

Obion County Board of Education

Regular Board Meeting

November 4, 2013

The Obion County Board of Education met in regular session on November 4, 2013 at Black Oak Elementary School. Board Chairman, Brian Rainey called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. and 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.

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 meeting of October 7, 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.

NEW BUSINESS

Consider/Approve Adoption of Board Policy #3.207 – Energy Use and Conservation and Related Budget Amendment – Upon the recommendation of Mr. Huss, a motion was made by Mr. Easley to approve the adoption of Board Policy #3.207 – Energy Use and Conservation on first reading and to approve a budget amendment to account for grant funding through the General Purpose School Fund Budget. Mr. Fussell seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Consider/Approve Amendment to Board Policy #5.402 – Hepatitis B (HBV) – Upon Mr. Huss' recommendation, a motion was made by Mr. Lamb to approve the first reading of an amendment to Board Policy #5.402 – Hepatitis B (HBV) to

include cafeteria personnel with those employees that are considered to be at high risk of occupational exposure to Hepatitis B. Mr. Partin seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Consider/Approve Adoption of Board Policy #3.208 – Facilities Planning –

Upon the recommendation of Mr. Huss, a motion was made by Mr. Lamb to adopt first reading of Board Policy #3.208 – Facilities Planning with the following guidelines:

- For initial adoption, on line 1, change month to May to ensure that annual assessment of facility needs are included in the annual budget;
- Although facilities are already asbestos free, required federal and state regulations information will be available at the Board Office, Maintenance Shop, and all schools. Additionally, an Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) manager shall be appointed upon adoption of policy.

Mr. Easley seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Obion County Schools School Support Organization Guidelines – As per

Board request, Mr. Huss researched and compiled the document “Obion County Schools School Support Organization Guidelines”. This document was presented for informational purposes only with a formal vote of the Board to be held at the December Board meeting.

Consider/Approve Refurbished Desktop Computer Bid – The following

bids were received for the purchase of three hundred ninety (390) refurbished desktop computers that will be placed in various classrooms across the System:

- Insight Investments - \$63,960.00
- School Tech Supply - \$81,900.00
- Everyday PC – \$65,898.30
- Zones - \$157,950.00
- VIG Solutions - \$62,010.00 (with five year warranty)
- CDI Computer Dealers - \$69,810.00

Upon the recommendation of Mr. Huss, a motion was made by Ms. Sanderson to approve the low bid meeting all specifications from VIG Solutions in the amount of \$62,010.00 (sixty two thousand, ten dollars) for three hundred ninety (390) refurbished desktop computers. Mr. Partin seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Accept Resignation of the Director of Schools – Prior to offering his resignation, Mr. Huss briefly acknowledged some of the accomplishments of the System during his tenure which included the following:

- For first time, graduation rates were 93.1% this year;
- TVAS Composite for numeracy and literacy was a 5 countywide;
- ACT composite scores were above State average;
- All TCAP and Value Added scores were up;
- All accomplishments were due to the right staff with a dedicated effort.

While ending on a positive note, Mr. Huss stated that he no longer believes in the current direction that State administration is taking education in grades K – 12. Therefore, he respectfully submitted his resignation as Director of Obion County Schools. Mr. Lamb made a motion to accept his resignation. Mr. Partin seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Other Actions Necessary for the Efficient Operation of the Schools – Since Mr. Huss' last day in the office would be November 15, 2013; Chairman Rainey made a motion to appoint Mr. Dale Hollowell and Mrs. Nancy Hamilton to serve as interim Co-Directors until a new director is hired. Mr. Partin seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Mr. Rainey informed the Board that he had spoken with Mr. Randall Bennett from the Tennessee School Boards Association office (TSBA), in regard to a suitable supplement for the new Co-Directors. Upon Mr. Rainey's recommendation and the recommendation of Mr. Bennett, a motion was made by Mr. Lamb to approve an additional supplement of \$1000 (one thousand dollars) per month to the salaries of Mr. Hollowell and Mrs. Hamilton until a new director of schools is hired. Mr. Easley seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS/ADJOURN

Several of the Board members expressed their thanks to Mr. Huss for a job well done during his tenure as Director of Schools.

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

David W. Huss, Director of Schools