

**Obion County Board of Education**  
**Regular Board Meeting**  
**June 2, 2014**

The Obion County Board of Education met in regular session on June 2, 2014 at Obion County Central High School. Board Chairman Brian Rainey called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m. Mr. Fritz Fussell led everyone in prayer. Mr. Davis 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.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Prior to approval of the agenda, Mr. Rainey requested the addition of Item O. Mr. David Crocker – Request to Address the Board. Upon his recommendation, the Board unanimously approved the agenda with the above noted addition.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PRIOR MEETING**

Upon the recommendation of Chairman Rainey, the Board unanimously approved minutes from the Board meeting of May 5, 2014.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

The consent agenda consists of the monthly personnel report, monthly financial reports/business activity, recognition of gifts received for the 2013 - 2014 school year, and technology report of equipment declared surplus and disposed via the most economical method. Upon the recommendation of Chairman Rainey, the Board unanimously approved the consent agenda.

**OLD BUSINESS**

*Consider/Approve Athletic Manual Updates* – On behalf of the Athletic Advisory Committee, Mr. Fussell proposed and made a motion to approve updates in the wording of the athletic manual to reflect the percentage of game time missed due to the severity of the infraction committed. In addition, infractions would include on and off campus behavior. Mr. Northam seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

*Consider/Approve Amendment to Board Policy #6.4031 – Pediculosis (Head Lice) – (2<sup>nd</sup> Reading)* – Upon the recommendation of Mr. Davis and School Health Coordinator, Chastity Homra, Mr. Lamb made a motion to approve the second and final

reading of an amendment to Board Policy #6.4031 – Pediculosis (Head Lice) with the following changes:

- Line 13 – (2) satisfactory examination by administration or school nurse
- Line 15/16 – Treatment and prevention will be developed by the Director of Schools/Coordinated School Health and distributed to all nurses and classroom teachers.
- Line 18/19 – Any subsequent incidents of head lice for that student during the school year will require submission of satisfactory evidence of treatment for head lice by administration and/or school nurse.
- Line 21/22 – A student will be expected to have met all requirements for treatment and return to school the next day following exclusion for head lice.
- Line 23 – marked as unexcused

Ms. Sanderson seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

*Adult Education Update – Ms. Sharon Connell* – In regard to the Adult Education program, the following points of interest were presented by Ms. Connell:

- To date, 20+ students have passed the GED exam.
- The two choices offered for the GED exam are the traditional GED test or the Hi-Set with the Hi-Set at a lower cost to students and endorsed by several states, including Tennessee.
- GED graduation is scheduled for June 17, 2014 at the Obion County Public Library in Union City.
- Ms. Connell expressed her thanks to the Board for their support of the GED program and invited them to attend the June 17th GED graduation ceremony.

*Consider/Approve Increase in School Meals* – Upon the recommendation of Mr. Davis and Ms. Judy Denman, Child Nutrition Supervisor, Ms. Sanderson made a motion to increase the cost of elementary and high school lunches by ten cents (.10) and the cost of adult and visitor lunches by twenty five cents (.25). Mr. Partin seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

*Consider/Appoint Member to Athletic Advisory Committee* – Upon the recommendation of Mr. Rainey, a motion was made by Mr. Lamb to reappoint Mr. Fritz Fussell to serve on the Athletic Advisory Committee. Mr. Northam seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

*Consider/Approve Amendments to the General Purpose School Fund* – According to Mr. Davis, amendments were needed to more closely reflect the General Purpose School Fund budget for the current 2013 - 2014 fiscal year. Items included in the amendments were the following:

- Additional teacher salaries to maintain state mandated class sizes
- Increase in natural gas usage due to harsh winter
- Cost of services and materials for maintenance of grounds and buildings
- Receipt of TN Tobacco Settlement Grant through Coordinated School Health
- Donations to Backpack Program through Coordinated School Health
- Legal fees due to a Special Education due process request
- Contract with TN School Board Association in new Director of Schools search

- Additional premiums for Worker's Compensation Insurance

Upon the recommendation of Mr. Davis, a motion was made by Mr. Easley to approve the amendments as noted to the General Purpose School Fund budget for fiscal year 2013 – 2014. Mr. Partin seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

*Consider/Approve Annual Board Agenda for the 2014 – 2015 Fiscal Year -*

Upon Mr. Davis' recommendation, a motion was made by Mr. Lamb to approve the adoption of the annual agenda for fiscal year 2014 - 2015. Mr. Fussell seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

*Recognition of Administrative/Principal Assignments for the 2014 – 2015 School Year* – Mr. Davis presented the following administrative and principal appointments for the 2014 – 2015 school year:

- Assistant Director of Schools – Student Support Services – Mr. Dale Hollowell
- Assistant Director of Schools – Teaching and Learning – Ms. Nancy Hamilton
- Supervisor of Instruction, Grades 4 – 8/Title Director – Lesa Scillion
- Supervisor of Instruction, Grades PK – 3 – Ms. Vikki Stevenson
- Supervisor of Special Education/Coordinated School Health – Ms. Mary Lynn Dodson
- Supervisor of Alternative Education/Attendance – Ms. Cynthia Rainey
- Coordinated Health – Ms. Chastity Homra
- Supervisor of Child Nutrition – Ms. Judy Denman
- Supervisor of Pupil Transportation – Mr. Tim Maynard
- Supervisor of Maintenance – Mr. Phil Graham
- Technology Coordinator – Mr. Brad Barbour
- Director of Finance – Ms. Linda Carney
- Black Oak Elementary Principal – Mr. Dennis Buckelew
- Black Oak Elementary Assistant Principal – Ms. Mary Coleman
- Hillcrest Elementary Principal – Ms. Patresa Rogers
- Hillcrest Elementary Assistant Principal – Mr. Travis Johnson
- Lake Road Elementary Principal – Ms. Sheila Stone
- Lake Road Elementary Assistant Principal – Mr. Adam Stephens
- Obion County Central Principal – Ms. Linda Crigger
- Obion County Central Assistant Principal – Mr. Craig Rogers
- Obion County Central Assistant Principal – Mr. Greg Barclay
- Career and Technical Education Director – TBA
- Ridgemont Elementary Principal – Ms. Elise Braswell
- Ridgemont Elementary Assistant Principal – Mr. Jon Kerr
- South Fulton Elementary Principal – Mr. Don Capps
- South Fulton Elementary Assistant Principal – Ms. Laura Pitts
- South Fulton Middle/High Principal – Mr. Keith Frazier
- South Fulton Middle/High Assistant Principal – Ms. Dana Craddock

Since the above noted agenda item was for information only, no action was required by the Board.

*Consider/Approve Appointment of Members to Disciplinary Hearing Authority* – In accordance with Board Policy #6.317, Mr. Davis recommended the following appointees to serve on the Disciplinary Hearing Authority for the 2014 – 2015 school year:

- Dale Hollowell, SDHA Chairperson

- Mary Lynn Dodson
- Cynthia Rainey
- Lesa Scillion
- Nancy Hamilton
- One High School Administrator – Keith Frazier
- One Elementary Administrator – Adam Stephens

Upon his recommendation, a motion was made by Mr. Partin to approve the appointment of the above noted individuals to serve on the Disciplinary Hearing Committee. Mr. Easley seconded the motion. On a six to one vote, with Mr. Lamb voting no, **MOTION CARRIED.**

*Consider/Approve Athletic Practice During the School Day* – Upon the recommendation of Mr. Davis, a motion was made by Mr. Lamb to approve athletic practice during the school day for the 2014 - 2015 school year. Ms. Sanderson seconded the motion. Ms. Sanderson withdrew her second. Mr. Lamb withdrew his motion to approve. Mr. Fussell made a motion to table until the next Board meeting. Mr. Lamb seconded this motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

*Consider/Approve Designation of Fund Balance for Special Education Transportation* – According to Mr. Davis, currently there are no children to transport to West Tennessee School for the Deaf. However, if the System does have a child to enroll who requires these services, the traditional bus route would run as in the past. Additionally, if our services were needed, our System could enter into a transportation contract with Trenton and Bradford Special School Districts and Humboldt City Schools to provide transportation for their students who attend the West Tennessee School for the Deaf. He further stated that any future revenues derived from these agreements would be set aside for the replacement of a special education when needed. Since no new revenue has occurred, this item was for information only and did not require any action by the Board.

*Consider/Approve Resolution Concerning School Federal Projects Budgets* – Upon the recommendation of Mr. Davis, a motion was made by Mr. Lamb to approve a resolution to accept, adopt, and declare that the Obion County Schools Federal Projects Fund budgets for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2015 for the No child Left Behind Act (NCLB), Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), Carl Perkins Vocational projects, 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Grant, the State's First to the Top Act, and

any other Federal funds flowing from the Federal government through the State of Tennessee to Obion County Schools shall be the budget approved for the separate projects within the fund by the Tennessee Department of Education. Mr. Fussell seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

*Consider/Approve Director's Participation in CEO Professional Development Program* – Mr. Partin made a motion to approve Mr. Davis' participation in the State's annual CEO Professional Development Program. Mr. Easley seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

*Consider/Approve Request to Declare Property Surplus and Dispose Via Most Economical Method* – According to Mr. Davis, the Transportation Department has made a request to declare surplus one (1) 1993 Chevrolet 3500 Pick-Up Truck and one (1) 1998 Pontiac Transport Van due to age and condition. Additionally, it was requested that the vehicles be donated to the vocational school as training platforms to be used in the mechanical and auto body classes. Upon the recommendation of Mr. Davis, a motion was made by Mr. Fussell to declare surplus the above noted items and dispose via the most economical method i.e. donation to the vocational school program. Mr. Partin seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

*Consider/Approve Request from Hillcrest Drama Club to Purchase Storage Building* – According to Mr. Davis, the Hillcrest Drama Club has requested permission to purchase and place a storage building on the grounds of Hillcrest Elementary School. It would be purchased with money raised by the Drama Club and would be used to store equipment and props for productions. Since the request complies with rules, regulations, and policy, Mr. Davis recommended approval of the request. Upon his recommendation, Mr. Northam made a motion to approve. Mr. Fussell seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

*Consider/Approve Bid for Driver's Education Vehicle* – The following bids were received for the purchase of a driver's education vehicle which will be budgeted in the General Purpose School Fund for the 2014 – 2015 fiscal year:

- Terry Petty Chevrolet-Buick - \$18,657.90
- Kenton Chevrolet - \$19,765.65

Upon Mr. Davis' recommendation, a motion was made by Mr. Easley to approve the low bid of \$18,657.90 (eighteen thousand, six hundred fifty seven dollars and ninety

cents) from Terry Petty Chevrolet-Buick. Mr. Lamb seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.** Note: No liability will be incurred, nor a purchase order issued until the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2014.

*David Crocker – Request to Address the Board* – Mr. David Crocker addressed the Board in regard to Coach Kurt Lee at South Fulton Middle/High School. Mr. Crocker stated that he and other parents have observed Mr. Lee being verbally abusive to the female students participating in the softball and basketball programs at the school, and that his coaching style was one of fear of retribution for insignificant reasons. Furthermore, he beseeched the Board to observe Mr. Lee's behavior and possibly refer to school policies regarding his conduct. Mr. Rainey thanked Mr. Crocker and referred the matter to Mr. Davis. Accordingly, Mr. Davis stated that he would conduct a follow up with South Fulton Middle/High Principal, Mr. Keith Frazier and with Coach Lee.

#### **DIRECTOR'S UPDATE**

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

- Thank you notes in regard to teacher appreciation week;
- This year's graduation at both high schools would be memorable, especially at Obion County Central High School where the graduation ceremony continued on the football field despite torrential rainfall.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Mr. Davis stated that the year-end meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 23, 2014 at 7:00 a.m. in the conference room of the Board of Education office.

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

The entire meeting was recorded and stored as an electronic copy.

Amendments to the General Purpose School Fund Budget for fiscal year 2013 – 2014 are hereby incorporated as an addendum to the minutes.

The minutes were taken and typed by Diane Terry.

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Brian Rainey, Chairman

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Russell J. Davis, Director of Schools