

Obion County Board of Education

Regular Board Meeting

September 7, 2010

The Obion County Board of Education met in regular session on September 7, 2010 at Black Oak Elementary School. Board Vice Chairman, Brian Rainey, called the meeting to order at 6:57 p.m. Mr. Fritz Fussell led everyone in prayer.

Honorable Judge Jimmy C. Smith administered the Oath of Office for newly elected Board members Fritz Fussell, Tim Partin, and Willis Easley. Immediately following the ceremony, a plaque was presented by Mr. Rainey to Judge Smith for his dedication and years of service as a former Board member.

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

Election of Chairman, Vice-Chairman, and Chair Pro Tem of the Board –
Annual election of officers was conducted in the following manner:

- Chairman – A motion was made by Mr. Lamb to elect Mr. Rainey as Board Chairman. Ms. Sanderson seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**
- Vice-Chairman – A motion was made by Ms. Williams to elect Ms. Sanderson as Vice-Chairman. Mr. Easley seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**
- Chair Pro Tem – A motion was made by Mr. Easley to elect Mr. Lamb as Chair Pro Tem. Mr. Fussell seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

STUDENT/STAFF RECOGNITION

Black Oak Principal, Ms. Sheila Stone, introduced Ms. Robin Long to the Board. Ms. Long is a new teacher to the System who will be teaching sixth grade at Black Oak Elementary School.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PRIOR MEETING

Ms. Williams made a motion to approve minutes from the Board meeting of August 9, 2010. Mr. Easley seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

CONSENT AGENDA

The consent agenda consists of the monthly personnel report; the monthly financial reports/business activity; and report of substitute teachers. Ms. Sanderson made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Mr. Partin seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

OLD BUSINESS

Consider/Approve Amendment to Board Policy #2.702 – Inventories – According to Mr. Huss, the Tennessee Department of Education Divisions of Federal Programs and Special Education has issued new regulations/guidelines for accountability of equipment and inventory. In order to comply with the new guidelines, a motion was made by Mr. Lamb to approve the second and final reading of an amendment to Board Policy #2.702 that will include the following addition:

Under the heading “*Equipment Procured with Federal Dollars*” add

Sensitive minor equipment is defined as items purchased with a cost between \$100 and \$5,000, and includes items such as, but not limited to: computers, external computer peripherals, camera bodies (35mm & digital), camera lens (200mm or larger), fax machines, oscilloscopes, radio scanners, televisions, video cameras, and video recorders/players.

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

NEW BUSINESS

Appointment/Confirmation of Members to the Ethics Committee – Board Chairman Rainey appointed Mr. Fritz Fussell, Ms. Diane Sanderson, and Ms. Nancy Hamilton to serve a one year term on the Board’s Ethics Committee. The Board unanimously confirmed the appointments. **APPOINTMENTS CONFIRMED.**

Consider/Approve Extended Contract Program Proposal for the 2010 – 2011 School Year – According to Mr. Huss, our Extended Contract Program Proposal for the 2010 – 2011 school year, is being funded by the State via the

use of Federal stimulus dollars in the amount of \$66,200 (sixty-six thousand, two hundred dollars). Additionally, he stated that the extended contract program requires annual Board approval. Upon his recommendation, a motion was made by Mr. Easley to approve. Mr. Partin seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Consider/Approve Certification of Compliance with TCA §49-3-310(1)(A) – Furnishing of Required Textbooks – According to Mr. Huss, the System is in compliance with TCA §49-3-310(1)(A) which states that all necessary textbooks and materials are to be available to students when the schools open. Upon his recommendation, a motion was made by Mr. Easley to approve the annual Certification of Compliance as required by the State Department of Education. Ms. Williams seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Consider/Approve Amendment to Board Policy #1.808 – Registered Sex Offenders – The following changes to Board Policy #1.808 were recommended by Mr. Huss:

- Third parties, not the schools, have the responsibility for ensuring that their employees are not registered sex offenders.
- An offender may come within the 1,000 feet limit provided that the individual is dropping off or picking up a child or children enrolled in the school and the person is the child or children's parent or legal guardian.
- Parents or legal guardians of a child or children enrolled in a school shall provide written notice of the parent's or legal guardian's offender status to the school's principal or a school administrator upon enrollment.
- The law does not allow any other contact with school activities except as provided above. Neither the Director of Schools nor the Board can grant an exception not provided for by law.

Upon Mr. Huss' recommendation, a motion was made by Ms. Sanderson to approve the above noted changes to Board Policy #1.808 on the first and final reading. Mr. Lamb seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Consider/Approve Amendment to Board Policy #5.117 – Procedure for Granting Tenure – According to Mr. Huss, the Legislature changed the date from April 15 to May 15 as to when a teacher must be recommended for tenure or when the teacher must be given notice that he/she is not being recommended for tenure. Upon his recommendation, a motion was made by Mr. Lamb to approve the first reading of the noted change of date for Board Policy #5.117. Ms. Williams seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Consider/Approve Amendment to Board Policy #5.201 – Separation Practices for Non-Tenured Teachers – According to Mr. Huss, the Legislature changed the date from April 15 to May 15 by which non-tenured teachers should be notified of dismissal or failure for reelection to the new school year. Upon his recommendation, a motion was made by Mr. Partin to approve the first reading of the noted change to Board Policy #5.201. Mr. Easley seconded the motion.

MOTION CARRIED.

Consider/Approve Amendment to Board Policy #1.600 – Policy Development and Adoption – Upon the recommendation of Mr. Huss, a motion was made by Mr. Fussell to approve the first reading of an amendment to Board Policy #1.600, as recommended by TSBA, which changes the policy update schedule from annual to biennial (once every two years). Ms. Williams seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Consider/Approve Amendment to Board Policy #6.3071 – Student Alcohol and Drug Testing – After much discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Lamb to approve an amendment to Board Policy #6.3071 which would allow random drug testing of students who participate in extracurricular activities on the first reading. However, specific guidelines must be met as stated in TCA §49-6-4213 and the effective date of policy change would be July 1, 2011. Ms. Sanderson seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Consider/Appoint Agriculture Committee for Obion County Central's Enhancement Grant – According to Mr. Huss, the System was awarded an Agriculture Enhancement Grant by the Tennessee Department of Agriculture in the amount of \$150,000 (one hundred fifty thousand dollars) for agricultural improvements at Obion County Central High School. To help ensure that all aspects for phase II of the agricultural improvements are considered, he requested the appointment of an Agriculture Improvements Committee by the Board Chairman. Upon his recommendation, Mr. Rainey presented the following appointments for Board approval:

- Members of the Board – Brian Rainey, Tim Partin
- Representing the Board – James Faulkner
- Vocational Director – Russ Davis

- Administrator from Obion County Central – Linda Crigger
- Agriculture Teachers – Lynsey Butler, Nick Lucas
- Members of the Vocational Advisory Committee – Lynn Maloney, Kenneth Barnes

The Board unanimously confirmed the above noted appointments.

APPOINTMENTS CONFIRMED.

Recognize Resignation of Board's Member to Athletic Advisory Committee/Appoint Member to Athletic Advisory Committee – This agenda item was a two-part request for Board approval.

1. Due to time constraints and other school projects, Mr. Rainey submitted his resignation from the Athletic Advisory Committee.
2. Mr. Rainey appointed Mr. Fritz Fussell to serve on the Athletic Advisory Committee.

The Board unanimously accepted the resignation of Mr. Rainey from the Athletic Advisory Committee and affirmed the appointment of Mr. Fussell to serve in that capacity. **MOTION CARRIED AND APPOINTMENTS CONFIRMED.**

Consider/Approve Requests to Declare Property Surplus and Dispose Via Most Economical Method – Upon the recommendation of Mr. Huss, a two-part motion was made by Mr. Fussell to (1) declare surplus outdated jerseys, uniforms, and gym bags which are no longer being used in the athletic programs at Black Oak Elementary School and (2) grant permission for the school to sell the above noted items and deposit the proceeds into their athletic account to offset the cost of future purchases for the athletic programs. Additionally, unsold items would be disposed via the most economical method. Mr. Partin seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

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

- Obion County Central High School – Future Farmers of America (FFA), Officer Retreat, September 24 – 26, 2010, Buffalo River, Waverly, TN
- South Fulton High School – Beta Club, State Convention, February 14 – 16, 2011, Opryland Hotel, Nashville, TN

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

DIRECTOR'S UPDATE

The Director's Update included the following item of interest:

- All School Support Organizations are in compliance with their annual reporting. Each organization has met its' requirements with Board policy and State laws.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Board member, David Lamb announced that there would be a meeting at South Fulton High School on Thursday, September 9, 2010 to discuss the reassignment of former South Fulton High School Principal, Adam Stephens. The meeting is open to the public with a special invitation extended to Board members, the Director of Schools, and parents of South Fulton High School students.

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