

Obion County Board of Education

Regular Board Meeting

November 1, 2010

The Obion County Board of Education met in regular session on November 1, 2010 at Lake Road Elementary School. Board Chairman, Brian Rainey, called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m. Mr. Tim Partin led everyone in prayer.

Mr. Huss called the roll. Mr. Brian Rainey, Mr. Fritz Fussell, Mr. Willis Easley, and Mr. Tim Partin were present. Four members were present. Mr. David Lamb, Ms. Diane Sanderson, and Ms. Susan Williams were absent. There was a quorum.

STUDENT/STAFF RECOGNITION

Prior to the Board meeting, Ms. Jeanie Foster directed members of the Lake Road third grade choir in a selection of patriotic songs for the Board and audience.

APPROVAL OF ADDITION TO AGENDA

Mr. Fussell made a motion to approve the addition of Item I – *Appoint Two Board Members as Trustees of Sick Leave Bank* to the agenda. Mr. Easley seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Easley made a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Partin seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PRIOR MEETING

Mr. Partin made a motion to approve minutes from the Board meeting of October 4, 2010. Mr. Fussell seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

CONSENT AGENDA

The consent agenda consists of the monthly personnel report; the monthly financial reports/business activity; report of substitute teachers; and recognition of the OCCHS Cheerleader Pom Booster Club as a school support organization of Obion County Central High School. Mr. Easley made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Mr. Fussell seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

OLD BUSINESS

Consider/Approve Amendment to Handbook for Interscholastic Sports –

On behalf of the Athletic Advisory Committee, Mr. Huss recommended an amendment to the Handbook for Interscholastic Sports to include the following:

- Beginning on page 29 under the title “Heat Index”, strike all of this section down to “Thunder and Lightning Position Statement” and replace with “The Obion County School System will follow TSSAA’s Heat Policy which can be found at <http://www.tssaa.org/Handbook/heatpolicy.htm>, including modifications for competition”.

Upon Mr. Huss’ recommendation as outlined above, Mr. Partin made a motion to approve the second and final reading of the amendment to the Handbook for Interscholastic Sports. Mr. Easley seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

NEW BUSINESS

Prior to the discussion of new business, Mr. Rainey introduced Miss Katie Beth Vancleave, SCOPE (Student Congress on Policies in Education) delegate. Ms. Vancleave is one of four student delegates that will be serving on the Board on a rotating basis this year.

Update Concerning Student Test Scores – James Faulkner and Nancy Hamilton – Ms. Hamilton presented the following points of interest in reference to student test scores:

- As of November 1, 2010, test scores are still embargoed and have not been released to the public.
- New and tougher standards have been implemented for English, Math, and Science.
- State mandated end of course tests for both high schools show scores that meet the State level for Biology I, English I, and English II; above State average for Writing; and below State average in Algebra I and U.S. History.
- TCAP scores for grades 3 – 8 were better than State scores.

According to Mr. Faulkner, the graduation rate at both high schools is already ahead of State set goals for 2010. Additionally, he stated that scores are normally released to the public sometime in November.

No action was required by the Board as the updates were for information only.

Individual School Activity Fund Audit and Individual School Cafeteria Agreed Upon Procedures Report – According to Mr. Huss, the System's annual individual school activity funds and cafeterias audit was recently completed by Alexander, Thompson, Arnold PLLC. The audit indicated weaknesses in the areas of dual signatures, purchase orders, and procedures. Any problem areas have been and will continue to be addressed through a reeducation of all school administrators and finance personnel in the area of school finance with emphasis placed on compliance with the *Tennessee Internal School Uniform Accounting Policy Manual*. Additionally, no exceptions were noted in the individual school cafeteria agreed-upon procedures.

No action was required by the Board on the above noted audit report as the report was for informational purposes only.

Consider/Approve Amendment to Board Policy #4.700 – Testing Programs – Mr. Huss stated that a change to Board Policy #4.700 has been recommended by the Tennessee School Boards Association (TSBA) to reflect the latest legislative action. According to Public Chapter 1127, each local board of education shall develop a policy by which student scores on the TCAP grades three through eight achievement tests shall comprise a percentage of the student's final spring semester grade in the subject areas of mathematics, reading/language arts, science, and social studies. The percentage, as determined by the Board, shall be from a range of no less than fifteen percent (15%) and no more than twenty five percent (25%). After much discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Partin to approve a percentage range of fifteen percent (15%) in 2011; twenty percent (20%) in 2012; and twenty five percent (25%) in 2013. The motion was seconded by Mr. Fussell. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Consider/Approve Amendment to the School Federal Projects Budget – According to Mr. Huss, Obion County was awarded \$887,456 (eight hundred eighty-seven thousand, four hundred fifty-six dollars) from the Federal government for a one-time distribution of funds as part of an Education Jobs Program. To incorporate these funds, he recommended the creation of a new sub fund within the School Federal Projects Budgets for the 2010 – 2011 fiscal

year. A motion was made by Mr. Easley to approve the amendment to the 2010 – 2011 fiscal year budget for the School Federal Projects Fund as presented by Mr. Huss. The motion was seconded by Mr. Fussell. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Consider/Approve Bid for Service Truck – The following bids were received for the purchase of a 2011 F-150 or 1500 service truck:

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| 1. Herman Jenkins Motors | \$16,873.50 |
| 2. Kenton Chevrolet | \$16,299.00 |
| 3. Union City Ford | \$16,920.55 |

Upon the recommendation of Mr. Huss, a motion was made by Mr. Fussell to approve the purchase of a 2011 service truck for the low bid of \$16,299 (sixteen thousand, two hundred ninety-nine dollars) from Kenton Chevrolet. Mr. Partin seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Consider/Approve Bid for System Transportation Van – The following bids were received for the purchase of a 2011 twelve (12) passenger van:

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| 1. Herman Jenkins Motors | \$26,779.00 |
| 2. Kenton Chevrolet | \$27,949.00 |
| 3. Union City Ford | \$22,564.46 |

Upon the recommendation of Mr. Huss, a motion was made by Mr. Easley to approve the purchase of a 2011 twelve (12) passenger van for the low bid of \$22,564.46 (twenty-two thousand, five hundred sixty-four dollars and forty-six cents) from Union City Ford. Mr. Fussell seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Consider/Approve Requests to Declare Property Surplus and Dispose via Most Economical Way – According to Mr. Huss, years of accumulated surplus property has been stored at the bus garage/maintenance shop which is of no use to the System. Upon his recommendation, a motion was made by Mr. Fussell to declare the property (old lockers, rebar, ball field lights, etc.), surplus and dispose via sealed bids and/or salvage. Mr. Partin seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Consider/Approve Overnight Student Trip(s) – The following overnight student trip was submitted for Board approval:

- South Fulton Elementary School – Plus Class, Enrichment Activities, May 19 – 25, 2011, Washington D.C. and Monticello, VA

Upon the recommendation of Mr. Huss, a motion was made by Mr. Partin to approve the above noted overnight student trip. Mr. Fussell seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Appoint Two Board Members as Trustees of Sick Leave Bank – According to Mr. Huss, two (2) Board members are to be appointed to serve on the professional sick leave bank committee and their term of service continues as long as they are members of the Board. With unanimous approval from the Board, Chairman Rainey appointed himself and Mr. Partin to serve as trustees on the sick leave bank committee.

DIRECTOR'S UPDATE

Points of interest in the Director's update are the following:

- No December Board meeting unless there is any business which needs to be addressed.
- The Ag Committee is scheduled to meet November 2, 2010.
- Several professional staff members are to be commended for pursuing advanced degrees.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

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

The Resolution to Amend the School Federal Projects Fund Budget is hereby incorporated as an addendum to the minutes.

The minutes were taken and typed by Diane Terry.

Brian Rainey, Chairman

David W. Huss, Director of Schools