

Obion County Board of Education

Regular Board Meeting

February 11, 2011

The Obion County Board of Education met in regular session on February 11, 2011 at the Board of Education Office. Board Chairman, Brian Rainey, called the meeting to order at 7:40 a.m. Mr. Rainey led everyone in prayer.

Mr. Huss called the roll. Mr. Brian Rainey, Mr. Fritz Fussell, Mr. Willis Easley, Mr. David Lamb, Mr. Tim Partin, and Ms. Diane Sanderson were present. Ms. Susan Williams was absent. Six members were present. There was a quorum.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Upon the recommendation of Chairman Rainey, the Board unanimously approved the agenda.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM PRIOR MEETING

Upon the recommendation of Chairman Rainey, the Board unanimously approved minutes from the Board meeting of January 14, 2011.

CONSENT AGENDA

The consent agenda consists of the monthly personnel report; the monthly financial reports/business activity; report of substitute teachers; and a report of surplus technology equipment that has been disposed via most economical method. A motion was made by Mr. Lamb to approve the consent agenda. Mr. Partin seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

OLD BUSINESS

Consider/Approve Amendment to Board Policy #2.403 – Personal Property Sales - Upon Mr. Huss' recommendation, a motion was made by Mr. Lamb to approve, on second and final reading, an amendment to Board Policy #2.403, whereas the Technology Coordinator is granted permission to dispose of surplus technology equipment via the most economical method without further Board approval. Additionally, the Technology Coordinator will generate a report of surplus technology items that have been disposed for each monthly Board meeting. Mr. Fussell seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

NEW BUSINESS

Consider/Approve Proposed School Calendar for the 2011 – 2012 – Mr. Huss publicly thanked the calendar committee for diligently working on the proposed 2011 - 2012 school calendar. Upon his recommendation, a motion was made by Mr. Easley to approve the calendar as presented. Mr. Lamb seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Consider/Discuss Agriculture Enhancement Grant Greenhouse Bid – After a brief discussion and recommendation from Mr. Huss, a motion was made by Mr. Partin to approve a bid of \$83,156 (eighty-three thousand, one hundred fifty-six dollars) from Atlas Greenhouse Systems, Inc. for the purchase and construction of a greenhouse for the Obion County Central Agriculture Enhancement Grant. Mr. Easley seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Discuss Board Policy Concerning Student Alcohol and Drug Testing – A motion was made by Mr. Fussell to put this item back on the table for discussion. Mr. Lamb seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Mr. Huss requested permission to allow Mr. Tommy Victory to address the Board in reference to the above noted item. Points of discussion included the following:

- Met with coaches, BETA Club sponsor, and other extracurricular programs
- Needs random testing for safety of students
- Viewed policy of surrounding schools, specifically Humboldt City, Crockett County, and Tullahoma City School Systems
- Testing for students in grades 9 – 12 to include driving to school and all other extracurricular activities
- Suggested five times per year at a contracted cost of approximately \$17.50 per student tested
- Initial counseling for first positive could be provided by Ms. Heather Kendall, OCCHS Guidance Counselor
- Procedures to be set up for consequences
- Consent form for student and parents to be signed prior to any extracurricular activity

After much discussion, a motion was made by Mr. Lamb to add the Board policy concerning student alcohol and drug testing to the March agenda for consideration of approval. Ms. Sanderson seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Consider/Approve Amendment to Board Policy #4.301 – Interscholastic Athletics – According to Mr. Huss, TSBA has recommended the amendment to Board Policy #4.301 which will allow home schooled students to participate in local school sports programs. Since no State funding is derived from home schooled students, there would be ten specific eligibility qualifications which include an annual fee of \$300 (three hundred dollars) per sport in which the home school student participates. Upon his recommendation, a motion was made by Mr. Lamb to approve the first reading of the amendment to Board Policy #4.301. Mr. Easley seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Consider/Approve Overnight Student Trip(s) – The following overnight student trips were submitted for Board approval:

- Obion County Central High School, Academic Decathlon, State Competition, February 17 – 19, 2011, Austin Peay State University, Clarksville, TN
- Obion County Central High School, HOSA, State Competition, February 28 – March 2, 2011, Opryland Hotel, Nashville, TN
- South Fulton High School, FBLA, State Competition, April 3 – 6, 2011, Chattanooga, TN
- Obion County Central High School, FCCLA, State Competition, April 19 -21, 2011, Opryland Hotel, Nashville, TN
- Hillcrest Elementary School, PLUS Class, Year-End Trip, April 27 – 30, 2011, Atlanta/Austell, GA

Upon the recommendation of Mr. Huss, a motion was made by Mr. Fussell to approve the above-noted overnight student trips. Mr. Partin seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

DIRECTOR'S UPDATE

Points of interest in the Director's update are the following:

- Day on the Hill in Nashville is scheduled for February 22, 2011
- The Board Retreat is scheduled for Friday, February 25, 2011 at the Obion County Public Library.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:12 a.m.

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

The minutes were taken and typed by Diane Terry.

Brian Rainey, Chairman

David W. Huss, Director of Schools

