

Obion County Board of Education

Regular Board Meeting

March 2, 2015

The Obion County Board of Education met in regular session on March 2, 2015 at South Fulton Elementary School. Board Chairman, Brian Rainey called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. Ms. Keisha Hooper 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

Several students and their respective teachers from South Fulton Elementary School were recognized by Ms. Nikki Netherland for their selection as honorees in the Character Counts program (sponsored by three (3) local banks in the Twin Cities of Fulton/South Fulton). Additionally, school wide National Geographic's Geography Bowl winners were announced.

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 February 2, 2015.

CONSENT AGENDA

The consent agenda consists of the monthly personnel report; the monthly financial reports/business activity; personnel report; and the report of technology equipment to be disposed via the most economical method. Upon the recommendation of Mr. Rainey, the Board unanimously approved the consent agenda.

NEW BUSINESS

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

- OCCHS, Band, All-State Band Clinic, April 8 – 11, 2015, Memphis

Upon Mr. Davis' recommendation, a motion was made by Ms. Preciado to approve the above noted overnight student trip. Mr. Lamb seconded the motion.

MOTION CARRIED.

Consider/Approve Recommendations from Textbook Adoption Committees – Upon the recommendation of Mr. Davis and the Obion County Textbook Adoption Committees, a motion was made by Mr. Lamb to approve the adoption of textbook recommendations for Mathematics Grades K – 5; Mathematics Grades 6 – 8; and Mathematics Grades 9 – 12. Ms. Preciado seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Consider/Approve Amendment to Board Policy #1.800 – School Calendar – Upon the recommendation of Mr. Davis, a motion was made by Mr. Fussell to approve on the first and final reading, an amendment to Board Policy #1.800 to reflect the following:

- A minimum of **175** student attendance days
- A minimum of **ten (10)** days in-service education for all certified personnel.

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

Consider/Approve Amendment to Board Policy #5.1141 – Teacher Effect Data – Upon Mr. Davis' recommendation, a motion was made by Mr. Lamb, on the first and final reading, to approve an amendment to Board Policy #5.1141 as recommended by TSBA (TN School Boards Association) in its entirety. Mr. Northam seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Consider/Approve Amendment to Board Policy #5.108 – Supervision – Upon the recommendation of Mr. Davis, a motion was made by Mr. Northam, on the first and final reading, to approve an amendment to Board Policy #5.108 as recommended by TSBA in its entirety. Ms. Hooper seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Consider/Approve Amendment to Board Policy #5.115 – Assignment/Transfer – Upon Mr. Davis' recommendation, a motion was made by Mr. Lamb, on the first and final reading, to approve an amendment to Board Policy #5.115 as recommended by TSBA in its entirety. Ms. Sanderson seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Consider/Approve Amendment to Board Policy #5.112 – Extended Contracts – Upon the recommendation of Mr. Davis, a motion was made by Mr. Fussell, on the first and final reading, to approve an amendment to Board Policy #5.112 as recommended by TSBA in its entirety. Ms. Hooper seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Consider/Approve Amendment to Board Policy #5.606 – Staff-Community Relations (Political Activities) – Upon the recommendation of Mr. Davis, a motion was made by Ms. Hooper to approve, on first and final reading the following changes to Board Policy #5.606:

- Change policy name from Staff-Community Relations to Political Activities as recommended by TSBA;
- Add lines 3 through 7 as recommended by TSBA;
- Add additional lines to include the following: Any employee who intends to campaign for an elective public office which infringes upon a contracted agreement shall present a proposed solution to the Board for consideration. The essential element to be determined by the Board is whether the activities proposed by the employee are consistent with his/her services to the school system and the best interests of education.

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

Consider/Approve Amendment to Board Policy #5.106 – Application and Employment – Since a viable application and employment policy is already in place, Mr. Davis requested that the Board table any action on Board Policy #5.106 until it could be reviewed to determine if any changes are needed. Upon Mr. Davis' recommendation to table action on this item, Mr. Rainey made a motion to approve. Ms. Hooper seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Discuss Tennessee School Plant Management Association Membership – Upon the recommendation of Mr. Davis and Maintenance Supervisor, Mr. Phil Graham, a motion was made by Mr. Lamb to approve membership in the Tennessee School Plant Management Association at a cost of \$200 (two hundred dollars) per year. Ms. Preciado seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Consider/Approve Easement for the Town of Troy – According to Mr. Davis, the town of Troy has requested a permanent and perpetual 20 foot wide public utility easement for the purpose of a water line across school property at Obion County Central High School. Upon his recommendation, a motion was

made by Mr. Fussell to approve the easement as executed in a legal document between the Obion County Board of Education and the town of Troy. Mr.

Northam seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Consider/Approve Resolution Concerning Tax Revenue Litigation – Upon the recommendation of Mr. Davis, a motion was made by Mr. Fussell to approve a resolution adding Obion County to the Obion County Board of Education’s lawsuit seeking past-due liquor by the drink tax money from the City of Union City. Mr. Lamb seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Consider/Approve South Fulton Middle/High School HVAC Upgrade – According to Mr. Davis, this item is in line with the County school replacement plan for an HVAC upgrade. Upon his recommendation, a motion was made by Mr. Northam to approve the low bid, which falls below anticipated cost, from Rogers Heating and Air at a cost of \$55,875 (fifty five thousand, eight hundred seventy five dollars). Mr. Lamb seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

DIRECTOR’S UPDATE

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

- Thanked staff for braving the bad weather;
- Requested that the Board keep Mr. Linda Carney in their thoughts; (She had fallen on ice and hit her head.)
- Recognized the finance department for their efforts in getting payroll ready in spite of the inclement weather;
- Asked Board to look at the feasibility of using March 13, May 21, May 22, and May 26 as make up days for the days missed due to inclement weather;

ANNOUNCEMENTS/ADJOURN

Mr. Lamb expressed his thanks to Linda Carney and Diane Terry for their service to the Board. Additionally, he encouraged the Board to consider possibilities for support staff to make up days lost due to snow and ice.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:50 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