

Obion County Board of Education
Regular Board Meeting
October 2, 2017

The Obion County Board of Education met in regular session on October 2, 2017, at South Fulton Middle/High School. Board Chairman Fritz Fussell called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Ms. Keisha Hooper 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

Prior to the Board meeting, a new employee reception was held at 6:00 p.m. in the school cafeteria.

Principal Kim Jackson shared the following points of interest regarding the students and staff at South Fulton Middle/High School:

- Representing the SFMHS FFA program at the Obion County Fair, Conner Arnold had a Reserve Champion lamb and Sophia McMinn had a Grand Champion steer;
- Myah Jennings was a participant in the annual Rotary Europe trip and Hannah Carlisle participated in the Rotary Washington trip.
- Students Sam McMinn and Katie Pope were in attendance to represent the school's Work-Based Learning Program.
- South Fulton Ladies of Golf participants Adrienne Joyner and Jenny Beth Brundige were introduced by Coach Curt Lee for their accomplishments this year.
- Several SFMHS Teachers were in attendance as representatives of the school's Level 5 staff.

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 – SEPTEMBER 5, 2017

Upon the recommendation of Chairman Fussell, a motion was made by Mr. Poore to approve minutes from the meetings of September 5, 2017. Mr. Britt seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

CONSENT AGENDA

The consent agenda consists of the monthly personnel report; report of substitute teachers; monthly financial reports/business activity; and recognition/approval of technology equipment declared surplus and disposed via the most economical method. Upon the recommendation of Chairman Fussell, a motion was made by Mr. Baggett to approve the consent agenda. Ms. Preciado seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

NEW BUSINESS

Discuss Growth Scores – Mr. Adam Stephens presented the following points of interest regarding student growth scores within the school district:

- Obion County is one of seven districts in Tennessee whose TN Value Added Assessment System (TVAAS) composite scores are at a level 5.
- In the major TVAAS categories, the district received scores of 5 in literacy; numeracy; literacy and numeracy combined; and science.
- The composite score for social studies was 2, but it was noted that minimal systems nationwide scored high in social studies.
- Mr. Stephens is still analyzing data and plans to present additional results and a summary of the data at the next Board meeting.

Since the above noted item was for information only, no action was required by the Board.

Consider/Approve Teachers Recommended for Tenure – According to Mr. Davis, the following teachers received a recommendation of tenure by their respective principal and instructional supervisor:

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

The above noted item was for recognition only with no action being required by the Board.

Consider/Approve Appointment of Members to the Textbook Adoption Committee – Upon Mr. Davis' recommendation, a motion was made by Mr. Britt to approve the appointment of members to the textbook adoption committee as presented by Mr. Dale Hollowell. Mr. Rainey seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Consider/Approve Report of Local Education Agency Compliance – Upon the recommendation of Mr. Davis, a motion was made by Mr. Poore to approve the annual certification of compliance as required by the State Department of Education. Ms. Preciado seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Consider/Approve Bid for Tires – According to Mr. Davis, the following bid was received for the purchase of tires:

- Hub City Tire - \$366.00 + \$1.35 Disposal Fee

Upon his recommendation, a motion was made by Mr. Rainey to approve the above noted bid of \$366.00 (three hundred sixty-six dollars) plus \$1.35 (one dollar and thirty-five cents) disposal fee from Hub City Tire for the purchase of tires. Mr. Poore seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Consider/Approve Bid for Hydraulic Ironworker – Mr. Davis stated that the following bids were received for the purchase of a hydraulic ironworker:

- Edwards - \$12,697.90
- Machine Tool & Supply - \$11,695.00
- Machine Tool & Supply - \$17,340.00
- Iroquois Ironworker - \$14,461.80
- Baileigh - \$16,575.00

Upon the recommendation of Mr. Davis and Mr. George Leake, a motion was made by Ms. Hooper to approve the bid meeting all specifications from Edwards in the amount of \$12,697.90 (twelve thousand, six hundred ninety-seven dollars and ninety cents) for the purchase of a hydraulic ironworker. Mr. Britt seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Consider/Approve Bid for CNC Plasma Cutter – According to Mr. Davis, the following bids were received for the purchase of a CNC Plasma Cutter:

- Techno Systems - \$25,150.00
- Plasma Cam - \$15,237.43
- Baileigh - \$20,266.00

Upon the recommendation of Mr. Davis and Mr. George Leake, a motion was made by Mr. Fussell to approve the low bid meeting all specifications from Plasma Cam in the amount of \$15,237.43 (fifteen thousand, two hundred thirty-seven dollars and forty-three cents) for the purchase of a CNC Plasma Cutter. Mr. Britt seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Consider/Approve Amendment to Board Policy #4.301 – Interscholastic Athletics – Upon the recommendation of Mr. Davis, a motion was made by Mr. Poore to approve the following amendment to Board Policy #4.301 Interscholastic Athletics on the first and final reading:

- Lines 19 – 21, “No Principal or teacher of any school under the control of the Board shall dismiss his/her school or any group of students for the purpose of **attending** the practice or game **of any interscholastic sport** during the school day without written permission from the Director of Schools”
- Lines 23 – 28, Students shall not be required to attend a school athletic event, or event related to participation on a school athletic team, if the event is on an official school holiday, observed day of worship, or religious holiday. The student’s parent or legal guardian shall notify the coach in writing three (3) full school days prior to the event. Coaches, employees, and volunteers of the school district shall not encourage, permit, condone, or tolerate hazing activities.

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

Consider/Approve Amendment to Board Policy # 5.117 – Procedure for Granting Tenure – According to Mr. Davis, the TN School Boards Association (TSBA) has recommended changes to Board Policy #5.117 – Teacher Tenure (former title was Procedure for Granting Tenure). Upon Mr. Davis’ recommendation, a motion was made by Ms. Preciado to approve all changes as recommended by TSBA on the first and final reading. Ms. Hooper seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Consider/Approve Amendment to Board Policy #4.700 – Testing Programs – Upon the recommendation of Mr. Davis and TSBA, a motion was made by Mr. Britt to approve the following amendment to Board Policy #4.700 – Testing Programs on the first and final reading:

- Line 12, #5. “Analyze the improvements needed in *each* instructional area.”
- Under heading “Weighting” TCAP Scores,” lines 4 – 6, “TNReady and EOC scores will be included in students’ final grades as follows:
 - a) 2017-2018 school year – 15% of the students’ final average.
 - b) 2018-2019 school year – 15% of the students’ final average.

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

Consider/Approve Amendment to Board Policy #1.901 – Charter School Applications (Replaces Policy #1.704) – Upon the recommendation of Mr. Davis and TSBA, a motion was made Mr. Poore to approve replacement policy #1.901 –

Charter Schools in its entirety, on the first and final reading. Mr. Britt seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Consider/Approve Adoption of Board Policy # 6.2011 – Voluntary Pre-K Attendance – Upon the recommendation of Mr. Davis and TSBA, a motion was made by Mr. Rainey to adopt new policy #6.2011 – Voluntary Pre-K Attendance in its entirety on the first and final reading. Ms. Hooper seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Consider/Approve Overnight Student Trip– Upon Mr. Davis' recommendation, a motion was made by Mr. Fussell to approve the following overnight student trips:

- Obion County Central High School, Band Performance, April 6 – 8, 2018, St. Louis, MO
- Lake Road Elementary, Cross Country, State Competition, Oct. 6 – 7, 2017, Clarksville, TN

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

Consider/Declare Textbooks Surplus and Authorize Disposition by Most Economical Method – Upon Mr. Davis' recommendation, a motion was made by Ms. Preciado to declare textbooks surplus which were no longer of use to the system and to dispose of them via the most economical method. Mr. Rainey seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Consider/Approve Request to Install Batting Cage at Lake Road School – According to Mr. Davis, the Lake Road Softball Team has requested permission to install a batting cage on the grounds of Lake Road School with donated labor and materials. Upon his recommendation, a motion was made by Mr. Poore to approve the above noted request. Mr. Baggett seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Consider/Approve Bid for Microsoft License Agreement – Mr. Davis stated that the following bids were received for a Microsoft License Agreement:

- Central Technologies - \$21,190.00
- CDW - \$21,186.55

Upon the recommendation of Mr. Davis, a motion was made by Mr. Britt to approve the low bid, meeting all specifications, from CDW in the amount of \$21,186.55 (twenty-one thousand, one hundred eighty-six dollars and fifty-five cents). Mr. Rainey seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Consider/Approve Request to Declare Property Surplus and Dispose Via Most Economical Method – According to Mr. Davis, the transportation department has made a request to declare surplus three (3) 2002 model International school buses which are no longer of use to the System. Upon his recommendation, a motion was made by Ms. Hooper to declare the three (3) buses surplus and dispose via the most economical (i.e. Sealed bid or auction). Mr. Britt seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

DIRECTOR'S UPDATE

Mr. Davis gave the floor to Obion County Central High School Principal Greg Barclay. Mr. Barclay then shared the following points of interest regarding TVAAS and ACT scores at OCCHS:

- In six of nine tested classes, TVAAS scores improved from the previous year.
- Advanced Placement testing, which uses a similar scale as TVAAS, was added last year with exceptional testing results in biology and geography.
- Continual focus on the ACT has resulted in steady increases from 2014 to the present time.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/ADJOURN

Mr. Davis stated that the System is near the end of its first sector of school and that he has high hopes that the upcoming Fall break next week will provide an opportunity for everyone to be refreshed, recharged, and ready for the second half of the school year.

Additionally, Mr. Poore and Mr. Fussell expressed their thanks to staff that were attending the meeting and asked them to pass on their appreciation to those not in attendance.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

Due to a glitch in the recorder, this meeting was not 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