

Obion County Board of Education
Regular Board Meeting
September 5, 2017

The Obion County Board of Education met in regular session on September 5, 2017, at Hillcrest Elementary School. Board Chairman Fritz Fussell called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Brian Rainey led everyone in prayer. Mr. Davis called the roll. Mr. Fritz Fussell, Mr. Brian Rainey, Ms. Keisha Hooper, Mr. Kyle Baggett, Mr. Tim Britt, Mr. Jared Poore, and Ms. Mickey Preciado were present. Seven members were present. There was a quorum.

STUDENT/STAFF RECOGNITION

Hillcrest Principal Patresa Rogers stated that it's been a great beginning to the new year with all sports starting their lineup of events; and good participation in County Fair events. Additionally, she introduced student Drake Hamilton. Drake was the recipient of the Allison Award of Excellence during the Obion County Junior Livestock Association's annual banquet last week and he proudly showed his trophy from the award to the Board members.

SCHOOL RECOGNITION

Ms. Rogers yielded the floor to Ms. Barbie Orr and Ms. Amanda Spicer to present a brief presentation regarding programs that they oversee at Hillcrest Elementary.

Ms. Orr shared the following points of interest with the Board:

- The History Club has 30 plus students with 17 (seventeen) of them scheduled to go to Washington in the Spring of 2018.
- The Science Club has an initial total of 25 (twenty-five) students with participation expected to reach 55-60 (fifty-five to sixty) students.
- The after school ESP (Extended School Program) has an enrollment of 60 (sixty) students. A major goal of this years' program is to stay in compliance with State initiatives for the new year.

Ms. Amanda Spicer gave a brief presentation regarding RTII (Response to Instruction Intervention). She shared a chart that compared Spring to Fall of last year which indicated significant growth in numerous areas of instruction. Additionally, several 8th (eighth) grade students were exceeding expectations in ACT prep and Standards based testing.

ELECTION of CHAIRMAN, VICE-CHAIRMAN, and CHAIR PRO TEM of the BOARD – The election of Board officers for the 2017 - 2018 school year were as follows:

- Mr. Rainey made a motion to nominate Mr. Fussell as Board Chairman. Ms. Hooper seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**
- There were two (2) nominations for Vice Chairman. Mr. Poore made a motion to nominate Mr. Rainey and Ms. Preciado made a motion to nominate Ms. Hooper. Mr. Rainey won the nomination on a vote of four (4) to three (3) with Mr. Britt, Mr. Fussell, Mr. Poore, and Mr. Rainey casting their vote for Mr. Rainey and Mr. Baggett, Ms. Hooper, and Ms. Preciado casting their vote for Ms. Hooper. **MOTION CARRIED.**
- Mr. Rainey made a motion to nominate Ms. Hooper as Chair Pro Tem. Mr. Fussell seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PRIOR MEETING(S)

Upon the recommendation of Chairman Fussell, a motion was made by Mr. Poore to approve minutes from the meetings of August 7, 2017, and August 24, 2017. Mr. Britt seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

CONSENT AGENDA

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

NEW BUSINESS

Recognize School Support Organizations in Compliance with TCA §§49-2-604 and 49-2-605 – Upon the recommendation of Mr. Davis, a motion was made by Mr. Fussell to recognize compliant school support organizations as presented. Mr. Britt seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Appointment/Confirmation of Members to the Ethics Committee – Prior to voting on this item, Ms. Mickey Preciado stated that she would be moving out of her

district in the next few months. Therefore, she respectfully submitted her resignation from the Ethics Committee for the new school year (2017 – 2018). Upon the recommendation of Mr. Fussell, a motion was made by Ms. Hooper to appoint Mr. Kyle Baggett to replace Ms. Preciado on the Ethics Committee and to reaffirm the appointments of committee members, Ms. Nancy Hamilton and Mr. Jared Poore. Mr. Fussell seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Consider/Approve Certification of Compliance with TCA §49-3-310(1) (A) –
Upon the recommendation of Mr. Davis, a motion was made by Mr. Poore to approve the annual certification of compliance for the furnishing of required textbooks in the 2017 - 2018 school year. Mr. Baggett seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Consider/Approve; Amendment to Board Policy #4.600 – Grading System –
Upon the recommendation of Mr. Davis, a motion was made by Ms. Hooper to approve amended changes to Board Policy #4.600 as recommended by TSBA (TN School Boards Association) on the first and final reading. Mr. Britt seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Consider/Approve Amendment to Board Policy #3.400 – Student Transportation Management –
Upon the recommendation of Mr. Davis, a motion was made by Mr. Fussell to approve amended changes to Board Policy #3.400 as recommended by TSBA on the first and final reading. Mr. Rainey seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Consider/Approve Amendment to Board Policy #4.210 – Credit Recovery –
Upon the recommendation of Mr. Davis, a motion was made by Mr. Poore to approve the following amendment to Board Policy #4.210 – Credit Recovery on the first and final reading:

- On page 2, under the heading GRADES, remove current lines 10, 11, 12 and add “Students passing credit recovery shall receive a grade of seventy percent (70%).”

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

Consider/Approve Amendment to Board Policy #4.301 – Interscholastic Athletics –
Due to various interpretations of the wording in the amendment to Board Policy #4.301, a motion was made by Mr. Fussell to table this item for further discussion. Mr. Poore seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Consider/Approve Amendment to Board Policy #5.701 – Substitute Teachers

– Upon the recommendation of Mr. Davis, a motion was made by Mr. Rainey to approve changes to Board Policy #5.701 – Substitute Teachers, as recommended by TSBA on the first and final reading. Mr. Poore seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Consider/Approve Amendment to Board Policy #3.202 – Emergency

Preparedness Plan – Upon Mr. Davis' recommendation, a motion was made by Mr. Britt to approve all amendments to Board Policy # 3.202 – Emergency Preparedness, as recommended by TSBA on the first and final reading. Ms. Preciado seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Consider/Approve Amendment to Board Policy #1.407 – School District

Records – Upon the recommendation of Mr. Davis, a motion was made by Mr. Baggett to approve amendments to Board Policy #1.407 – School District Records, as recommended by TSBA in the first and final reading. Mr. Britt seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Consider/Approve Bid for Online Reading Program – Upon the

recommendation of Mr. Davis and Technology Coordinator Mr. Joe Lewis, a motion was made by Mr. Poore to approve the purchase of an online reading program from Renaissance Learning in the amount of \$18, 344.78 (Eighteen thousand, three hundred forty-four dollars and seventy-eight cents). Mr. Britt seconded the motion.

MOTION CARRIED.

DIRECTOR'S UPDATE

Mr. Davis yielded the floor to Ms. Lesa Scillion and Mr. Adam Stephens. Ms. Scillion yielded the floor to Mr. Stephens for a PowerPoint presentation regarding RTII (Response to Instruction Intervention) and TVAAS (TN Value Added Assessment System). In a comparison of all schools within the System for the past year, there was positive growth and achievement at each school with score ranges from three (3) to a high score of five (5). Additionally, Mr. Stephens illustrated how the TVAAS System could be used to break down the information by individual school and progress within each grade at that school. At the conclusion of Mr. Stephens

presentation, Mr. Davis expressed his appreciation for the unified effort of everyone involved in the growth and achievements of the students in our school system.

ANOUNCEMENTS/ADJOURN

Chairman Fussell commended the system as a whole for its efforts in helping the students to continually achieve their academic goals.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:01 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