

Obion County Board of Education

Regular Board Meeting

September 8, 2014

The Obion County Board of Education met in regular session on September 8, 2014 at South Fulton Elementary School. Board Chairman, Brian Rainey called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Fritz Fussell led everyone in prayer. Prior to calling the roll, Judge Jimmy C. Smith presided over the Oath of Office for new Board members Ms. Keisha Hooper, Ms. Mickey Preciado, and incumbent member, Mr. Fritz Fussell. 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

The girls' golf team members from South Fulton High School were recognized for their team and individual accomplishments.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN, VICE-CHAIRMAN, AND CHAIR PRO TEM OF THE BOARD – The following motions were made and approved by the Board:

- Motion made by Ms. Sanderson to elect Brian Rainey as Board Chairman;
- Motion made by Mr. Fussell to elect Diane Sanderson as Vice-Chairman;
- Motion made by Mr. Northam to elect David Lamb as Chair Pro Tem.

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 July 28, 2014.

CONSENT AGENDA

The consent agenda consists of the monthly personnel report; the report of substitute teachers; the monthly financial reports/business activity; and the report of technology declared surplus and disposed via most economical method.

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

NEW BUSINESS

21st Century Community Learning Center Grant – Ms Nikki Netherland –
Ms. Netherland, South Fulton Elementary School counselor, presented the following points of interest in regard to the 21st Century Community Learning Center Grant:

- Received grants totaling \$437,000 (four hundred thirty seven thousand dollars which includes a new grant for South Fulton Elementary and Ridgemont Elementary Schools;
- Provided a student increase is shown by December, the program could receive another \$69,000 (sixty nine thousand dollars) in grant money;
- The program will serve well over 400 students this year;
- To help meet the needs of children in the community, some designated after school programs will target the Hispanic and special education population this year.
- Ms. Netherland introduced Ms. Gina Walker, Site Director at Obion County Central High School. According to Ms. Walker, their program offers tutoring for academic courses and numerous extracurricular activities. The OCCHS program currently serves 258 students.
- Goal of grant program is to have an academically based program which blends the school day with after school time.

Consider/Approve Declaring Textbooks Surplus and Authorize Disposition by Most Economical Method – A request was made by Mr. Davis to declare surplus outdated social studies textbooks and to dispose via the most economical method, i.e., sealed bids or recycling if no bids are received. Mr. Lamb made a motion to approve. Ms. Sanderson seconded the motion.

MOTION CARRIED.

Appointment/Confirmation of Members to the Ethics Committee – Upon the recommendation of Mr. Rainey, the Board unanimously approved the appointment and confirmation of Mr. David Lamb, Mr. Scott Northam, and Ms. Nancy Hamilton to serve on the Ethics Committee for the 2014 - 2015 school year.

Consider/Approve Certification of Compliance with TCA §49-3-310(1)(A) Furnishing of Required Textbooks - Upon Mr. Davis' recommendation, a motion was made by Mr. Fussell to approve the annual certification of compliance for the furnishing of required textbooks to students for the 2014 - 2015 school year. Mr. Northam seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Recognize School Support Organizations in Compliance with TCA §§49-2-604 and 49-2-605 – Mr. Davis stated that most organizations are in compliance while some are in the process of correcting any deficiencies which would make them non-compliant. Additionally, he stated that he would be meeting with school athletic directors to review and revise the current forty- page SSO manual which would then be brought back to the Board for its review. This item was for information only and did not require Board action at this time.

Consider/Approve Request to Declare Property Surplus and Dispose Via Most Economical Method – According to Mr. Davis, the transportation department has requested the Board to declare surplus three (3) year 2000, 78-passenger school buses which have been removed from service due to age and condition. Additionally, they are requesting to declare scrap two (2) 78-passenger school buses whose parts have been repurposed in other buses. Upon his recommendation, a motion was made by Mr. Fussell to dispose of the above noted items via sealed bids and/or the most economical method. Ms. Hooper seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Consider/Approve Amendment to Board Policy #4.802 – Student Equal Access (Limited Public Forum) – Upon the recommendation of Mr. Davis, a motion was made by Mr. Lamb to approve, on first and final reading, an amendment to Board Policy #4.802 – Student Equal Access (Limited Public Forum) to replace the current policy with the TSBA (TN School Boards Association) proposed policy in totality. Ms. Sanderson seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Consider/Approve Amendment to Board Policy #6.4001 – Student Surveys, Analyzes, and Evaluations – Upon Mr. Davis' recommendation, a motion was made by Mr. Northam to approve, on first and final reading, an amendment to approve the replacement of Board Policy #6.4001 – Student Surveys, Analyzes, and Evaluations with TSBA's proposed policy in its totality. Ms. Preciado seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Consider/Approve Amendment to Board Policy #4.400 – Instructional Materials – Upon the recommendation of Mr. Davis, a motion was made by Ms.

Sanderson to approve on first and final reading an amendment to approve the replacement of current Board Policy #4.400 – Instructional Materials with the TSBA proposed policy in its totality. Mr. Fussell seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Consider/Approve Amendment to Board Policy #4.803 – Recognition of Religious Beliefs, Customs, and Holidays – Upon Mr. Davis' recommendation, a motion was made by Ms. Preciado to approve the first reading of an amendment to Board Policy #4.803 – Recognition of Religious Beliefs, Customs and Holidays. Ms. Hooper seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Consider/Approve Amendment to Board Policy #6.312 – Use of Personal Communication and Electronic Devices in School – Upon the recommendation of Mr. Davis, a motion was made by Mr. Northam to approve Board Policy #6.312 – Use of Personal Communication and Electronic Devices in School as written with no modifications, on first and final reading. Mr. Lamb seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Consider/Approve Amendment to Board Policy #4.700 – Testing Programs – Upon the recommendation of Mr. Davis, a motion was made by Mr. Lamb to approve the first and final reading of an amendment to approve the replacement of current Board Policy #4.700 – Testing Programs with the TSBA proposed policy in its entirety. Ms. Sanderson seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Consider/Approve Amendment to Board Policy #1.803 – Tobacco-Free Schools – Upon Mr. Davis' recommendation, a motion was made by Mr. Lamb to approve on the first and final reading, the following amendment to Board Policy #1.803 – Tobacco Free Schools:

- Lines 1 – 3 – All uses of tobacco and tobacco products, including smokeless tobacco, electronic cigarettes and associated paraphernalia are prohibited in all of the school district's buildings.
- Line 6 – Add electronic cigarettes and associated paraphernalia

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

Consider/Approve Amendment to Board Policy #4.401 – Textbook Selection, Distribution, and Care – Upon the recommendation of Mr. Davis, a motion was made by Mr. Fussell to approve an amendment to Board Policy #

4.401 – Textbook Selection, Distribution, and Care as presented to the Board on its first and final reading. Mr. Northam seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Consider/Approve Amendment to Board Policy #5.200 – Separation Practices for Tenured Teachers – Upon Mr. Davis' recommendation, a motion was made by Mr. Fussell to approve an amendment to Board Policy #5.200 – Separation Practices for Tenured Teachers as presented on its first and final reading. Ms. Sanderson seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Consider/Approve Amendment to Board Policy #5.201 – Separation Practices for Non-Tenured Teachers – Upon the recommendation of Mr. Davis, a motion was made by Mr. Northam to approve an amendment to Board Policy #5.201 – Separation Practices for Non-Tenured Teachers as presented on its first and final reading. Mr. Fussell seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

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

- Obion County Central High School, OCCHS Cheer, UCA Nationals, February 4 – February 10, 2015, Walt Disney World, Orlando, FL

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

MOTION CARRIED.

DIRECTOR'S UPDATE

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

- He extended a welcome to the new Board members;
- Stated that the student population increased by 100 this year and the System total thus far is 3700 students;
- System-wide, staff are struggling with the new attendance program, but it is up and running.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/ADJOURN

- Mr. Rainey briefly updated the Board on progress made toward the livestock building at OCCHS and acknowledged the many farmers who helped with the site preparation.
- Mr. Rainey acknowledged a plaque for Mr. Tim Partin in honor of his numerous years of service to the Board.

- Ms. Hooper thanked parents for completing their attendance info in a timely manner.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:00 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