Obion County Board of Education Regular Board Meeting July 30, 2015

The Obion County Board of Education met in regular session on July 30, 2015, 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. Mr. 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.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Upon the recommendation of Chairman 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(s) of June 26, 2015 and July 14, 2015.

CONSENT AGENDA

The consent agenda consists of the monthly personnel report, monthly financial reports/business activity, technology report of equipment declared surplus and disposed via the most economical method, and report of assignment of Board owned vehicles. Upon the recommendation of Chairman Rainey, the Board unanimously approved the consent agenda.

STUDENT/STAFF RECOGNITION

Mr. David Lamb presented a resolution in recognition of the numerous accomplishments of the South Fulton Middle/High School Band and its Director, Monty Breneman, during the 2014 – 2015 school year.

NEW BUSINESS

Consider/Approve Amendment to Board Policy 2.800 – Expenditure of Funds – Upon the recommendation of Mr. Davis and the TN School Boards Association (TSBA), a motion was made by Mr. Lamb to approve on the first and final reading, the following addition to Board Policy 2.800: "The Director of Schools shall develop federal grant expenditure and cash management procedures that comply with all federal laws and regulations." Mr. Fussell seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Consider/Approve Amendment to Board Policy 2.805 – Purchasing – Upon Mr. Davis's recommendation, a motion was made by Mr. Lamb to approve, on first and final reading, an amendment to Board Policy #2.805 in its entirety as recommended by TSBA. Ms. Sanderson seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Consider/Approve Increase in School Meals – Upon the recommendation of Mr. Davis and Food Service Supervisor, Ms. Judy Denman, a motion was made by Mr. Fussell to approve the following adult meal increases in the County schools:

- Adult Breakfast \$2.30
 Adult Lunch \$3.50
- Visitor Breakfast \$2.50
 Visitor Lunch \$3.75

Ms. Preciado seconded the motion. MOTION CARRIED.

Consider/Approve Bus Tire Bid – According to Mr. Davis, the following bids were received for the purchase of bus tires:

- Best One Tires \$350.54 each
- Hub City Tire \$370.00 each
- Triple T Tires \$361.04 each

Upon the recommendation of Mr. Davis and Transportation Director, Tim Maynard, a motion was made by Mr. Northam to approve the low bid of Best One Tire in the amount of \$350.54 (three hundred fifty dollars and fifty four cents) per tire. Ms. Sanderson seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Consider/Approve Request to Declare Property Surplus and Dispose Via Most Economical Method – According to Mr. Davis, Obion County Central High School has submitted a request to declare surplus cheerleading uniforms that are no longer of any use to the school and to sell them with any funds received to be deposited into the school's cheerleading fund to aid in offsetting the cost of future purchases. Upon the recommendation of Mr. Davis, a motion was made by Mr. Lamb to approve the sale and/or disposal of the above noted uniforms via the most economical method. Ms. Hooper seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.** *Discussion of Painting the Flag on the Sign at Obion County Central High School* – In regard to painting the flag on the sign at OCCHS, Mr. Rainey stated that a mistake was made and has been corrected. Furthermore, he stated that the Rebel name and mascot will remain unchanged. Additionally, Mr. Fussell echoed the statements of Mr. Rainey in regard to rumored changes regarding the Rebel name and mascot. After a timely discussion with parents and concerned citizens, a motion was made by Ms. Hooper to approve flying of the Rebel flag during the school year at Obion County Central High School. Mr. Lamb seconded the motion. Prior to the final vote, Mr. Davis encouraged the Board to be cautious in their promotion or restriction of this item. On a roll call vote, the Board members voted in the following manner: Mr. Fussell – No, Ms. Hooper – Yes, Mr. Lamb – Yes, Mr. Northam – No, Ms. Preciado – No, Mr. Rainey – No, and Ms. Sanderson – No. On a 5 – 2 vote, **MOTION WAS DENIED.**

Ms. Hooper requested that OCCHS Principal Linda Crigger address the Board and the audience regarding the painting of the sign. Ms. Crigger graciously stated that she was carrying out the policy of previous administration and that a mistake had been made for which she was sincerely apologetic. Additionally, she stated that as an administrator, there was no question regarding her loyalty, school spirit, or heritage at OCCHS. Furthermore, she stated that her only concern was for the safety of the students, and she would abide by whatever the Board set forth for her to do.

After further discussion, Ms. Preciado made a motion to follow administrative procedure as done in the past until a Board Policy could be put into place. She further stated that the motion would entail a request for the student(s) to remove the Rebel flag with no punishment to be given for the infraction. Mr. Lamb seconded the motion. On a roll call vote with Mr. Fussell voting Yes, Ms. Hooper – No, Mr. Lamb – Yes, Mr. Northam – Yes, Ms. Preciado – Yes, Mr. Rainey – Yes, and Ms. Sanderson – Yes, **MOTION CARRIED** on a 6 – 1 vote.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:14 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