

Obion County Board of Education

Regular Board Meeting

April 2, 2018

The Obion County Board of Education met in regular session on April 2, 2018, at South Fulton 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. Barry Adams, Mr. Kyle Baggett, Mr. Tim Britt, and Mr. Jared Poore, 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 – Kristin Yates, Jenifer Wilder
- Hillcrest – Jessica Kirk Chesser, Tina Forbes
- Lake Road – Candace Hailey, Mindy Galbraith
- Obion County Central – Heath Cunningham
- Ridgemont – Peggy Gibson Kendall, Katie Ramsey
- South Fulton Elementary – Jennifer McConnell, Melashia Aguilar
- South Fulton Middle/High – Marina Greer, Melanie Curlin

County-Wide Teachers of the Year

- Kristin Yates – Pre K – 4
- Mindy Galbraith – 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 including TSSAA State Champions, second place in Nationals, and second place in World Competition. National and World Competitions were held in Orlando, Florida.

SCHOOL RECOGNITION

South Fulton Elementary Principal, Ms. Laura Pitts, introduced the following groups of students participating in various events and spoke of their accomplishments:

- Read Across America (Read two million words school-wide in one day) – Madeline Guthrie, Jackson Doss, Caleb Stout, Cali Irvan, and Kaylin Tucker read the most words in their grades.
- In the National Geographic's Bowl (grades 4 – 8), Stewart Conner became a State finalist. This was a first time ever accomplishment for South Fulton Elementary.

- Ms. Christa Hankins spoke briefly in regard to the projects of the 4th and 5th grade BETA Club students. She and co-sponsor Ms. Deanna Porter led the students in projects which included light pole decorations, ornaments for the town Christmas tree, shoe box drive, and coin drive for leukemia.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PRIOR MEETING

Upon the recommendation of Chairman Fussell, a motion was made by Mr. Adams to approve the minutes from the Board meeting of March 5, 2018. Mr. Britt 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. Davis, a motion was made by Mr. Poore to approve the consent agenda. Mr. Baggett seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

NEW BUSINESS

Consider/Approve Acceptance of School Bus Bids – According to Mr. Davis, the Transportation Department is requesting permission to take bids for the purchase of four (4) seventy-eight (78) passenger school buses to replace four (4) buses which are being replaced due to their age. Upon his recommendation, a motion was made by Mr. Rainey to grant permission for the Transportation Department to solicit bids for the above noted buses. Ms. Hooper 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, 2018.

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

- Hillcrest Elementary, Plus Group, May 4 – May 6, 2018, Potosi, MO
- OCCHS, Anglers State Competition, April 25 – April 29, 2018, Camden, TN

Upon the recommendation of Mr. Davis, a motion was made by Ms. Hooper to approve the above noted overnight field trip requests. Mr. Adams 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. Fussell to approve adoption of the following textbooks for a six-year cycle beginning with the 2018 – 2019 school year:

- Drama
- Art
- Human Anatomy
- Science (Grades 3-5)
- Science (Grades 6-8)
- High School Science
- Music (Grades K-8)
- Music (Grades 9-12)
- P.E. Wellness

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

Consider/Approve Teachers Recommended for Tenure – Since there was no orientation session prior to this board meeting, the Board members were not afforded the opportunity to familiarize themselves with the list of teachers recommended for tenure. Therefore, Mr. Davis suggested that this item be postponed until the next Board meeting. Upon his recommendation, a motion was made by Mr. Rainey to table the consideration and approval of teachers recommended for tenure until the next scheduled Board meeting. Mr. Adams seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

DIRECTOR'S UPDATE

Mr. Davis yielded the floor to Mr. Heath Cunningham to deliver a presentation on school safety. Mr. Cunningham shared the following points of interest with the Board:

- Expressed his appreciation to area law enforcement for their participation in a recent safety training session for the school system;
- Stated that the training was good for teachers and law enforcement;
- Everyone worked as a community;
- The inclusion of law enforcement in future plans is beneficial to all;
- Discourages prison-like atmosphere in schools as it causes anxiety and fear for children.

Mr. Davis added that it's a continual learning process with the goal of providing a safe, welcoming environment for students, staff, and parents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/ADJOURN

Mr. Adams stated that he was impressed with the sincerity of South Fulton Schools during the implementation of their safety plans.

Mr. Fussell thanked the SRO officers and professional staff for their attendance at the Board meeting. Additionally, he expressed his appreciation to Mr. Poore for remembering his son in prayer. Mr. Fussell's son is recuperating from a recent illness.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

The 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