

Obion County Board of Education

Regular Board Meeting

December 7, 2015

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

There was a quorum.

BOARD MEMBER RECOGNITION

Chairman Fussell presented a plaque to Mr. David Lamb for his years of service on the Board. Mr. Lamb accepted the plaque with honor and thanks to the citizens of South Fulton, Director of Schools Russ Davis, and members of the Board. He further stated that his tenure as a Board member encompassed a desire to represent South Fulton and the welfare of all students in the Obion County School System.

Following the conclusion of Mr. Lamb's plaque presentation, new Board member, Mr. Tim Britt was officially sworn into office by the Honorable Judge Jimmy Smith. Mr. Britt will serve the remaining term of Mr. Lamb in representing the South Fulton area.

STUDENT/STAFF RECOGNITION

Students of Ms. Julie Cunningham gave a brief presentation of a live museum which has been enjoyed by all at the Lake Road School. Student participation included Eli Cunningham, Dylan Davis, and Devon Kerns. Additionally, Ms. Sheila Stone provided recognition to student Maddie Sydnor for placing first in the Obion County, Weakley County, and Union City area Patriot's Pen Essay Competition.

SCHOOL RECOGNITION

Principal Stone provided the following points of interest in recognition of Lake Road Elementary School:

- School goals have been set and teacher leadership encouraged with surveys being sent to teachers regarding their interest in possible leadership roles within the school.
- Areas of more community involvement in the school are being considered.

ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

Mr. Fritz Fussell nominated Mr. Brian Rainey for the position of Vice Chairman of the Board. Ms. Mickey Preciado seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

With the addition of a field trip for Lake Road Elementary School, a motion was made by Mr. Rainey to approve the agenda. Mr. Britt seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PRIOR MEETING

Upon the recommendation of Chairman Fussell, a motion was made by Ms. Preciado to approve the minutes from the Board meeting of October 5, 2015. Mr. Rainey seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

CONSENT AGENDA

The consent agenda consists of the monthly personnel report; the report of substitute teachers; monthly financial reports/business activity and report of equipment removed from the technology inventory. Upon the recommendation of Mr. Davis, a motion was made by Mr. Fussell to approve the consent agenda. Ms. Hooper seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

NEW BUSINESS

Consider/Approve Request to Declare Property Surplus and Dispose Via Most Economical Method – According to Mr. Davis, the transportation department has made a request to declare surplus two (2) school buses which have been removed from service due to age and condition. Additionally, they made a request to scrap one (1) parts school bus. Upon the recommendation of Mr. Davis, a motion was made by Mr. Rainey to declare surplus and dispose via

the most economical method, the three (3) school buses as noted above. Ms. Sanderson seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Report Card Analysis – Ms. Nancy Hamilton provided the following points of interest regarding the 2015 Report Card Data Analysis:

- Strengths include all schools safe, attendance rate, above state percentage in grades 9 – 12 English, Math, and Science.
- Value added indicated an increase in growth of K – 8 students in math and a slight decrease in reading/language arts and science.
- In grades 9 – 12 value added was above predictions in Algebra II and English I and III. Algebra I, English II, and ACT value added were slightly below predictions.
- Overall report card was good with solid scores.

Since the above noted item was for information only, no action was required by the Board.

Consider Amendment to Board Policy #3.500 – Food Service Management – Upon the recommendation of Mr. Davis, a motion was made by Ms. Preciado to approve the following amendment to Board Policy #3.500 – Food Service Management:

- Under the” heading “Offer Versus Serve, line 28 add “*one of which must be a fruit or vegetable*”. On line 31 add “*one of which must be a fruit or vegetable*”.

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

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

- Hillcrest Elementary, Band, All West Honor Band Clinic, February 11 – 16, 2016, Memphis, TN
- Lake Road Elementary, Band, All West Honor Band Clinic, February 11 – 16, 2016, Memphis, TN

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

Consider/Approve Bid for Video System Upgrade at OCCHS – According to Mr. Davis, the following bids were received for a video system upgrade at OCCHS:

Edutech - \$19,870.00

Central Technologies - \$35,854.15

Upon his recommendation, a motion was made by Mr. Rainey to approve the low bid meeting all specifications from Edutech at a cost of \$19,870 (nineteen thousand, eight hundred seventy dollars). Mr. Britt seconded the motion.

MOTION CARRIED.

Consider/Approve System Rewire Upgrade – According to Mr. Davis, the technology department has requested permission to do a system rewire upgrade with money that is already included in the school budget for this year. Upon his recommendation, a motion was made by Mr. Britt to approve. Mr. Rainey seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

DIRECTOR'S UPDATE

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

- In a personnel report, he stated that Mr. Nicky Clark is out due to current health issues; Ms. Sarah Hobbs has returned to work; and maintenance employee, Mr. Mike Calhoun is recuperating from broken ribs.
- He wished everyone a Merry Christmas, encouraged them to enjoy the school break, and return to work rested and ready to go.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/ADJOURN

Chairman Fussell extended a happy and safe holiday greeting to the staff, expressed thankfulness for no snow or missed days thus far, and a warm welcome to Mr. Britt as a new Board member.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

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

The minutes were taken and typed by Diane Terry.

Fritz Fussell, Chairman

Russell J. Davis, Director of Schools