

Obion County Board of Education

Regular Board Meeting

September 8, 2015

The Obion County Board of Education met in regular session on September 8, 2015, at South Fulton Middle/High School. Board Chairman, Brian Rainey called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Ms. Keisha Hooper led everyone in prayer. Mr. Russell 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.

STUDENT/STAFF RECOGNITION

Alex Quinn, a sophomore at South Fulton High School, was selected as a John W. Harris Award winner at the National Beta Convention in Nashville this past summer. He was one of five in the nation to receive this honor which recognizes outstanding members whose actions and character best exemplify the ideals of leadership.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN, VICE-CHAIRMAN, AND CHAIR PRO TEM OF

THE BOARD – The following motions were made and approved by the Board:

- Motion made by Mr. Rainey to elect Fritz Fussell as Board Chairman with Mr. Lamb seconding the motion;
- Motion made by Ms. Hooper to elect David Lamb as Vice-Chairman with Ms. Preciado seconding the motion;
- Motion made by Mr. Lamb to elect Keisha Hooper as Chair Pro Tem with Mr. Northam seconding the motion. **MOTIONS CARRIED.**

Note: At this time Mr. Rainey gave the floor to new Chairman, Fritz Fussell.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PRIOR MEETING

Upon the recommendation of Chairman Fussell, a motion was made by Mr. Lamb to approve the minutes from the Board meeting of July 30, 2015. Ms. Sanderson seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

CONSENT AGENDA

The consent agenda consists of the monthly personnel report; the report of substitute teachers; and the monthly financial reports/business activity. Upon the recommendation of Mr. Fussell, a motion was made by Mr. Rainey to approve the consent agenda. Mr. Northam seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

NEW BUSINESS

Recognize School Support Organizations in Compliance with TCA §§49-2-604 and 49-2-605 – Mr. Davis stated that most organizations are in compliance while some are in the process of correcting any deficiencies which would make them non-compliant. Additionally, he stated that school support organizations will be of major interest to the auditors in the next school year. Upon his recommendation, a motion was made by Mr. Lamb to approve the report of compliant school support organizations as presented. Mr. Rainey seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Consider/Approve Request to Declare Surplus and Dispose Via Most Economical Method – A request was made by South Fulton Middle/High School to declare surplus baseball uniforms that are no longer of use to the school. Furthermore, they are requesting permission to sell the uniforms and use the proceeds to help offset the cost of future purchases. Upon the recommendation of Mr. Davis, a motion was made by Mr. Northam to approve the disposal of the above noted uniforms via the most economical method. Mr. Lamb seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Appointment/Confirmation of Members to the Ethics Committee – Upon the recommendation of Mr. Davis, a motion was made by Mr. Fussell to approve the appointment and confirmation of Mr. David Lamb, Ms. Diane Sanderson, and

Ms. Nancy Hamilton to serve on the Ethics Committee for the 2015 - 2016 school year. Ms. Hooper seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Consider/Approve Certification of Compliance with TCA §49-3-310(1)(A) Furnishing of Required Textbooks - Upon Mr. Davis's recommendation, a motion was made by Mr. Lamb to approve the annual certification of compliance for the furnishing of required textbooks to students for the 2015 - 2016 school year. Mr. Northam seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Consider/Approve Adoption of Board Policy #5.118 – Background Investigations – Upon the recommendation of Mr. Davis and the Tennessee School Boards Association (TSBA), a motion was made by Mr. Lamb to approve the adoption of Board Policy #5.118 – Background Investigations on the first and final reading. Mr. Northam seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Consider/Approve Amendment to Board Policy #5.115 – Assignment/Transfer – Upon the recommendation of TSBA and Mr. Davis, a motion was made by Mr. Lamb to approve the following wording change to Board Policy #5.115 on the first and final reading:

- Lines 2 and 3 – “The Director of Schools shall assign personnel to the various schools or departments within five (5) business days following the last instructional day of the school year”

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

Consider/Approve Amendment to Board Policy #5.117 – Procedure for Granting Tenure – Upon the recommendation of TSBA and Mr. Davis, a motion was made by Mr. Lamb to approve on first and final reading, the following amendment to Board Policy #5.117:

- Lines 19 and 20 – “to provide notice of non-renewal to each teacher not granted tenure within 5 (five) business days following the last instructional day of the school year”

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

Consider/Approve Amendment to Board Policy #5.201 – Separation Practices for Non-Tenured Teachers – Upon the recommendation of TSBA and

Mr. Davis, a motion was made by Mr. Lamb to approve on first and final reading, the wording change as noted below to Board Policy #5.201:

- Under the heading “Nonrenewal”, line 29 – “so that it will be received by the employee within 5 (five) business days following the last instructional day of the school year”

Mr. Rainey seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

DIRECTOR’S UPDATE

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

- Expressed his thanks to Mr. Rainey and Ms. Sanderson for their many years of service as officers of the Board;
- Welcomed Mr. Fussell, Mr. Lamb, and Ms. Hooper as new officers to serve on the Board;
- Stated that the school year is off to a good start.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/ADJOURN

- Mr. Fussell thanked former Board officers for their service on the Board and stated that he would do his best as the new Chairman to keep the Board members well informed.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:18 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