

# **Obion County Board of Education**

## **Regular Board Meeting**

**April 10, 2017**

The Obion County Board of Education met in regular session on April 10, 2017, at Lake Road Elementary School. Board Chairman, Fritz Fussell called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Jared Poore 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, Mr. Jared Poore, and Ms. Mickey Preciado were present. Seven members were present. There was a quorum.

### **STUDENT/STAFF RECOGNITION – TEACHERS OF THE YEAR**

The following educators received recognition for Teachers of the Year:

#### *School Level Teachers of the Year*

- Black Oak – Melissa Jones, Richard Lynn
- Hillcrest – Ashleigh Wilds, Chanda Peal
- Lake Road – Jeanne Foster, Brittany Simmons
- Obion County Central – Andy Zimmerman
- Ridgemont – Kim Cooper, Kelli Wisener
- South Fulton Elementary – Patti May, Christa Hankins
- South Fulton Middle/High – Leah McFarland, Melanie Curlin

#### *County-Wide Teachers of the Year*

- Ashleigh Wilds – Pre K – 4
- Chanda Peal – Grades 5 – 8
- Melanie Curlin – Grades 9 - 12

Additionally, the Board recognized the OC JV Coed Cheer Squad and their leaders, Ms. Chastity Homra and Ms. Jenifer Wilder, for their numerous accolades throughout the year and especially for placing first in Nationals Competition held in Florida. On behalf of the Board, Mr. Jared Poore presented a proclamation which highlighted the squad's accomplishments and a show of support from the Board members.

### **SCHOOL RECOGNITION**

Lake Road Principal, Ms. Linda Crigger spoke briefly about the new Boys and Girls Cross Country teams and introduced Ms. Antoinette Waites, Assistant Coach to Mr. Chuck Parks. Ms. Waites introduced team members in attendance and emphasized the importance of hard work and dedication in the completion of a successful first year of competition. On behalf of the Board, Ms. Keisha

Hooper presented a proclamation to the Boys and Girls Cross Country teams in honor of their many accomplishments thus far.

Ms. Emily Berner gave a brief report on the newly formed Young Educators Association for eighth (8<sup>th</sup>) graders.

### **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

A motion was made by Ms. Hooper to approve the agenda. Mr. Britt seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PRIOR MEETING**

Upon the recommendation of Chairman Fussell, a motion was made by Mr. Northam to approve the minutes from the Board meeting of February 6, 2017. Mr. Poore seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

The consent agenda consists of the monthly personnel report; the report of substitute teachers; monthly financial reports/business activity; and report of equipment removed from the technology inventory. Upon the recommendation of Mr. Davis, a motion was made by Mr. Rainey to approve the consent agenda. Mr. Britt seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

### **NEW BUSINESS**

*Discuss Director's Evaluation* – Chairman Fussell stated that Mr. Davis received a good overall evaluation. Based on a point system of 1 – 5, the Director of Schools received a total score of 3.25. Mr. Fussell commended Mr. Davis for a job well done and opened the floor for discussion. In consideration of Director Davis' evaluation, Vice Chairman Rainey made a motion to extend his contract to two (2) more years which would put the contract back to the initial three (3) years. Mr. Poore seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED ON A VOTE OF FIVE (5) TO TWO (2) WITH MS. HOOPER AND MS. PRECIADO CASTING THE DISSENTING VOTES.**

*Consider/Approve Overnight Student Trip(s)* – The following overnight student trip was presented for Board approval:

- Black Oak, Plus Club, Extra-curricular Trip, April 20 – 21, 2017, Memphis, TN

Upon the recommendation of Mr. Davis, a motion was made by Mr. Poore to approve the above noted overnight field trip request. Ms. Hooper seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

*Consider/Approve Recommendations from Textbook Adoption Committee*

– Upon the recommendation of Mr. Davis and the Textbook Adoption Committee, a motion was made by Mr. Northam to approve adoption of the following textbooks for a six-year cycle beginning with the 2017 – 2018 school year:

- Transportation, Distribution, Logistics
- Architecture and Construction
- Agriculture, Food, and Natural Resources
- Health Science

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

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

Davis, the following teachers were recommended for tenure by their respective principals and supervisors:

- Black Oak Elementary – Brandy Ray, Kristen Yates
- Hillcrest Elementary – Mason Storey
- Lake Road Elementary – Russ Brown, Kristen Kendall, Brittany Simmons
- Obion County Central High – None
- Ridgemont Elementary – Debbie Capps, Jenny Crittendon, Jan McGregor, James Wooten
- South Fulton Elementary – Destiny Rhodes, Ashley Wilbanks
- South Fulton Middle/High – Monty Breneman, Dawn Robertson, Jason Rodehaver, Jessica Winstead

Upon his recommendation, a motion was made by Mr. Poore to approve the above noted teachers for tenure pending the receipt of required teacher evaluation scores from the State. Mr. Rainey seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

*Consider/Approve Bid for Boiler at South Fulton Elementary School* –

According to Mr. Davis, the following bids were received for a boiler at South Fulton Elementary School:

- Garrett Heating and Air - \$43,500.00
- Billy Rogers Heating and Air - \$34,982.00

Upon Mr. Davis' recommendation, a motion was made by Mr. Britt to approve the lowest bid meeting all specification from Billy Rogers Heating and

Cooling in the amount of \$34,982.00 (thirty four thousand, nine hundred eighty two dollars). Mr. Northam seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

*Consider/Approve HVAC Upgrade Bid at South Fulton Middle/High School*

– Upon the recommendation of Mr. Davis, a motion was made by Mr. Northam to approve the lone bid meeting all specifications from Billy Rogers Plumbing for a HVAC upgrade at SFMHS in the amount of \$90,743.00 (ninety thousand, seven hundred forty three dollars). Mr. Rainey seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

*Consider/Approve Amendment to Board Policy #4.602 – Class Ranking-*

According to Mr. Davis, anatomy and physiology courses would be added as a choice for lab/science credits in the Obion County Challenge Program requirements. Upon his recommendation, a motion was made by Ms. Hooper to approve an amendment to Board #4.602 as noted above on the first and final reading. Mr. Britt seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

*Consider/Approve Request to Declare Property Surplus and Dispose Via*

*Most Economical Method* – Mr. Davis received a request from Black Oak, Hillcrest, and Lake Road Schools to declare surplus old athletic uniforms that are no longer of use to the schools. Additionally, they are requesting permission to sell the uniforms with any funds received to be put back into their accounts for the offset of future purchase costs. Upon his recommendation, a motion was made by Mr. Northam to declare surplus the old uniforms at the three schools and to dispose via the most economical method with any proceeds to be deposited back into each school's account. Mr. Poore seconded the motion.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

*Consider/Approve Amendment to Board Policy #6.411 – Student Wellness*

– Upon the recommendation of Mr. Davis, a motion was made by Mr. Britt to approve an amendment to Board Policy #6.411 – Student Wellness as presented on the first and final reading. Mr. Rainey seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

*Consider/Approve Special Education Bus Bid* – According to Mr. Davis,

the following bids were received for the purchase of two (2) special education school buses:

- Mid-South Bus Center - \$98,348.00 each
- Cumberland International - \$95,633.37 each

Upon his recommendation, a motion was made by Mr. Rainey to approve the lowest bid meeting all specifications from Cumberland International in the amount of \$95,633.37 (ninety five thousand, six hundred thirty three dollars and thirty seven cents) per bus. Mr. Rainey seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

***Note: With this approval, it is the intent of the Board and management that no liability will be incurred, nor a purchase order issued, until the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2017.***

**DIRECTOR’S UPDATE**

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

- Expressed his appreciation to the majority of the Board for their vote of confidence in renewing his contract;
- Stated that the success of the school system was due in part to having hard working employees in the schools, the Board office, Maintenance, and Transportation Departments;
- Would identify any areas that need to be addressed.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS/ADJOURN**

Chairman Fussell commended the administrators for their attendance at the Board meeting and asked that everyone keep Sports Editor, Mike Hutchens in their prayers as he recovers from an automobile accident.

Mr. Poore commended Mr. Davis, the school system staff, and the Board.

Ms. Linda Crigger stated that Lake Road Elementary is putting an emphasis on reading while setting and surpassing a 20,000 point goal; resetting goal to 30,000 with a total of 23,123 points to date. Additionally, a Kindergarten student took three (3) tests and scored at the second grade level.

Mr. Greg Barclay stated that a partnership with the CTE program after testing will showcase Obion County Central High School.

Ms. Hooper reminded the Board about the FFA plant sale and pancake breakfast.

Mr. Britt expressed his appreciation to Mr. Davis, Mr. Larry Bell, and the team efforts of the teachers.

Ms. Cynthia Rainey invited Board members to visit the Special Education Department.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

The meeting was recorded and stored as an electronic copy.

The minutes were taken and typed by Diane Terry.

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Fritz Fussell, Chairman

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Russell J. Davis, Director of Schools