

Obion County Board of Education
Regular Board Meeting
December 3, 2018

The Obion County Board of Education met in regular session on December 3, 2018 at Lake Road Elementary School. Board member Jared Poore called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Adams led everyone in prayer. Prior to the roll call, Mr. Tim Britt made a motion to amend the agenda for the appointment of Mr. Poore to serve as Chair Pro Tem. The Board unanimously approved the motion. Mr. Dale Hollowell called the roll. Mr. Barry Adams, Mr. Kyle Baggett, Mr. Tim Britt and Mr. Jared Poore were present. Four members were present. Mr. Fritz Fussell, Mr. Brian Rainey and Ms. Keisha Hooper were absent. There was a quorum.

SCHOOL RECOGNITION

The following groups of students at Lake Road Elementary were recognized for their accomplishments:

- PLUS Class with instructor Krista Vise
- Cross Country with sponsors Antoinette Waites and Mindy Galbraith
- Quad State Honor Band with school instructor Jeanne Foster
- Jr. BETA Club with sponsor Jennifer Robertson

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Upon the recommendation of Chair Pro Tem Poore, a motion was made by Mr. Britt to approve the agenda. Mr. Baggett seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PRIOR MEETING (October 1, 2018)

Upon the recommendation of Mr. Poore, a motion was made by Mr. Baggett to approve the minutes of the October 1, 2018 meeting. Mr. Adams 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 Mr. Poore, a motion was made by Mr. Adams to approve the consent agenda. Mr. Britt seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

OLD BUSINESS

Consider/Approve Teachers Recommended for Tenure – According to Dr. Watkins, the following teachers received approval for tenure at a previous Board meeting and have now fulfilled all requirements as mandated by the State Department of Education:

- **Black Oak Elementary** – Kayce Jones
- **Hillcrest Elementary** – Amanda Dawkins, Tina Forbes, Chanda Peal
- **Lake Road Elementary** – Michelle Allen, Emily Berner, Julie Cunningham
- **Obion County Central High** – Jonathan Byrd
- **Ridgemont Elementary** – Vonda Cary
- **South Fulton Elementary** – Melashia Holt, Deanna Porter, Amanda Wilder
- **South Fulton Middle/High** – Melanie Curlin, Kimberly Jackson

Note: This item was for recognition only and did not require any action by the Board.

NEW BUSINESS

Consider/Approve Bids for Tires – Dr. Watkins stated that the following bids were received for the purchase of new Bridgestone R268 or Michelin XZE2 tires:

- Best One Tire - \$349.37 per tire
- Hub City Tire - \$362.37 per tire

Upon the recommendation of Dr. Watkins, a motion was made by Mr. Adams to approve the low bid of \$349.37 (three hundred forty-nine dollars and thirty-seven cents) per tire from Best One Tire. Mr. Britt seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Consider/Approve Bids for Video Camera System Upgrades – According to Dr. Watkins, Bids were received from Central Technologies and EduTech for video camera system upgrades. Upon her recommendation, a motion was made by Mr. Baggett to approve the lowest bid meeting all specifications from Central Technologies as noted on the attached summary sheet. Mr. Britt seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Consider/Approve Request to Declare Property Surplus (Cheerleading Uniforms) and Dispose Via Most Economical Method – Dr. Watkins stated that Black Oak Elementary has submitted a request to declare surplus cheerleading uniforms and related items which are no longer of use to the school. Upon her recommendation, a motion was made by Mr. Adams to dispose of the uniforms and

related items via the most economical method with any proceeds received to be used for the offset of future purchases at the school. Mr. Baggett seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Consider/Approve Request to Declare Property Surplus (Rebounder Machine) and Dispose Via Most Economical Method – According to Dr. Watkins, South Fulton High School has submitted a request to declare surplus a Rebounder machine that is no longer of use by the school. Upon her recommendation, a motion was made by Mr. Britt to dispose of the Rebounder machine via sealed bids with any proceeds from the sale to be returned to the school to offset the cost of future purchases. Mr. Adams seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Consider/Approve Overnight Field Trip (OCCHS Boys Basketball) – The following overnight student field trip request was submitted for Board approval:

- OCCHS, Boys Basketball Tournament, December 26 – 30, 2018, Ft. Walton Beach, Florida

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

Consider/Approve Amendment to Board Policy #4.602 – Class Ranking – According to Dr. Watkins, Board Policy #4.602 has been upgraded to reflect the addition of Physical Science to the science options for Challenge Graduates. Upon her recommendation, a motion was made by Mr. Poore to approve the first reading of the upgrade to Policy # 4.602 as noted above. Mr. Britt seconded the motion.

MOTION CARRIED.

Consider/Approve Amendment to Board Policy #4.701 – Maintaining Test and Data Security – Dr. Watkins stated that the TN School Boards Association (TSBA) recommended an amendment to Board Policy #4.701 – Maintaining Test and Data Security that will better align with changes to State Board of Education Policy #2.600. It states that embargoed data may be shared with personnel as determined in Board policy. Upon her recommendation, a motion was made by Mr. Poore to approve the first reading of the above noted policy amendment. Mr. Baggett seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Consider/Approve Middle School Baseball Program – According to Dr. Watkins, there has been quite a bit of interest in the startup of a Middle School Baseball Program for the County schools. She introduced Mr. Lance Gray, Mr. Barry Kendall, and Mr. Bill Kail to explain costs involved, guidelines, etc. to begin a new Middle School Baseball program in the County. Following a short period of discussion and questions by the Board, Mr. Adams made a motion to approve the request to offer a middle School Baseball Program to the schools involved. Mr. Britt seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Consider/Approve Request for Student to Participate in Foreign Exchange Program – Dr. Watkins stated that a request was submitted for an OCCHS student to participate in the Rotary Club foreign exchange program, specifically in the Netherlands. All credits and graduation would still be in place with no academic loss to the student. Upon her recommendation, a motion was made by Mr. Poore to approve the student's participation in the foreign exchange program as noted above. Mr. Britt seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

DIRECTOR'S UPDATE

Dr. Watkins shared the following points of interest with the Board:

- Expressed her appreciation to everyone involved in the legwork for the Middle School Baseball program;
- Encouraged the Board and audience to attend ballgames and other sports related activities;
- Expressed thanks to the teachers, administrators, and Board members;
- Said that she is very excited for what the new year holds for the system.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/ADJOURN

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:45 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

Dr. Leah Watkins
Director of Schools