

Obion County Board of Education

Regular Board Meeting

April 11, 2016

The *Obion* County Board of Education met in regular session on April 11, 2016, at South Fulton Middle/High School. Board Chairman, Fritz Fussell called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Ms. Mickey Preciado 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

Mr. Keith Frazier presented an impressive synopsis of the numerous student accomplishments and activities at South Fulton Middle/High School.

Mr. Tim Britt presented a resolution to the middle school basketball team in honor of its successful season this year.

SCHOOL RECOGNITION

Mr. Frazier shared the following point of interest regarding South Fulton Middle/High School:

- Juniors will be taking the ACT test on April 19;
- SFMS will host the Middle School Academic Bowl on April 29;
- Six school clubs will be working concessions at the Fulton/South Fulton Music Fest;
- The Top Ten Banquet will be held on May 12;
- Middle School Awards Banquet is scheduled for May 16;
- Senior Night is scheduled for May 20;
- Graduation date is May 27 at 6:00 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PRIOR MEETING – MARCH 7, 2016

Upon the recommendation of Mr. Fussell, a motion was made by Ms. Sanderson to approve minutes from the Board meeting of March 7, 2016. Mr. Northam seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

CONSENT AGENDA

The consent agenda consists of the monthly personnel report and the monthly financial reports/business activity. Upon the recommendation of Mr.

Fussell, a motion was made by Ms. Hooper to approve the consent agenda. Mr. Rainey seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

NEW BUSINESS

Discuss Director's Evaluation – Mr. Fussell thanked the Board for taking the time to complete their evaluations of Director of Schools, Russell Davis. On a scale of one (1) to five (5), Mr. Davis received an average score of 3.25. Mr. Fussell personally thanked him for his job performance and accomplishments thus far this year. Additionally, a recommendation was made by Mr. Rainey to grant Mr. Davis a cost of living raise which would be in alignment with other professional employees in the System and a one (1) year extension on his current contract. Ms. Sanderson seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED BY A MAJORITY VOTE OF SIX WITH MS. PRECIADO CASTING THE DISSENTING VOTE.**

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

- OCCHS, Key Club, April 29, 2016 – May 1, 2016, Lakeshore Camp, Eva, TN
- Hillcrest, History Club, May 10 – 11, 2016, Nashville, TN

Upon Mr. Davis' recommendation, a motion was made by Mr. Northam to approve the above noted overnight student trips. Mr. Britt 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 Ms. Preciado to approve the adoption of the following textbooks for a six – year cycle beginning with the 2016 – 2017 school year: ED – 2153, Career Exploration, Early Childhood Education Careers I, Fundamentals of Education, Information Technology Foundations, Intro to Human Studies, Lifespan Development, Nutrition Across the Lifespan, and Web Design Foundations. Mr. Britt seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Consider/Approve Adoption of Board Policy #3.210 – Naming Facilities – Upon the recommendation of Mr. Davis, a motion was made by Mr. Britt to approve on the first and final reading, the adoption of Board Policy #3.210 – Naming Facilities. Mr. Northam seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Consider/Approve Teachers Recommended for Tenure – According to Mr.

Davis, the following teachers received a recommendation for tenure by their respective principal and instructional supervisor:

- Black Oak Elementary – Richard Lynn Jones
- Hillcrest Elementary – Natalie Huebner
- Obion County Central High – Angie Lamb, Will Simmons
- Ridgemont Elementary – Tracy Dyer
- South Fulton Elementary – Robin Long
- South Fulton Middle/High – Mary Jane Wiseman
- Central Office – George Leake

Upon Mr. Davis' recommendation, a motion was made by Ms. Hooper to approve the above noted teachers for tenure pending the receipt of required teacher evaluation scores from the State. Ms. Preciado seconded the motion.

MOTION CARRIED.

Consider/Approve Microsoft Surface 3 and Surface Pro 4 Bid – According to Mr. Davis, the following Microsoft Surface 3 and Surface Pro bids were received:

- Adorama - \$69,735.97
- CDW - \$58,113.05
- En Pointe Technologies - \$57,452.30

Additionally, Mr. Davis stated that he and the technology department recommended the CDW bid of \$58,113.05 (fifty eight thousand, one hundred thirteen dollars and five cents) due to the excellent service provided by this company in past purchases. Upon his recommendation, a motion was made by Mr. Northam to approve the bid from CDW. Mr. Britt seconded the motion.

MOTION CARRIED.

Consider/Approve HVAC Upgrade Bid at South Fulton Middle/High School – According to Mr. Davis, only one bid was received for HVAC upgrades at South Fulton Middle/High School. Upon his recommendation, a motion was made by Mr. Northam to approve the bid of \$77,390 (seventy seven thousand, three hundred ninety dollars) from Billy Rogers Plumbing. Ms. Sanderson seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Consider/Approve Water Line Replacement Bid at Obion County Central High School – The following bids were received for water line replacement at Obion County Central High School:

- Billy Rogers Plumbing - \$47,540.00
- Revell Construction - \$35,000.00

Upon the recommendation of Director Davis and Maintenance Supervisor Graham, a motion was made by Mr. Britt to approve the low bid of \$35,000 (thirty five thousand dollars) for water line replacement at OCCHS. Ms. Hooper seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Consider/Approve Amendment to Board Policy #4.605 – Graduation Requirements – Due to reverting back to traditional versus block scheduling, Mr. Davis presented the following amendments to Board Policy #4.605 – Graduation Requirements for Board approval:

- Under the heading Student Load, remove lines 22 through 25 and add the following:
 - 1) For the 2016 – 2017 school year, 25 credits shall be required to receive a diploma.
 - 2) For the 2017 – 2018 school year and thereafter, 24 credits shall be required to receive a diploma.

Upon Mr. Davis' recommendation, a motion was made by Ms. Hooper to approve, on first and final reading, the above noted amendments to Board Policy #4.605. Mr. Northam seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Consider/Approve Amendment to Board Policy #3.206 – Community Use of School Facilities – Upon the recommendation of Mr. Davis, a motion was made by Mr. Rainey to approve, on first and final reading, the following amendment to Board Policy #3.206 – Community Use of School Facilities:

- On lines 11 and 12, remove "In all cases, an assigned school employee will be present."

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

Discuss High School Schedule Change – Mr. Davis stated that an open dialogue with principals and professional staff was a necessity in transitioning from the four month block schedule back to traditional scheduling in the high schools. Various points of interest regarding the schedule change were the following:

- Teachers expressed a desire for more time with their students.
- Testing would be moved to later in the year.
- A 95% approval was received from the teachers.
- The scheduling change would be in place by the upcoming school year.

DIRECTOR'S UPDATE

Mr. Davis expressed his appreciation to the Board for the time spent at the Board retreat and his thanks for their continued support.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/ADJOURN

Mr. Rainey expressed his appreciation for an enjoyable retreat and extended his compliments to Mr. Fussell for his role as their Board Chairman.

Ms. Hooper expressed her appreciation to the Board and the System for a great school year.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:45 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