

Obion County Board of Education
Regular Board Meeting
March 4, 2019

The Obion County Board of Education met in regular session on March 4, 2019 at the Board office. Board Chairman Fritz Fussell called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Jared Poore led everyone in prayer. Dr. Leah Watkins called the roll. Mr. Fritz Fussell, Mr. Brian Rainey, Ms. Keisha Hooper, Mr. Barry Adams, Mr. Kyle Baggett, Mr. Tim Britt and Mr. Jared Poore were present. Seven members were present. There was a quorum.

SCHOOL RECOGNITION

South Fulton BETA Club Recognition – Under the leadership of Ms. Brandi Cantrell, Ms. Ashley Martin, and Mr. Nick Ritter, the South Fulton High School BETA Club acquired several State Convention awards. These awards included the following areas of competition:

- Division 1 Jewelry – Halle Gore – 5th Place
- Portfolio (Club Competition – Carly Robertson and Alexis Brown – 1st Place
- Division 1 Digital Art – Bailie Lester – Runner Up
- Division 1 Woodworking – Eli Carlisle – 5th Place
- Division 1 Recycled Art – Mary Pitts – 5th Place
- Division 1 Photography – Bailie Lester – 3rd Place
- Division 1 Social Studies – Jake Lilly – Runner Up
- Club Trading Pin – Club Competition – 4th Place
- Carlie Robinson – Placed in the top 435 State participants
- SFHS won the School of Merit Award again

All of the above noted students will advance to National BETA Convention at Oklahoma City, Oklahoma in June of this year.

2018 – 2019 Teachers of the Year – The following teachers received the votes of their peers for Teacher of the Year at the School Level:

- Kristin Yates – Black Oak Elementary
- Kayce Jones – Black Oak Elementary
- Jackie Garis – Hillcrest Elementary
- Tori Jones – Hillcrest Elementary
- Susan Burpo – Lake Road Elementary

- Diana Dial – Lake Road Elementary
- Tracy Dyer – Ridgemont Elementary
- Kelli Wisener – Ridgemont Elementary
- Stacy Gore – South Fulton Elementary
- Deanna Porter – South Fulton Elementary
- Leah McFarland – South Fulton Middle/High School
- Melanie Curlin – South Fulton Middle/High School
- Amy Montgomery – Obion County Central High School

District Level Teachers of the Year were the following:

- Stacy Gore – Grades Pre K-4 – South Fulton Elementary
- Kelli Wisener – Grades 5 – 8 – Ridgemont Elementary
- Melanie Curlin – Grades 9 – 12 – SFMHS

Consider/Approve Resolution Recognizing South Fulton Middle School Lady Devils Basketball – A resolution to recognize the accomplishments of the South Fulton Middle School Lady Devils Basketball team was read and presented to the team.

Consider/Approve Resolution Recognizing the Obion County Central High School Competitive Cheer Squad – A resolution in recognition of the Obion County Central High School Cheer teams and their accomplishments was read and presented to them.

Recognition of High School Ambassadors – Dr. Watson introduced the following OCCHS students who serve as Ambassadors for their school:

- Hudson Angel – Junior (11th grade)
- O'Len Davis – Senior (12th grade)
- Kellie Henson – Senior (12th grade)
- Jaxon Via – (12th grade)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PRIOR MEETING (February 7, 2019)

Upon the recommendation of Mr. Fussell, a motion was made by Mr. Britt to approve the minutes of the February 7, 2019 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. Rainey to approve the consent agenda. Mr. Poore seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

OLD 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 second and final reading of the above noted amendment to Board Policy #3.201 – Safety. Mr. Baggett 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. Fussell to approve the second and final reading of an amendment to include the word “*designee*” in reference to who is responsible for making a list of substitute teachers. Mr. Britt seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business to discuss at this time.

DIRECTOR’S UPDATE

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

- The Obion County Schools Spelling Bee was held recently with participation by over sixty (60) students. Additionally, a large crowd was present to support the students during their participation in the event.
- Due to the collaborative efforts of Coach Moffitt and Principal Rogers, a STEM Initiative grant for \$5000 (five thousand dollars) was awarded to Black Oak Elementary School.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/ADJOURN

Chairman Fussell expressed his thanks to all parents, students and staff who were in attendance at the Board meeting. Additionally, he asked everyone to

remember Henry County Schools in their prayers in the aftermath of a recent school bus accident.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

The meeting was not recorded due to a malfunction in the recorder.

The minutes were taken and typed by Diane Terry.

Fritz Fussell, Chairman

Dr. Leah Watkins, Director of Schools