

Obion County Board of Education

Special Called Board Meeting

June 14, 2018

The Obion County Board of Education met in a special called session on June 14, 2018, at Obion County Central High School. Board Chairman, Fritz Fussell called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. Mr. Hollowell 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.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Upon the recommendation of Chairman Fussell, the Board unanimously approved the agenda.

NEW BUSINESS

Consider/Approve Finalization of Contract for Director of Schools – Dr. Leah Watkins – Prior to a vote on finalizing the contract for Dr. Leah Watkins, Chairman Fussell shared the following points of interest with the Board:

- He thanked the Board for their help and guidance during the negotiations.
- Numerous conversations were held with Dr. Watkins, and she is excited to be coming to our school system.
- In the contract process, the focus was on West Tennessee salaries of other systems of comparable size.
- Dr. Watkins requested a four-year contract.
- She brings with her a Doctorate Degree and experience as a Director of Schools.
- The contract will include a salary of \$119,200 (one hundred nineteen thousand, two hundred dollars) and \$650 (six hundred fifty dollars) in monthly automobile allowance.
- Dr. Watkins is currently in a thirty-day contract with her Board in Roane County. If they wave the 30 days, she can assume her position with Obion County on July 9, 2018. If not, the date would be July 22, 2018.

Ms. Hooper thanked Chairman Fussell for moving so quickly in the contract process. She then made a motion to approve the contract with Dr. Watkins. In a roll call vote, Mr. Rainey, Chairman Fussell, Ms. Hooper, Mr.

Adams, Mr. Baggett, Mr. Britt, and Mr. Poore voted “yes”. **The Board unanimously approved the contract for Dr. Leah Watkins.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS/ADJOURN

Chairman Fussell stated that he felt it would be appropriate to set a meet and greet at Obion County Central High School and South Fulton High School to introduce Dr. Watkins to the communities of the Obion County School System. These meetings would occur at a date to be determined. He further stated that people in the area are excited about the opportunity to bring her to this area. Additionally, he expressed his appreciation to the news media for their coverage throughout the search for a new Director of Schools.

Chairman Fussell announced the rescheduling of the end of year Board meeting from June 25th to June 29th at 7:00 a.m. in the Professional Development room at the Board office.

Mr. Barry Adams invited everyone to a wedding anniversary reception in honor of 50 (fifty) years of marriage to his wife, Mrs. Norma Adams.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:15 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

Dale Hollowell/Nancy Hamilton
Co-Interim Directors of Schools