

Obion County Board of Education

Regular Board Meeting

April 4, 2011

The Obion County Board of Education met in regular session on April 4, 2011 at the Career Technology Center. Board Chairman, Brian Rainey, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Fritz.Fussell led everyone in prayer.

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

STUDENT/STAFF RECOGNITION

Teacher of the Year awards were presented by Mr. Rainey to the following teachers:

BUILDING LEVEL

Black Oak – Linda Darnall – Grades Pre K – 4; Debbie Batchelor – Grades 5 - 8

Hillcrest – Cindy Darnall – Grades Pre K – 4; Allison Kail – Grades 5 – 8

Lake Road – Tina Hill – Grades Pre K – 4; Marci Roach – Grades 5 – 8

Ridgemont – Annette Ferguson – Grades Pre K – 4; Debbie Ray – Grades 5 – 8

South Fulton – Lynn Pilcher – Grades Pre K – 4; Alicia Hedge – Grades 5 – 8

South Fulton Middle/High – Cathy Cassetty – Grades 6 – 8; Greg Barclay – Grades 9 – 12

Obion County Central High – Laura Pitts – Grades 9 – 12

Career Technology Center – Cynthia Rainey

SYSTEM LEVEL

Grades Pre K – 4 – Annette Ferguson, Ridgemont

Grades 5 – 8 –Debbie Ray, Ridgemont

Grades 9 – 12 – Greg Barclay, South Fulton Middle High

Academic Decathlon sponsor, Ms. Pam Kangelos introduced the following students who recently attended the Tennessee Academic Decathlon in Clarksville, Tennessee:

- Blue Team: Kacee Warren, Nancy Davis, Hope Montgomery, Ashley Powell, Austin McCullough, Jake Blakely, Danielle Burress, Brenan Woody, and Dakota Eaves, alternate.
- Red Team: Byron Brown, Buddy Tackett, Will Horton, Thomas Eaves, Trevor Mayhall, Matt Wilson, Josh Moore, Christian Roach, and Trice Mayhall, alternate.

The Decathlon participants were wearing numerous medals earned during the State competition. Additionally, Blue Team member Kacee Warren read a statement of appreciation to the Board for supporting the teams and described

the impact that the decathlon has made in her life during her years of competition.

SCOPE (Student Congress on Policies in Education) Delegates for the 2011 – 2012 school year were introduced to the Board by OCCHS guidance counselor, Ms. Heather Kendall and SFMH guidance counselor, Ms. Pam Burrow. Representatives from Obion County Central High School are Christopher Douglas and Chelsea Southerland while South Fulton Middle High School will be represented by Landon Sowell and Hailey McKinney. The four delegates recently attended a conference on March 11, 2011 in Nashville, Tennessee where they participated in debate topics such as allowing homeschoolers to participate in school extracurricular activities; virtual classes/distance learning for advanced placement and elective courses; electronic textbooks; and social networking sites, *i.e.*, Facebook, Twitter, and MySpace. Additionally, Ms. Kendall told Board members that the SCOPE students would be willing to attend school board orientation and offer their perspective on issues in the future.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PRIOR MEETING

Upon the recommendation of Chairman Rainey, the Board unanimously approved minutes from the Board meeting of March 7, 2011.

CONSENT AGENDA

The consent agenda consists of the monthly personnel report; the monthly financial reports/business activity; report of substitute teachers; and a report of surplus technology equipment that has been disposed via most economical method. Upon the recommendation of Mr. Rainey, the Board unanimously approved the consent agenda.

NEW BUSINESS

Consider/Approve Resolution Extending Director's Contract to June 30, 2015 – According to Chairman Rainey, after the favorable performance

evaluation of Mr. Huss at a previous meeting, the Board had the option of offering him an increase in salary and/or a contract extension and, due to the state of the current economy, Mr. Huss had indicated that he would decline a pay raise if it were offered. Therefore, Mr. Rainey asked for a motion to extend the contract by one year. Ms. Diane Sanderson made a motion to extend the contract and Mr. Partin seconded the motion. There was one dissenting vote, so Mr. Rainey requested a roll call vote. Board members voting yea were Mr. Easley, Mr. Fussell, Mr. Partin, Ms. Sanderson, Ms. Williams and Mr. Rainey. Mr. Lamb voted nay; motion carried six to one.

Consider/Approve Recommendations from Textbook Adoption Committee

– Upon the recommendation of Mr. Huss, a motion was made by Mr. Lamb to approve the recommendations of the Textbook Adoption Committee for grades K – 12 mathematics textbooks for a six-year cycle beginning with the 2011 – 2012 school year. Mr. Fussell seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Consider/Approve Request from Transportation Department to Declare Property Surplus and Dispose via Trade-In, Consider/Approve Tractor Bid – Upon the recommendation of Mr. Huss, a motion was made by Mr. Partin to declare surplus a John Deere 4300 tractor and a Ford 1710 tractor; approve their disposition via trade-in; and approve the low bid of \$17,450 (seventeen thousand, four hundred fifty dollars) Submitted by First Choice Farm and Lawn for a Kubota MX5100DT tractor with various attachments. Mr. Lamb seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Consider/Approve Door Access Control Bid – Upon the recommendation of Mr. Huss, a motion was made by Mr. Fussell to accept the low bid of \$11,800 (eleven thousand, eight hundred dollars) from Townsend Systems for the purchase of a door access control system at Ridgemont Elementary School. It was also noted that a Safe Schools Grant in the amount of \$11,500 (eleven thousand, five hundred dollars) would cover the majority of this purchase. Mr. Easley seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Consider/Approve Furniture Bid for Obion County Central and South Fulton High Schools Career Technology Additions – According to Mr. Huss, bids

were received from J.C. Educational, Howard D. Happy, and School Specialty. Upon his recommendation, a motion was made by Mr. Lamb to approve the following low bids for furniture in the two above noted career technology additions:

- J C Educational – Nineteen items with a total cost of \$62,654.94
- School Specialty – Twelve items with a total cost of \$23,464.28

Mr. Partin seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

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

- Career Technology Center, Skills USA, State Competition, April 17 – 20, 2011, Chattanooga Convention Center, Chattanooga, TN
- Lake Road Elementary School, PLUS Class, Extended Learning Activities, May 13 – 24, 2011, Cumberland Caverns, McMinnville, TN
- South Fulton High School, BETA Club, National Convention, June 21 – 24, 2011, Opryland Hotel, Nashville, TN

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

Consider/Approve Requests to Declare Property Surplus and Dispose via Most Economical Method – Mr. Huss stated that Lake Road Elementary School has requested permission to declare surplus and approve the sale of old basketball uniforms with the proceeds to be deposited into the school's athletic account to offset the cost of future athletic program purchases. Upon his recommendation, a motion was made by Mr. Partin to declare the old uniforms surplus and to dispose via the most economical method. Mr. Fussell seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Consider/Approve Amendment to Board Policy #3.500 – Food Service Management – Upon the recommendation of Mr. Huss and Food Service Manager, Ms. Judy Denman, to provide better clarification of the policy, a motion was made by Ms. Williams to make the following amendment to Board Policy #3.500, Food Service Management on the first and final reading:

- On page 2 of the policy titled "Competitive Foods/Vending Machines", strike the second paragraph and replace with "The sale of all competitive foods and beverages to students during school hours shall be in compliance with current state and federal regulations

addressing competitive foods. Sales of any foods or beverages outside of the cafeteria shall be limited to the time period following the end of the last lunch period.”

Mr. Fussell seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Consider/Approve Request from the Ridgemont Elementary School PTO to Construct a Walking Track at Ridgemont School – According to Mr. Huss, the Ridgemont PTO has requested permission to construct a walking track at the school. Upon his recommendation, a motion was made by Ms. Sanderson to approve. Ms. Williams seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Chairman Rainey informed the Board that he has appointed Mr. Tim Partin to serve as a school board representative on the County’s Reapportionment Board.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

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

The minutes were taken and typed by Diane Terry.

Brian Rainey, Chairman

David W. Huss, Director of Schools