

Obion County Board of Education
Regular Board Meeting
April 8, 2013

The Obion County Board of Education met in regular session on April 8, 2013, at Black Oak 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, and Ms. Diane Sanderson were present. Mr. Willis Easley, Mr. Scott Northam, and Mr. Tim Partin were absent. Four members were present and three members were absent. There was a quorum. (Note: Mr. Scott Northam arrived at the meeting a few minutes prior to adjournment.)

STUDENT RECOGNITION

SCOPE (Student Congress on Policies in Education) delegates who had recently attended the SCOPE conference shared with the Board a synopsis of their participation in events at the conference.

Teachers of the year were introduced by Ms. Nancy Hamilton. They are the following:

- Kristen Chandler Yates – Black Oak Elementary and System-wide Grades Pre K – 4
- Ped Foster – Black Oak Elementary and System-wide Grades 5 – 8
- Natalie Huebner – Hillcrest Elementary Grades Pre K – 4
- Mindy Coursey – Hillcrest Elementary Grades 5 – 8
- Annette Ferguson – Lake Road Elementary Grades Pre K – 4
- Sharon Barnes – Lake Road Elementary Grades 5 – 8
- Peggy Kendall – Ridgemont Elementary Grades Pre K – 4
- Paula Webb – Ridgemont Elementary Grades 5 – 8
- Patty May – South Fulton Elementary Grades Pre K – 4
- Krista Hankins – South Fulton Elementary Grades 5 – 8
- David Byars – Obion County Central High and System-wide Grades 9 – 12
- Bill Gray – South Fulton Middle/High Grades 9 – 12
- Allison McMinn – South Fulton Middle/High Grades 9 – 12

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 meeting of March 4, 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.

OLD BUSINESS

Consider/Approve Amendment to Board Policy #3.202 – Emergency Preparedness Plan – According to Mr. Huss, the primary focus of the amendment 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. Lamb to approve the second and final reading of an amendment to Board Policy #3.202 – Emergency Preparedness Plan. Ms. Sanderson 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. Fussell to approve the second and final reading of an amendment to Board Policy #5.113. Mr. Lamb 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 Ms. Sanderson to approve the second and final reading of the above noted changes to Board Policy #6.201.

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

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion of Director's Contract – After a brief discussion, Mr. Lamb made a motion to table any action on the Director of Schools contract until the May Board meeting. Mr. Fussell seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Consider/Approve Recommendations from Textbook Adoption Committee – Upon the recommendation of Mr. Huss, a motion was made by Mr. Fussell to approve recommendations from the textbook adoption committee for a six-year cycle beginning with the 2013 – 2014 school year. Ms. Sanderson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was requested with Mr. Fussell, Mr. Rainey, and Ms. Sanderson voting yes and Mr. Lamb voting no. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Consider/Approve HVAC Bid for South Fulton Middle/High School – The following bids were received for an upgrade of the HVAC system at the South Fulton Middle/High School:

- Danny Larcum Heating and Air - \$237,264
- S.M. Lawrence Company - \$259,147
- McCoy Heating and Air, Inc. - \$280,769
- Billy Rogers Plumbing, Heating, and A/C, Inc. - \$231,899

Upon Mr. Huss' recommendation, a motion was made by Mr. Rainey to accept the low bid meeting all specifications of \$231,899 (two hundred thirty-one thousand, eight hundred ninety-nine dollars) from Billy Rogers Plumbing, Heating, and Air Conditioning, Inc. Mr. Lamb seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Consider/Approve Floor Refinishing Bid for Hillcrest and Ridgemont Elementary Gymnasiums – The following bids were received for refinishing the gymnasium floors at Hillcrest and Ridgemont Elementary Schools:

- Stevens Gymnasiums, Inc. - \$10,900 for Hillcrest and \$5,900 for Ridgemont: \$16,800
Total
- Toadvine Enterprises - \$17,143 for Hillcrest and \$13,125 for Ridgmont: \$30,268
Total

Upon the recommendation of Mr. Huss, a motion was made by Mr. Lamb to approve the low bid meeting all specifications of \$16,800 (sixteen thousand, eight hundred dollars) from Stevens Gymnasiums, Inc. for the above noted items. Mr. Fussell seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Consider/Approve Amendment to the General Purpose School Fund Budget – According to Mr. Huss, the School System has experienced an increase in

expenditures to meet the needs of a student with most of the cost to be reimbursed by the State. However, the expenditures will be made in advance of the high cost reimbursement from the State. Therefore, upon his recommendation, a motion was made by Mr. Rainey to approve a resolution to amend the General Purpose School Fund Budget to reflect these expenditures as noted. Mr. Fussell seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Consider/Approve Requests to Declare Property Surplus and Dispose Via Most Economical Method – Upon the recommendation of Mr. Huss, a motion was made by Mr. Lamb to declare surplus middle school football jerseys from Black Oak, Hillcrest, Lake Road, and Ridgemont due to combining the middle school programs. Additionally, any funds generated by a fundraiser to dispose of the jerseys would be deposited to each school's football restricted account to offset cost associated with replacing the uniforms for the combined football program. Mr. Fussell seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Consider/Approve NEO 2 Smart-Option Mobile Lab Bid – Upon Mr. Huss' recommendation, a motion was made by Mr. Fussell to approve the purchase of five (5) Neo 2 Smart-Option Mobile Labs, (one for each elementary school), from Renaissance Learning at a total cost of \$14,629.15 (fourteen thousand, six hundred twenty-nine dollars and fifteen cents). Ms. Sanderson seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

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

- Lake Road Elementary School, PLUS Extra-Curricular Activity, April 26 - 27, 2013, Nashville, TN
- Hillcrest Elementary School, PLUS Extra-Curricular Activity, April 26 – 27, 2013 , Nashville, TN
- South Fulton Middle/High School – Band Extra-Curricular Activity, April 25-27, 2013, Gatlinburg, TN

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

DIRECTOR'S UPDATE

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

- Governor Haslam has pulled the voucher bill for this year's session.
- Mr. Huss called the State for information on next year's budget with no reply to date.
- April 22nd is the first day of TCAP testing.

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 7:35 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