

Obion County Board of Education

Regular Board Meeting

January 12, 2015

The Obion County Board of Education met in regular session on January 12, 2015 at Lake Road Elementary School. Board Chairman, Brian Rainey called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Mr. David Lamb led everyone in prayer. Mr. Russell Davis called the roll. Mr. Fritz Fussell, Ms. Keisha Hooper, Mr. David Lamb, Mr. Scott Northam, Ms. Mickey Preciado, Mr. Brian Rainey, and Ms. Diane Sanderson were present. Seven members were present. There was a quorum.

STUDENT/STAFF RECOGNITION

Ms. Antoinette Waites and Ms. Julie Cunningham introduced students from their PLUS-RTI (Response to Intervention) classes who gave presentations on projects which they have completed. Projects included learning the basics of publishing a newspaper; writing and publishing a story book; an environmental project to replace Styrofoam in the cafeteria; a Christmas themed play/puppet show; and a stop motion animation video on "The Giving Tree". Additionally, Ms. Vikki Stevenson gave a presentation on the gains in Pre K Literacy as a result of numerous interactive activities.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Upon the recommendation of Mr. 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 December 1, 2014.

CONSENT AGENDA

The consent agenda consists of the monthly personnel report; the report of substitute teachers; and the monthly financial reports/business activity. Upon the recommendation of Mr. Rainey, the Board unanimously approved the consent agenda.

NEW BUSINESS

Discuss Middle School Cross Country – According to Mr. Davis, there has been much student interest in a cross country activity for middle school students. He further stated that it will be offered as a funded after school program activity this year and will be incorporated as a sport in the upcoming year if enough interest is generated by the students. Since this item was for information only, no action was required by the Board.

Consider/Approve Amendment to Board Policy #4.602 – Class Ranking – Upon the recommendation of Mr. Davis, a motion was made by Mr. Lamb to approve an amendment to Board Policy #4.602 – Class Ranking on the first and final reading. Ms. Preciado seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

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

- Hillcrest Elementary, Band, All West Band Clinic, February 12 – 14, 2015, Memphis, TN
- Obion County Central High School, All West Band Clinic, February 12 – 14, 2015, Memphis, TN

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

Discuss Board Policy #5.117 – Procedure for Granting Tenure – After a discussion of the current procedure for granting tenure to teachers, a motion was made by Mr. Fussell to approve the following amendment to Board Policy #5.117 – Procedure for Granting Tenure as recommended by Mr. Davis on the first and final reading:

- The Director of Schools will recommend persons eligible for tenure at **the April** Board meeting in ample time for the Director of Schools to provide notice of non renewal to each teacher not granted tenure prior to **June 15** of the year of eligibility. **Tenure granted will be pending receipt of required teacher evaluation scores from the state (4 or 5).**

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

Elect Two Board Members to Serve on Sick Leave Bank Committee – Upon the recommendation of Mr. Rainey, a motion was made by Mr.

Fussell to approve the appointment of Ms. Preciado and Mr. Lamb to serve on the sick leave bank committee. Ms. Hooper seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

DIRECTOR’S UPDATE

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

- Students are currently preparing for testing in February.
- Grades three (3) and up will be taking their tests via computer.
- Commended the technology department and encouraged teachers to get students into computer labs.
- Expressed appreciation and support for teachers, support staff, administrative, Board employees, and Board members.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/ADJOURN

Mr. Rainey stated Board members statement of disclosure is due and reminded the Board to check their calendars for a tentative Board retreat date. Additionally, he stated that members planning to attend the “Day on the Hill” in Nashville need to make their reservations soon.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:58 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

Russell J. Davis, Director of Schools