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

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

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

- He is working on the budget in regard to retirement increases and changes in insurance.
- There is no new money with cut backs in the budget as needed.
- Beginning on January 2, 2010, teacher's insurance will include four (4) plans and several different premiums.
- Per OCCHS Principal, Ms. Linda Crigger, Teacher of the Year was awarded to Ms. Lynsey Butler at a recent West Tennessee Agriculture meeting.
- Per Mr. Ralph Puckett, Obion County Commissioner, the County budget is extremely tight and they are trying to avoid tax increases.

Prior to adjourning the meeting, Mr. David Lamb informed the Board that former Board member; Mr. Glynn Giffin has a broken hip due to a fall and requested that we remember him in our prayers.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:00 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.

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