

**Obion County Board of Education**  
**Regular Board Meeting**  
**January 7, 2019**

The Obion County Board of Education met in regular session on January 7, 2019 at the Board office. Board Chairman Fritz Fussell called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and led everyone in prayer. Dr. Leah Watkins called the roll. Mr. Fritz Fussell, Mr. Brian Rainey, Ms. Keisha Hooper, Barry Adams, Mr. Kyle Baggett, Mr. Tim Britt and Mr. Jared Poore were present. Seven members were present. There was a quorum.

**SCHOOL RECOGNITION**

Dr. Watkins introduced the following students for recognition of their accomplishments:

- County-Wide Christmas card creations' top three student designs – Avery Hicks, 9<sup>th</sup> grade at OCCHS; Layla Kendall, 9<sup>th</sup> grade at OCCHS; Sarah Langford, 11<sup>th</sup> grade at OCCHS;
- OCCHS Ambassador Program represented by students Ella Decker, Mary Little, and Sam Ferguson.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PRIOR MEETING (December 3, 2018)**

Upon the recommendation of Mr. Fussell, a motion was made by Mr. Rainey to approve the minutes of the December 3, 2018 meeting. Ms. Hooper 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. Fussell, a motion was made by Mr. Poore to approve the consent agenda. Mr. Britt seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

## **OLD BUSINESS**

*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 Ms. Hooper to approve the second and final reading of the upgrade to Policy # 4.602 as noted above. Mr. Adams 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. Britt to approve the second and final reading of the above noted policy amendment. Mr. Poore seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

*Consider/Approve Serving Line Bid –* According to Dr. Watkins, bids were solicited for the purchase of a new serving line at South Fulton Elementary School. The following bid was received for this purchase:

- Hotel Restaurant and Supply - \$28,116.00

Upon her recommendation, a motion was made by Mr. Fussell to approve the lone bid meeting all specifications of \$28,116 (twenty-eight thousand, one hundred sixteen dollars) from Hotel and Restaurant Supply. Mr. Baggett seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

*Consider/Approve E-Rate Funding –* Dr. Watkins stated that the Technology Department is requesting approval for existing use of E-Rate Funding that is currently in year three (3) of a five (5) year period. The lone bid meeting all specifications was submitted by Central Technologies in the amount of \$60,260 (sixty thousand, two hundred sixty dollars). Upon her recommendation, a motion was made by Mr. Poore to approve the above noted item. Mr. Adams seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

*Consider/Approve Additional Teacher Laptops* – According to Dr. Watkins, the Technology Department has requested an addition to a current lease (approved June 4, 2018) with Lenovo for teacher laptop computers. If approved, twenty-four (24) laptop computers would be added to the current lease at a cost of \$13,867.20 (thirteen thousand, eight hundred sixty-seven dollars and twenty cents). Upon Dr. Watkins recommendation, a motion was made Mr. Britt to approve the above noted addition of laptop computers to the current lease. Ms. Hooper seconded the motion.

**MOTION CARRIED.**

*Reading of Resolution for Dr. Paul D. Blaylock* – Mr. Britt read a resolution in honor of Dr. Paul Blaylock’s accomplishments and his generosity to South Fulton Middle/High School. No action was required by the Board on this item.

*Reading of Resolution for Hillcrest Cross Country Boys and Girls Teams* – Dr. Watkins read a resolution in honor of the accomplishments of the Hillcrest Cross Country teams this year. No action was required by the Board on this item.

*Reading of Resolution for Lake Road Boys and Girls Cross Country Teams* – Ms. Hooper read a resolution in honor of the accomplishments of the Lake Road Cross Country teams this year. No action was required by the Board on this item.

**DIRECTOR’S UPDATE**

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

- Since the inception and approval of the County-wide middle school baseball program at the last Board meeting, a video was made featuring Coach Bill Kail which may be viewed on the County schools’ website.
- In the video, Coach Kail shares his vision for the baseball program with additional information about rules, regulations, etc.
- The middle school baseball program’s inaugural season will begin in the spring of this year.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS/ADJOURN**

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

The entire meeting was recorded and stored as an electronic copy.

The minutes were taken and typed by Diane Terry.

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Fritz Fussell, Chairman

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Dr. Leah Watkins, Director of Schools

