

Obion County Board of Education

Special Called Board Meeting

May 30, 2014

The Obion County Board of Education met in a special called session on May 30, 2014 at the Board of Education office. Board Chairman, Brian Rainey called the meeting to order at 7:08 a.m. and 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

Upon the recommendation of Mr. Rainey, the Board unanimously approved the agenda.

NEW BUSINESS

Consider/Approve Litigation Concerning the Retrieval of Unpaid Revenue Generated by the Liquor by the Drink Tax – According to Mr. Davis, State law provides that 50% (fifty per cent) of tax revenue generated through the liquor by the drink tax is earmarked for school systems. The County has distributed the funds as mandated to the city and county schools. However, the City of Union City has not complied. Additionally, he stated that the situation is not unique to Obion County and that it is being addressed throughout the state of Tennessee. In order to recoup the lost revenue which goes back to 1980, the process of litigation would have to be started prior to June 1, 2014. Therefore, upon his recommendation, a motion was made by Mr. Lamb to enter into a contract with the law firm of Logan/Thompson to proceed with litigation to recoup the lost revenue. Ms. Sanderson seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

After further discussion, Mr. Fussell expressed the desire to meet with Union City officials to work out an equitable solution prior to filing a lawsuit. Additionally, a motion was made by Mr. Partin to adopt a resolution regarding the distribution of previously collected consumption on the premises tax. Mr. Lamb seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS/ADJOURN

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

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

A resolution in regard to the distribution of previously collected consumption on the premises tax is hereby incorporated as an addendum to the minutes.

The minutes were taken and typed by Diane Terry.

Brian Rainey, Chairman

Russell J. Davis, Director of Schools