

Obion County Board of Education
Regular Board Meeting
May 6, 2013

The Obion County Board of Education met in regular session on May 6, 2013, at Lake Road Elementary School. Board Chairman Brian Rainey called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Mr. David Lamb led everyone in prayer. Mr. Huss called the roll. Mr. Brian Rainey, Mr. Willis Easley, Mr. Fritz Fussell, Mr. David Lamb, Mr. Scott Northam, Mr. Tim Partin, and Ms. Diane Sanderson were present. Seven members were present. There was a quorum.

STUDENT RECOGNITION

Ms. Brandi Cantrell, South Fulton High School BETA Club sponsor, introduced the following students and the awards won at the state convention:

- Mikayla Hardy - \$1,000 scholarship
- Taylor Martin - \$4,000 scholarship and served as 2012 – 2013 State Vice-President
- Morgan Martin – First place scrapbook (Supervisor of Project)
- Grace Bruner- Oratory
- Harrison Fry – John W Harris Award (only one State recipient given)
- Ms. Cantrell - "Sponsor of the Year" and the opportunity to compete at the national level

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Rainey made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of Item F. Continued Discussion of the Reading Recovery Program. The Board unanimously approved the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PRIOR MEETING

Upon the recommendation of Chairman Rainey, the Board unanimously approved minutes from the Board meeting of April 8, 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

Prior to addressing the first item of new business, Chairman Rainey made a motion to remove the Director's contract from the table of the April 8, 2013 Board meeting. Ms. Sanderson seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

After presenting each Board member the opportunity to speak, Chairman Rainey requested an action on the above noted item. Mr. Lamb made a motion to approve a 3% (three per cent) raise for the Director of Schools. Mr. Northam seconded the motion. Chairman Rainey made a motion to amend Mr. Lamb's motion with a motion to set the Director's annual salary at \$115,000 (one hundred fifteen thousand dollars). Ms. Sanderson seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Mr. Easley – yes; Mr. Fussell – no; Mr. Lamb – no; Mr. Northam – no; Mr. Partin – no; Mr. Rainey – yes; Ms. Sanderson – yes. **The motion failed 4 – 3.**

After further discussion, Mr. Partin made a motion to amend Mr. Lamb's original motion with a motion to set the Director's annual salary at \$110,000 (one hundred ten thousand dollars). Ms. Sanderson seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Mr. Easley – no; Mr. Fussell – yes; Mr. Lamb – no; Mr. Northam – yes; Mr. Partin – yes; Mr. Rainey – yes; Ms. Sanderson – yes. **MOTION CARRIED 5 – 2.**

NEW BUSINESS

Recognition of Administrative/Principal Assignments for the 2013 – 2014 School Year – Mr. Huss presented a list of administrative, principal, and assistant principal appointments for the 2013 – 2014 school year. Since this item was for information only, no Board action was required.

Consider/Approve Amendment to the General Purpose School Fund – According to Mr. Huss, recent information was received from the Tennessee Department of Education in regard to a decrease of approximately \$250,000 (two hundred fifty thousand dollars) in Basic Education Program (BEP) funding for Fiscal Year 2014 that includes increases for salaries, benefits, insurance, etc. In order to maintain sound budgeting practices and provide a consistent source of revenue for recurring expenditures, he recommended payment of the Fiscal Year 2014 note prior to June 30, 2013; offsetting the cost of expensive textbook series for the 2013 –

2014 school year with funds appropriated but not expended for vocational education textbooks; and amending the 2012 – 2013 fiscal year budget of the General Purpose School Fund Budget with a resolution to reflect the noted expenditures. Mr. Fussell made a motion to approve Mr. Huss' recommendation. Mr. Northam seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Appoint Member to Athletic Advisory Committee – Upon the recommendation of Chairman Rainey, the Board unanimously approved the appointment of Mr. Fritz Fussell to serve on the 2013 – 2014 Athletic Advisory Committee for the County athletic programs.

Consider/Approve Amendment to Board Policy #4.602 – Class Ranking – For better clarification, Mr. Huss recommended the following amendments to Board Policy #4.602:

- On page 1, line 37, the sentence should read “2 Career and Technical Education courses or 2 Dual enrollment courses.”
- On page 1, line 39, the sentence should read “Student must be eligible for first or second honor roll each nine (9) weeks.”
- The last complete sentence on page 2 should be struck, and the second sentence should read “Class rankings for all students will be determined by the cumulative long semester averages.”

Upon Mr. Huss' recommendations, a motion was made by Mr. Easley to approve the first reading of the above noted amendment to Board Policy #4.602 – Class Ranking. Mr. Lamb seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

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

- South Fulton Middle/High School, BETA Club, National Convention, June 19-22, 2013, Mobile Convention Center

Upon Mr. Huss' recommendation, a motion was made by Mr. Lamb to approve the above noted overnight student trip. Mr. Northam seconded the motion.

MOTION CARRIED.

Continued Discussion of the Reading Recovery Program - Chairman Rainey initiated a discussion of the Reading Recovery Program and the possibility of creating a program which would be more cost effective while still providing the required intervention needed for struggling students. After a thorough discussion of

the Program by Board members, a motion was made by Tim Partin to discontinue the Reading Recovery Program and create a new system-wide program. Mr. Lamb seconded the motion. Mr. Fussell made a motion to table Mr. Partin's motion until another plan was in place. Mr. Northam seconded the motion to table. Chairman Rainey requested a roll call vote on Mr. Fussell's motion to table. Roll call vote: Mr. Easley – no; Mr. Fussell – yes; Mr. Lamb – yes; Mr. Northam – yes; Mr. Partin – no; Mr. Rainey – no; Ms. Sanderson – no. **Motion to table failed 4 – 3.**

Chairman Rainey requested a roll call vote on Mr. Partin's motion to discontinue the Reading Recovery Program and create a new system-wide program. Roll call vote: Mr. Easley – yes; Mr. Fussell – no; Mr. Lamb – yes; Mr. Northam – no; Mr. Partin – yes; Mr. Rainey – yes; Ms. Sanderson – yes. **MOTION CARRIED 5 – 2.** Note: The Board asked Ms. Vikki Stevenson, Supervisor of Instruction for Pre K – 4 to provide plans for an alternative reading intervention program at the next Board meeting in June.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

In observance of Teacher Appreciation Week, Mr. Partin thanked the teachers and supervisory staff for their dedication to the children of the Obion County School System.

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 7:51 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