

Obion County Board of Education
Regular Board Meeting
June 3, 2013

The Obion County Board of Education met in regular session on June 3, 2013, at South Fulton Middle/High School. Board Chairman Brian Rainey called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. Mr. Fritz Fussell led everyone in prayer. Mr. Huss called the roll. Mr. Brian Rainey, Mr. Willis Easley, Mr. Fritz Fussell, Mr. David Lamb, Mr. Scott Northam, Mr. Tim Partin, and Ms. Diane Sanderson were present. Seven 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 May 6, 2013.

CONSENT AGENDA

The consent agenda consists of the monthly personnel report, monthly financial reports/business activity, recognition of gifts received for the 2012 – 2013 school year, and technology report of equipment declared surplus and disposed via the most economical method. Upon the recommendation of Chairman Rainey, the Board unanimously approved the consent agenda.

OLD BUSINESS

Consider/Approve Amendment to Board Policy #4.602 – Class Ranking – For better clarification, Mr. Huss recommended the following amendments to Board Policy #4.602:

- On page 1, line 37, the sentence should read “2 Career and Technical Education courses or 2 Dual enrollment courses.”
- On page 1, line 39, the sentence should read “Student must be eligible for first or second honor roll each nine (9) weeks.”
- The last complete sentence on page 2 should be struck, and the second sentence should read “Class rankings for all students will be determined by the cumulative long semester averages.”

Upon Mr. Huss' recommendations, a motion was made by Mr. Lamb to approve the second and final reading of the above noted amendment to Board Policy #4.602 – Class Ranking. Ms. Sanderson seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

NEW BUSINESS

Adult Education Update – Ms. Sharon Connell – In regard to the Adult Education program, the following points of interest were presented by Ms. Connell:

- To date, 50+ students have passed the GED exam.
- For many students, their only mode of transportation to class is by bicycle or walking.
- Effective January 1, 2014, a number of changes are expected in the GED program with tests to be more difficult, a cost increase in the GED exam, and taking the test on-line.
- GED graduation is scheduled for June 20, 2013, in the Commons Area of Obion County Central High School. Ms. Connell expressed her thanks to the Board for their continued support of the GED program and invited them to attend the June 20th GED graduation ceremony.

Coordinated School Health Update – Ms Chastity Homra – Ms. Homra presented the following points of interest to the Board in regard to the Coordinated School Health Program:

- 1,485 students were screened for potential health issues including hearing loss, elevated blood pressure, and scoliosis.
- Doctors Bondurant and Jordan donated eye glasses for some of the younger children.
- In-kind donations in the amount of \$70,000 were received this year.
- Ms. Chastity expressed her thanks to the Board and school principals for their support of the Coordinated School Health Program.
- She spoke briefly about a Back Pack Program which will provide food for students each weekend during the school year.

Consider/Approve General Student Activity and Athletic Funds Budgets for the Individual Schools – Upon the recommendation of Mr. Huss, a motion was made by Mr. Fussell to approve the general student activity and athletic fund budgets as presented for the individual schools in the System. Mr. Lamb seconded the motion.

MOTION CARRIED.

Consider/Approve Director's Participation in CEO Professional Development Program – Mr. Partin made a motion to approve Mr. Huss' participation in the State's annual CEO Professional Development Program. Ms. Sanderson seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Consider/Approve Annual Agenda for the 2013 – 2014 Fiscal Year – Upon Mr. Huss' recommendation, a motion was made by Mr. Lamb to approve the adoption of the annual agenda for fiscal year 2013 – 2014. Mr. Fussell seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Consider/Approve Appointment of Members to Disciplinary Hearing Authority – In accordance with Board Policy #6.317, Mr. Huss recommended the following appointees to serve on the Disciplinary Hearing Authority for the 2013 – 2014 school years:

- Dale Hollowell – SDHA Chairman
- Mary Lynn Dodson
- Cynthia Rainey
- Lesa Scillion
- Vikki Stevenson
- Russ Davis
- Dennis Buckelew

Upon his recommendation, a motion was made by Mr. Fussell to approve the appointment of the above noted individuals to serve on the Disciplinary Hearing Authority committee. Mr. Partin seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Consider/Approve Athletic Practice During the School Day – Upon the recommendation of Mr. Huss, a motion was made by Ms. Sanderson to approve athletic practice during the school day for the 2013 – 2014 school year. Mr. Northam seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Consider/Approve Designation of Fund Balance for Special Education Transportation – Upon Mr. Huss' recommendation, a motion was made by Mr. Partin to approve the designation of all revenues received from service agreements for the transportation of special education students to be applied toward the replacement of a special education bus as needed. Mr. Northam seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Consider/Approve Declaring Textbooks Surplus and Authorize Disposition by Most Economical Method – Upon Mr. Huss' recommendation, a motion was made by Mr. Lamb to declare outdated textbooks surplus and approve their disposal via the most economical method, i.e., sealed bids and/or recycling. Ms. Sanderson seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Consider Request from the Obion County Central Quarterback Club to Pay a Coaching Supplement – Mr. Lamb made a motion to approve the request from the Obion County Central Quarterback Club to pay a \$5,000 (five thousand dollars) supplement to OCCHS Coach Jeff Lamb. Mr. Northam seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Consider/Approve Line Item Amendment to the General Purpose School Fund – According to Mr. Huss, an amendment is needed to more closely reflect actual expenditures (salary line items and benefits) within the General Purpose School Fund budget for the 2012 – 2013 fiscal year. Upon his recommendation, a motion was made by Mr. Partin to approve a line item amendment to the General Purpose School Fund budget. Mr. Fussell seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Consider/Approve Bid for School Buses – The following bids were received for the purchase of three (3) school buses for the System:

- Central States Bus Sales, Inc. (Inline V6) - \$85,456.00 each
- Cumberland (Inline V6) - \$85,427.14 each

Upon the recommendation of Mr. Huss, a motion was made by Ms. Sanderson to accept the low bid of \$85,427.14 (eighty-five thousand, four hundred twenty-seven dollars and fourteen cents) for each bus, with a total cost of \$256,281.42 (two hundred fifty-six thousand, two hundred eighty-one dollars and forty-two cents) for three buses. Mr. Lamb seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.** Note: No liability will be incurred, nor a purchase order issued until the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2013.

Consider/Approve Resolution Concerning School Federal Projects Budgets – Upon the recommendation of Mr. Huss, a motion was made by Mr. Lamb to approve a resolution to accept, adopt, and declare that the Obion County Schools' Federal Projects Fund budgets for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2014 shall be the same as

the budget approved by the State. Mr. Northam seconded the motion. **MOTION CARRIED.**

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

- Obion County Central High School, FFA, Livestock Judging Team, June 3 – 5, 2013, UT Knoxville.

Upon Mr. Huss' recommendation, a motion was made by Mr. Partin to approve the above noted overnight student trip. Mr. Fussell seconded the motion.

MOTION CARRIED.

Report on Early Reading Intervention Program – Ms. Vikki Stevenson shared the following points of interest with the Board in regard to an early reading intervention program:

- Ms. Stevenson met with Ms. Sheila Stone and Mr. Huss to discuss a plan for early reading intervention.
- Four previous Reading Recovery teachers could be utilized for the implementation of the program at the beginning of the new school year and each one would be placed where reading intervention was most needed.
- The lowest 25% of students in grade 1 would qualify for the program and depending on reading scores; they would receive one-on-one instruction or be included in small groups of five or six students.
- Interventionists would meet with students thirty (30) minutes per day for twelve (12) weeks on a continuous basis.
- The goal to be met would be to help students raise their reading skills to average level of their class.
- Students not meeting their goal could be referred to Title or Special Education for further intervention if needed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. Huss stated that the year-end meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 24, 2013 at 7:00 a.m. in the conference room of the Board of Education office.

Mr. Lamb gave recognition to the South Fulton cheerleaders, girls' softball team, and the high school band for their accomplishments this year.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.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