

Obion County Board of Education

Regular Board Meeting

September 4, 2012

The Obion County Board of Education met in regular session on September 4, 2012 at Black Oak Elementary School. Board Chairman, Brian Rainey called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. Mr. David Lamb led everyone in prayer. Board members Brian Rainey, Diane Sanderson, David Lamb, and new Board member Scott Northam were administered their oaths of office by Obion County General Sessions Judge Jimmy Smith for a new four-year term. 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.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN, VICE-CHAIRMAN, AND CHAIR PRO TEM OF

THE BOARD – The following nominations were unanimously approved by the Board for the 2012 – 2013 school year:

- Brian Rainey, Chairman – Nominated by Ms. Diane Sanderson
- Diane Sanderson, Vice Chairman – Nominated by Mr. Fritz Fussell
- David Lamb, Chair Pro Tem – Nominated by Mr. Tim Partin

STUDENT/STAFF RECOGNITION

Obion County Central High School Agriculture teacher, Ms. Sarah Baker, introduced three (3) of her students who recently attended the National Leadership Conference in Washington, D.C. Students Shelley Pate, Austin Holland, and Ben Holland gave a PowerPoint presentation of their participation in the events offered at the conference. Additionally, they expressed appreciation to the Board for its support of the agriculture program.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Huss requested the addition of item Old Business – Hillcrest Elementary School Update to the agenda. Upon the recommendation of Mr. Rainey, the Board unanimously approved the agenda with the requested addition.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PRIOR MEETING

Upon the recommendation of Chairman Rainey, the Board unanimously approved minutes from the Board meeting of August 6, 2012.

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 Mr. Rainey, a motion was made by Mr. Lamb to approve the consent agenda. Mr. Easley seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

OLD BUSINESS

Hillcrest Elementary School Update – According to Maintenance Supervisor Phil Graham, a structural engineer has reported the following results of his inspection:

- Structural damage due to soil mass shrinkage with damage to exterior brick, mortar, interior blocks (stair casing), and door frames;
- Recommended repairs include two inch brick overhang; install blocking and concrete, allow to settle; install piers outside with size to be determined;
- Lack of reinforcement due to build date of 1985 by Southern building codes;
- Damaged wing of school has fallen 1.2 inches, but is not considered unsafe. However, during estimated three weeks of repairs, children cannot be in that wing.

After hearing the conclusions and recommendations of the structural engineer, Mr. Partin suggested the need for a second opinion. Mr. Fussell agreed and made a motion to obtain a second opinion from another structural engineer. Mr. Partin seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

NEW BUSINESS

Request to Address the Board – Mr. Tony Jones, President of Lady Rebounders School Support Organization – On behalf of the OCCHS school support organizations for girls and boys basketball, Mr. Jones requested permission to attach fixtures and make other improvements to the gymnasium at Obion County Central High School at no cost to the System. Upon the recommendation of Mr. Huss, a motion was made by Mr. Partin to approve the requested renovations. Mr. Northam seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Appointment/Confirmation of Members to the Ethics Committee – Upon the recommendation of Mr. Rainey, a motion was made by Mr. Fussell to approve the appointment and confirmation of Mr. David Lamb, Mr. Willis Easley, and Ms. Nancy Hamilton to serve on the Ethics Committee. Ms. Sanderson seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Consider/Approve Certification of Compliance with TCA §49-3-310(1)(A) Furnishing of Required Textbooks - Upon Mr. Huss' recommendation, a motion was made by Mr. Lamb to approve the annual certification of compliance for the furnishing of required textbooks to students for the 2012 – 2013 school year. Mr. Fussell seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Recognize School Support Organizations in Compliance with TCA §§49-2-604 and 49-2-605 – Upon the recommendation of Mr. Huss, a motion was made by Mr. Fussell to recognize all school support organizations that are in compliance with state statutes. Mr. Lamb seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Consider/Approve Tennessee School Nutrition Standards Act Certification of Compliance for the 2012 – 2013 School Year – Upon Mr. Huss' recommendation, a motion was made by Mr. Easley to approve the annual Tennessee School Nutrition Standards Act Certification for the 2012 – 2013 school year. Mr. Partin seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Consider/Approve Amendment to Board Policy #1.400 – School Board Meetings – Upon the recommendation of Mr. Huss, a motion was made by Ms. Sanderson to approve the first reading of an amendment to Board Policy #1.400 – School Board Meetings, with the addition of (1) Electronic attendance by a Board member with specific guidelines; and (2) No camera, camcorder, or other photographic equipment can be brought to a Board meeting without the consent of the Board. Additionally, the amendment included wording to better define when the school board would hold meetings. Mr. Easley seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Consider/Approve Amendment to Board Policy #1.704 – Charter Schools – Upon Mr. Huss' recommendation, a motion was made by Mr. Partin to approve

the first reading of an adoption of the Tennessee School Board Association (TSBA) proposed policy #1.704 – Charter Schools. Ms. Sanderson seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Consider/Approve Amendment to Board Policy #5.200 – Separation Practices for Tenured Teachers and #5.201 – Separation Practices for Non-Tenured Teachers – Upon Mr. Huss' recommendation, a motion was made by Mr. Easley to approve first reading of an amendment to Board Policies #5.200 and #5.201 regarding separation practices for tenured and non-tenured teachers. Mr. Partin seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Consider/Approve Amendment to Board Policy #5.803 – Evaluation of the Director of Schools – Upon the recommendation of Mr. Huss, a motion was made by Mr. Easley to approve the amendment to Board Policy #5.803 – Evaluation of the Director of Schools, on first reading. Ms. Sanderson seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Consider/Approve Amendment to Board Policy #6.316 – Suspension/Expulsion/Remand – According to Mr. Huss, Public Chapter 687 amends Tennessee law and adds the assault on school bus drivers and other school personnel with obscene, vulgar, or threatening language to the list of offenses resulting in suspension or expulsion of a student. Upon his recommendation, Mr. Lamb made a motion to approve the first reading of an amendment to Board Policy #6.316 – Suspension/Expulsion/Remand to include the above noted language. Mr. Northam seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Consider/Approve Board Policy #6.4081 – Safe Relocation of Students – Upon the recommendation of Mr. Huss, a motion was made by Mr. Lamb to approve the first reading of proposed Board Policy #6.4081 – Safe Relocation of Students. Mr. Partin seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Consider/Approve Amendment to Board Policy #6.411 – Student Wellness – Upon the recommendation of Mr. Huss and School Health Coordinator, Ms. Chastity Homra, a motion was made by Mr. Fussell to approve the first reading of an amendment to replace our current Board Policy #6.411 – Student Wellness

with TSBA's proposed policy. Ms. Sanderson seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Consider/Approve Declaring Textbooks Surplus and Authorize Disposition by Most Economical Method – According to Mr. Huss, there are several old vocational textbooks and other miscellaneous textbooks which are no longer of use to the System. Upon his recommendation, a motion was made by Mr. Lamb to declare surplus and dispose via the most economical method, *i.e.*, sealed bids, or recycling if no bids are submitted. Mr. Northam seconded the motion.

MOTION CARRIED.

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

- Obion County Central High School, FFA, State Livestock Judging Contest, September 5-6, 2012, Murfreesboro, TN
- Obion County Central High School, FFA, West TN FFA Chapter Leadership Retreat, September 28-30, 2012, Lavinia, TN
- Obion County Central High School, FFA, National Livestock Judging Contest, October 2-7, 2012, Harrisburg, PA
- Obion County Central High School, FFA, National FFA Convention, October 23-27, 2012, Indianapolis, IN

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

DIRECTOR'S UPDATE

Mr. Huss submitted the following points of interest to the Board:

- Enrollment is up 55 students over projection.
- Obion County Central High School enrollment increased from 863 to 936 students which includes an enrollment of 278 in the freshman class.
- New teachers were added due to increase of students in the System.
- Audits are ready for review.
- The Obion County School System is an intermediate school system and is at the highest attainable level for the second consecutive year in value-added scores and individual schools have very good evaluation composite scores.
- The overall graduation rate is a commendable 91%.
- Test scores will be discussed at the October meeting.

After a few further comments by the Board and with no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:10 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