

# Obion County Board of Education

## Regular Board Meeting

January 9, 2012

The Obion County Board of Education met in regular session on January 9, 2012 at Ridgemont Elementary School. Board Chairman, Brian Rainey, called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. Mr. Fritz Fussell led everyone in prayer.

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.

### **STUDENT/STAFF RECOGNITION**

Mr. Partin presented a resolution in honor of the achievements of the Obion County Central High School Cheer Squad for the 2011 – 2012 school year. Led by coaches David Byars and Ashleigh Wilds, the cheer squad's most outstanding achievement was to be crowned State champions at the TSSAA State Cheer and Dance Championship in Murfreesboro, which earned them an invitation to compete in the national competition at Orlando, Florida. Additionally, the squad earned a third-place finish in the Universal Cheerleaders Association competition in DeSoto, Mississippi.

### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

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

Mr. Rainey made a motion to approve the minutes of December 5, 2011. Mr. Fussell seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

The consent agenda consists of the monthly personnel report; the report of substitute teachers; the monthly financial reports/business activity; and the report of technology equipment declared surplus and disposed via most economical method. Mr. Lamb made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Ms. Williams seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

## **OLD BUSINESS**

*Consider/Approve Amendment to Board Policy #6.304 – Student Discrimination/Harassment and Bullying/Intimidation* – Upon Mr. Huss' recommendation, a motion was made by Mr. Easley to approve, on the second and final reading, an amendment to Board Policy #6.304 – Student Discrimination/ Harassment and Bullying/Intimidation. Ms. Sanderson seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

*Consider/Approve Amendment to Board Policy #4.603 – Promotion and Retention* – Upon Mr. Huss' recommendation, a motion was made by Mr. Partin to approve, on the second and final reading, an amendment to Board Policy #4.603 – Promotion and Retention. Mr. Lamb seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

*Consider/Approve Amendment to Board Policy #5.109 – Evaluation* – Upon the recommendation of Mr. Huss, a motion was made by Mr. Lamb to approve, on the second and final reading, an amendment to Board Policy #5.109 – Evaluation. Mr. Partin seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

*Consider/Approve Amendment to Board Policy #6.202 – Home Schools* – Upon the recommendation of Mr. Huss, a motion was made by Mr. Easley to approve, on the second and final reading, an amendment to Board Policy #6.202 – Home Schools. Ms. Williams seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

*Request to Address Board – Ms. Tamara Gray/Mr. Joey Hall* – Ms. Tamara Gray, a South Fulton Elementary School parent expressed concerns in regard to a disciplinary action involving her child. In her address to the Board, Ms. Gray stated that she did not believe the punishment was appropriate for the infraction.

*Coordinated School Health Update – Chastity Homra, Program Director* – Points of interest in Ms. Homra's Coordinated School Health update included the following:

- All elementary schools have met the criteria for Michelle Obama's Healthier U. S. Schools Challenge (HUSSC); and each school received \$500 with a banner and

plaque to be presented at a later date. Obion and Weakley County are the only schools who have met the specified requirements of this program.

- A community event to recognize the accomplishments of all elementary schools is planned for the near future.
- November, 2011 was the kickoff date for Tennessee Healthier Schools Challenge with Ms. Homra encouraging every elementary and high school to participate.
- To date, schools are at the Bronze level of participation (10 of 12 criteria have been met).
- Coordinated School Health goal is to reach Platinum level (11 of 12 criteria) with a possible reward of \$5000 per school.

*Update Concerning State Report Card - Nancy Hamilton* – In regard to the State report card for Obion County Schools, Ms. Hamilton presented the following points of interest:

- Non-Academic, No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Status: Good Standing;
- Academic K – 8 – Good achievement scores;
- Academic 9 – 12 – Sub groups above State levels;
- Value Added – Positive growth, grades 4 – 8 in Math, RLA, and Science with positive growth shown in Social Studies grades 4, 5, and 8.
- Any deficiencies indicated on report will be addressed.

*Discuss Proposed School Calendar for the 2012 – 2013 School Year* – Mr. Huss gave the Board a preview of the proposed school calendar for the 2012 – 2013 school year. He stated that the Calendar Committee had submitted the proposed calendar to principals and teachers who responded with an overall approval rating of more than eighty percent. Furthermore, Mr. Huss stated that the proposed calendar will be presented for Board approval at the February Board meeting.

*Discuss Board Policy #6.713 – Election of Cheerleaders* – A motion was made by Mr. Rainey to amend Board Policy #6.713 to allow high school cheer coaches to elect their own cheerleaders on the first and final reading. Mr. Partin seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

*Recognize Obion County Anglers as a School Support Organization* – A motion was made by Mr. Fussell to approve the recognition of Obion County Anglers as a school support organization. Mr. Lamb seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

## **DIRECTOR'S UPDATE**

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

- Mr. Huss expressed his appreciation to the teachers for their efforts and dedication to the children of the Obion County School System.
- Stated that System grades were comparable to Oak Ridge Schools.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Ms. Elise Braswell, South Fulton Elementary Principal, expressed her appreciation to the Board for their understanding and support when issues arise.

Ms. Linda Crigger, OCCHS Principal, expressed appreciation for amendment of the Election of Cheerleaders Policy.

Mr. Don Capps, Ridgemont Elementary Principal, stated that he was pleased to host the January Board meeting at his school.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

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

The minutes were taken and typed by Diane Terry.

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Brian Rainey, Chairman

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David W. Huss, Director of Schools