

Obion County Board of Education

Regular Board Meeting

September 6, 2011

The Obion County Board of Education met in regular session on September 6, 2011 at Black Oak Elementary School. Board Chairman, Brian Rainey, called the meeting to order at 6:59 p.m. Mr. Tim Partin 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.

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Upon the recommendation of Chairman Rainey, the Board unanimously approved the agenda.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PRIOR MEETING

Upon the recommendation of Chairman Rainey, the Board unanimously approved the minutes of August 8, 2011.

CONSENT AGENDA

The consent agenda consists of the monthly personnel report; the monthly financial reports/business activity; report of substitute teachers; and 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.**

NEW BUSINESS

Appointment/Confirmation of Members to the Ethics Committee – Board Chairman Rainey appointed Mr. Willis Easley, Mr. David Lamb, 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 2011 – 2012 School Year – According to Mr. Huss, our Extended Contract Program Proposal for the 2011 - 2012 school year is being funded by the State 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 Ms. Sanderson to approve. Mr. Easley 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. Lamb to approve the annual Certification of Compliance as required by the State Department of Education. Mr. Partin seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Consider/Approve Amendment to Board Policy #5.202 – Separation Practices for Non-Certified Employees – According to Mr. Huss, an amendment to policy has been recommended by the Tennessee School Boards Association (TSBA) to align the policy with a change in law regarding separation practices for non-certified employees. Upon his recommendation, a motion was made by Mr. Easley to approve the first reading of an amendment to Board Policy #5.202 – Separation Practices for Non-Certified Employees. Ms. Williams seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Recognize School Support Organizations in Compliance with TCA §§49-2-604 and 49-2-605 – Upon Mr. Huss' recommendation, a motion was made by Mr. Lamb to approve recognition of the following school support organizations that are in compliance with above noted state statutes:

- Black Oak Elementary PTO
- Hillcrest Elementary Booster Club
- Hillcrest Elementary PTO
- Lake Road Elementary PTO
- OCCHS Band Boosters
- OCCHS Lady Rebels Rebounders Club
- OCCHS Pom Club
- OCCHS Quarterback Club
- OCCHS Rebel Sliders
- OCCHS Runnin Rebels Booster Club
- Ridgemont Junior High Booster Club
- Ridgemont Elementary PTO
- South Fulton Athletic Boosters Club
- South Fulton HS/MS Band Boosters Club
- South Fulton PTO
- Lady Rebels Diamond Club

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

Report to Board. Stockpiling of Days for Inclement Weather for Support Staff – Mr. Huss stated that he had met with support staff to address the issue of stockpiling of days for inclement weather. Additionally, he presented the results of a support staff survey which indicated that only three groups (educational assistants, food service, and school secretaries) had a majority of interest in stockpiling days. Therefore, he recommended that only these three groups of support staff receive Board consideration. After a brief discussion, Mr. Partin made a motion to approve the participation of the above noted groups in stockpiling of days with the understanding that any days not needed for inclement weather would be forfeited. Mr. Lamb seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Consider/Approve Amendment to Director's Contract – System of Evaluation – Upon the recommendation of Chairman Rainey, a motion was made by Mr. Partin to approve a more simplified format for the Director of Schools annual performance evaluation. Mr. Fussell seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

DIRECTOR’S UPDATE

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

- As of last week, County schools’ enrollment is 3700 (three thousand, seven hundred) students, not including Pre K.
- Enrollment is 1.7% or 63 students lower than last year.
- Enrollment is monitored daily and thus far, is not as bad as anticipated.
- New facilities meeting is scheduled for Thursday with the construction manager – not pleased with all subcontractors.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:37p.m.

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

A resolution to amend the Director of Schools’ evaluation instrument 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