

Obion County Board of Education

Regular Board Meeting

March 7, 2016

The Obion County Board of Education met in regular session on March 7, 2016 at South Fulton Elementary School. Board Chairman, Fritz Fussell called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. and led everyone in prayer. Mr. Russell Davis called the roll. Mr. Fritz Fussell, Mr. Brian Rainey, Ms. Keisha Hooper, Mr. Tim Britt, Mr. Scott Northam, Ms. Mickey Preciado, and Ms. Diane Sanderson were present. Seven members were present. There was a quorum.

STUDENT/STAFF RECOGNITION

Ms. Nancy Hamilton presented the following teachers to the Board for recognition as the County School System's Teachers of the Year:

Building Level

- Black Oak Elementary – Allie Perkins, Pre K-4; Lana Davis, grades 5-8
- Hillcrest Elementary – Melody Baker, Pre K-4; Amanda Spicer, grades 5-8
- Lake Road Elementary – Caroline Coleman, Pre K-4; Michelle Bell, grades 5-8
- Ridgemont Elementary – Cheryl Reddin, Pre K-4; Susan Kirk – grades 5-8
- South Fulton Elementary – Ashley Wilbanks, Pre K-4; Robin Long, grades 5-8
- Obion County Central High School – Denise Mathis, grades 9-12
- South Fulton Middle/High School – Leah McFarland, grades 5-8; Shannon Barnes – grades 9-12.

System Level

- Pre K-4 – Cheryl Reddin
- Grades 5-8 – Amanda Spicer
- Grades 9-12 – Denise Mathis

Additional recognition was given for student participation in Geography, Spelling, and Speech competitions.

SCHOOL RECOGNITION

Guidance Counselor, Nikki Netherland shared the following points of interest with the Board regarding the South Fulton After School Program:

- Eighty to ninety students regularly attend the after school program.
- High morale and appreciation is found among students and staff.

- A reduction in RTI intervention has been observed.
- An accelerated reader program is currently in place.
- Churches, businesses, and other sponsors throughout the community help with events, school supplies, and items for the Backpack Program.

SRO Officer David Lamb gave a brief presentation to the Board regarding the Junior Police Program. Mr. Lamb currently presides over the program which includes an eight (8) week course with certificates and t-shirts provided to participants. Subjects covered in the course include the duties of an officer, how to be an officer, and information about gangs, drugs, etc.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Upon the recommendation of Mr. Fussell, a motion was made by Mr. Rainey to approve the agenda. Mr. Northam seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PRIOR MEETING

Upon the recommendation of Mr. Fussell, a motion was made by Ms. Hooper to approve minutes from the Board meeting of February 1, 2016. Ms. Sanderson seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

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 equipment to be disposed via the most economical method. Upon the recommendation of Mr. Fussell, a motion was made by Mr. Rainey to approve the consent agenda. Ms. Preciado seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

NEW BUSINESS

Consider/Approve Dark Fiber Bid – Upon the recommendation of Mr. Davis, a motion was made by Mr. Northam to approve a low bid through the Metro Nashville Consortium for an Indefeasible Right of Use dark fiber connection which will enhance band width and improve Internet connection. Mr. Britt seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

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

- Hillcrest Elementary Science Club, April 4, 2016, Brandon Springs, Dover, TN

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

DIRECTOR'S UPDATE

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

- Stated that he feels the frustration noted by the office, schools' staff, and Board regarding testing.
- State education officials continue to work with educators at the local level to address all needs and concerns.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/ADJOURN

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:37p.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