

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

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