

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

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

**SCHOOL RECOGNITION**

Ridgemont Principal, Mr. Jon Kerr yielded the floor to Lake Road Principal, Ms. Linda Crigger who then expressed her appreciation to him for allowing her the time to recognize members of the Girls' County Softball team. Additionally, she introduced Mr. John Gargus who serves as the team's coach. Coach Gargus said that he has a great team with members who have high GPA (grade point averages) and continue to place well in tournaments.

The next person to be introduced by Mr. Kerr was Technology Instructor, Mr. Shane Upchurch. Mr. Upchurch showcased projects that some of his gifted program students have completed which include creation of a mine craft game, Zombies simulator, phone app for testing, and Jeopardy app for sixth grade social studies.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PRIOR MEETING (January 7, 2019)**

Upon the recommendation of Mr. Fussell, a motion was made by Mr. Baggett to approve the minutes of the January 7, 2019 meeting. Mr. Rainey 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.**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

*Consider/Approve Amendment to Board Policy #3.201 – Safety* – According to Dr. Watkins, TN School Boards Association (TSBA) has recommended the following amendment to Board Policy #3.201 – Safety:

- Line 20, add “In addition, the Director of Schools or his/her designee shall provide the local law enforcement agency with all safety and security plans.”

Upon her recommendation, a motion was made by Mr. Adams to approve the first reading of the above noted amendment to Board Policy #3.201 – Safety. Mr. Britt seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

*Consider/Approve Amendment to Board Policy #5.701 – Substitute Teachers* – Upon the recommendation of Dr. Watkins and TSBA, a motion was made by Mr. Rainey to approve the first reading of an amendment to include the word “*designee*” in reference to who is responsible for making a list of substitute teachers. Mr. Baggett seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

*Consider/Approve New Board Policy #3.218 – Service Animals in District Facilities* – Upon Dr. Watkins recommendation, a motion was made by Mr. Rainey to approve the first and final reading of new Board Policy #3.218 – Service Animals in District Facilities as recommended by TSBA. Mr. Adams seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

*Consider/Approve Door Hardware Bid* – According to Dr. Watkins, only one bid was received for door hardware upgrades of the current magnetic door system in the schools. Upon her recommendation, a motion was made by Mr. Fussell to approve the lone bid, meeting all specifications, from Townsend Systems in the amount of \$10,178 (ten thousand, one hundred seventy-eight dollars). Mr. Britt seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

*Consider/Approve Firewall Bid* – According to Dr. Watkins, the following bids were received for firewall user authentication:

- Central Technologies - \$10,360.21
- CDW-G - \$11,355.00
- Zones, LLC - \$11,375.99

Upon the recommendation of Dr. Watkins, a motion was made by Mr. Britt to approve the lowest bid meeting all specifications from Central Technologies in the amount of \$10,360.21 (ten thousand, three hundred sixty dollars and twenty-one cents) for firewall user authentication. Mr. Baggett seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

*Consider/Approve 2019 – 2020 School Calendar* – Dr. Watkins stated that three (3) calendar options were presented to System staff and supervisors for review. Of the three choices, option C was the most popular. Upon her recommendation, a motion was made by Mr. Poore to approve option C for the 2019 – 2020 School Calendar. Mr. Rainey seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

### **DIRECTOR'S UPDATE**

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

- She extended a thank you to Mr. Kerr and staff for hosting the meal and Board meeting at Ridgemont Elementary.
- She was pleased with the tremendous outpouring of Board Appreciation through student letters and pictures; teachers; and administrators.
- She expressed thanks to local law enforcement agencies for their continued support.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS/ADJOURN**

Chairman Fussell expressed his thanks to the schools and students for their support during Board Appreciation Week. Additionally, he extended appreciation to Sheriff Jackson for his support of the school system locally and during tournament play at Millington, Tennessee.

Vice-Chairman Rainey expressed his thanks to the administrative staff, support staff, and students for honoring the Board members during Board Appreciation Week.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:24 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