

Obion County Board of Education

Regular Board Meeting

February 3, 2014

The Obion County Board of Education met in regular session on February 3, 2014 at South Fulton Middle/High School. Board Chairman, Brian Rainey called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Fritz Fussell led everyone in prayer. Mr. Dale Hollowell called the roll. Mr. Brian Rainey, Mr. Willis Easley, Mr. Fritz Fussell, Mr. David Lamb, Mr. Tim Partin, and Ms. Diane Sanderson were present. Mr. Scott Northam was absent. Six members were present. There was a quorum.

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 January 13 and January 22, 2014.

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. With a correction noting that Ms. Teresa Cook is a new teacher at Hillcrest Elementary School, the Board unanimously approved the consent agenda.

OLD BUSINESS

Consider/Approve Proposed School Calendar for 2014 – 2015 (Second Reading) – Upon the recommendation of Mr. Hollowell, a motion was made by Mr. Lamb to approve the second and final reading of the school calendar for 2014 – 2015. Ms. Sanderson seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

NEW BUSINESS

Transmittal Letter, Notification of Release, and Audit Findings – According to Ms. Nancy Hamilton, a letter of transmittal, notification of audit release, and report of audit findings has been received from the Department of Audit at the

State Comptroller's office in regard to Obion County for the year ending June 30, 2013. She stated that few significant findings were reported and all bills have been paid for that period of time. Since this item was for information only, no action was required by the Board.

Update Board Policy #6.317 – Disciplinary Hearing Authority – 1st Reading
– According to Mr. Hollowell, T.C.A. §49-6-3401(c)(6) states that local school board policy may require an appeal to the director of schools prior to a request for review to the Board. However, current Board policy does not provide an avenue for this appeal. Upon Mr. Hollowell's recommendation, a motion was made by Mr. Easley to approve first reading of an amendment to Board Policy #6.317 – Disciplinary Hearing Authority which would include the provision requiring an appeal to be addressed to the Director of Schools before a request for review to the Board can be made. Mr. Lamb seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Consider/Approve Overnight Field Trip(s) – The following overnight field trip request(s) were presented for Board approval:

- Obion County Central High School, Art Club, April 10 – April 14, 2014, St. Louis. MO
- Obion County Central High School, Bass Master Club, Bass Master Classic, February 18 – February 23, 2014, Birmingham, AL
- Obion County Central High School, Bass Master Club, Bass Master Classic, February 21 – February 23, 2014, Birmingham, AL
- All Junior High Schools, OCJH Football Cheer, Competition, April 5 – April 7, 2014, St. Louis, MO
- Ridgemont Elementary, BETA Club, Enrichment, March 2 – March 4, 2014

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

Mr. Russ Davis – Agriculture Video – Mr. Russ Davis, Vocational Director at Obion County Central High School presented a brief introduction to an agriculture video from the Monsanto Company which showcased OCCHS and other schools throughout the United States that had received grants from Monsanto. Prior to showing the video to the Board, he introduced Agriculture teachers Sarah Dickinson and Cassie Hendon. Ms. Dickinson provided a report on how the grant was used for improving the agriculture program at OCCHS and

she introduced FFA (Future Farmers of America) President, Shelley Pate. Ms. Pate narrated portions of the video and shared future goals of the students involved in the program. Since this item was for information only, no action was required by the Board.

Consider/Approve Laptop Cart Bid – The following bids were received for 8 (eight) laptop carts with the option to purchase additional carts at the quoted price through June 28, 2014:

- Central Technologies, Inc. \$2298.00 each
- Earth Walk \$2362.00 each

Upon the recommendation of Mr. Hollowell, a motion was made by Mr. Lamb to approve the low bid of \$2298 (two thousand, two hundred ninety eight dollars) per laptop cart and a total of \$18,384 (eighteen thousand, three hundred eighty four dollars) for 8 (eight) carts from Central Technologies, Inc. Mr. Partin seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

DIRECTOR(S) UPDATE

Mr. Hollowell stated that school will not be in session tomorrow (February 4th) due to inclement weather and hazardous road conditions.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/ADJOURN

Mr. Willis Easley expressed his appreciation to the Board and the school system for the cards, prayers, and phone calls he received while recuperating from a recent surgery.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:30 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

Dale Hollowell and Nancy Hamilton,
Co-Directors of Schools