

Obion County Board of Education
Regular Board Meeting
March 4, 2013

The Obion County Board of Education met in regular session on March 4, 2013 at South Fulton Middle/High School. Board Chairman Brian Rainey called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m. Mr. Fritz Fussell led everyone in prayer. Mr. Huss called the roll. Mr. Brian Rainey, Mr. Willis Easley, Mr. Fritz Fussell, Mr. Scott Northam, Mr. Tim Partin, and Ms. Diane Sanderson were present. Mr. David Lamb was absent. Six members were present. There was a quorum.

STUDENT RECOGNITION

SCOPE (Student Congress on Policies in Education) delegates were introduced by Ms. Linda Crigger and Mr. Keith Frazier. Obion County Central High School students Kaycee Mathenia and Korben Hagan and South Fulton High School students Abby O'Neal and Ryan Harper will represent their respective schools at the SCOPE conference next week.

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 minutes from the Board meetings of February 4, 2013 and February 15, 2013.

CONSENT AGENDA

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

NEW BUSINESS

Consider/Approve Contract with Union City Coca-Cola Bottling Company, LLC – The Board reviewed three (3) different contract options for an extension of an

existing agreement with the Union City Coca-Cola Bottling Company, LLC, which ends in 2013. Upon the recommendation of Chairman Rainey, a motion was made by Mr. Partin to approve a 10-year contract which includes contributions of \$15,000 annually to benefit students, replacement of several school scoreboards, and the placement of a marquee sign at South Fulton Middle/High School. Ms. Sanderson seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Consider/Approve Amendment to the General Purpose School Fund – Upon the recommendation of Mr. Huss, a motion was made by Mr. Easley to approve an amendment to the General Purpose School Fund which reflects an increase in non-recurring expenditures due to unexpected damage at Hillcrest Elementary School from extreme drought conditions and renovation of the old Career Technology building progressing quicker than anticipated. Mr. Fussell seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Consider/Approve Amendment to Board Policy #3.202 – Emergency Preparedness Plan – According to Mr. Huss, the primary focus of the amendment to Board Policy #3.202 is inclusion of an annual drill for armed intruders, *i.e.*, lockdown, which is already included in the System's safety drills. Upon his recommendation, a motion was made by Mr. Fussell to approve the first reading of an amendment to Board Policy #3.202 – Emergency Preparedness Plan. Mr. Partin seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Consider/Approve Amendment to Board Policy #5.113 – In-Service and Professional Learning Opportunities – Upon Mr. Huss' recommendation, a motion was made by Mr. Easley to approve the first reading of an amendment to Board Policy #5.113. Ms. Sanderson seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Consider/Approve Amendment to Board Policy #6.201 – Compulsory Attendance Ages – In accordance with Public Chapter 991, Mr. Huss recommended the following amendment to Board Policy #6.201 – Compulsory Attendance Ages:

- Starting with the 2013 – 2014 school year, a child must be five (5) years old on or before August 31st to enroll in kindergarten;
- Starting with the 2014 – 2015 school year, and all years thereafter, a child must be five (5) on or before August 15th.
- As per State statute and this policy, parents of students who will turn five (5) on or before the prior cutoff date of September 30th may request that their child be enrolled.

Upon his recommendation, a motion was made by Mr. Partin to approve first reading of the above noted changes to Board Policy #6.201. Mr. Easley seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

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

- South Fulton High School, BETA Club, State Convention, April 1-3, 2013, Opryland Hotel, Nashville, TN
- Obion County Central High School, FTA, State Convention, March 21-22, 2013, Holiday Inn, Nashville

Upon Mr. Huss' recommendation, a motion was made by Mr. Easley to approve the above noted overnight student trips. Mr. Fussell seconded the motion.

MOTION CARRIED.

DIRECTOR'S UPDATE

Mr. Huss shared the following points of interest with the Board:

- Met with Representative Bill Sanderson at Dyersburg with education and county officials from across the region and received a brief report on a proposed school voucher program which would essentially provide state funding for private schools.
- Representative Sanderson was moderator of the roundtable discussions and stated, at this point, he is not in favor of the school vouchers in their current form.
- Informed Board members that lobbyists were pushing hard for the voucher program, and if adopted, the current education system would be greatly impacted.

A resolution to amend the General Purpose School Fund Budget is hereby incorporated as an addendum to the minutes.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:27 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