

A G E N D A  
Cheatham County Board of Education

May 7, 2007

Place: Educational Annex Building – Board Room                      Time: 7:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order, Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance
2. Roll Call: Barry Breen, Susan Greer, Jackie Kemp, Dianne Proffitt, Chris Spiegl, and Rickey Thomas
3. Approval of Agenda
4. Public Forum – Opportunity for Community to Address Board  
(Maximum thirty (30) minutes)
5. Presentations and Awards:

A) Congratulations to the winners of the Cheatham County Math and Spelling contests. Thanks and appreciation to the faculty sponsors and to Cumberland Electric Membership Cooperative for the monetary prizes.

February 22, 2007 5<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Spelling Bee winners:

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Josiah Brown, SMS
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Maggie Jackson, HMS
- 3<sup>rd</sup> – Shelby Price, SMS
- 4<sup>th</sup> – Jackson Crook, SMS
- 5<sup>th</sup> – Julia Struthers, HMS
- 6<sup>th</sup> – Sara Burke, CMS

Faculty Sponsors:

- Tracey Shockney, CMS
- Megan McCullough, HMS
- Marcia Beasley, SMS

Josiah Brown and Maggie Jackson represented Cheatham County in the Middle Tennessee Regional Spelling Bee. Maggie placed 6<sup>th</sup> and Josiah placed 9<sup>th</sup>.

March 21, 2007 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Math Contest winners:

1<sup>st</sup> – Beau Johnson, HMS

2<sup>nd</sup> – Carter Oakley, HMS

3<sup>rd</sup> – Alyssa Johnson, CMS

Faculty Sponsors:

Tom Oglesby, CMS

Kay Lampley, HMS

Jane Alexander, SMS

March 22, 2007 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Math Contest winners:

1<sup>st</sup> – Jackson Crook, SMS

2<sup>nd</sup> – Landon Binkley, CMS

3<sup>rd</sup> – Bobby Bell, CMS

Faculty Sponsors:

Tanna Scott, CMS

Julie Pyrdum, HMS

Jane Alexander, SMS

B) Representatives attending the Tennessee School Boards Association's 2007 Student Congress on Policies in Education (SCOPE) conference on March 9, 2007:

Joseph Diate

Taylor Doubler

Brent Luther

Wayne Darrow, Sponsor

C) Cheryl Richardson, CMS faculty, named TEA's Middle Tennessee Distinguished Teacher of the Year

D) Oscar Nominations

6. Reports:

A) Transportation Committee

B) Drug Free Schools Committee

C) CCCHS status

D) WCES status

7. Hearing of Delegations:

8. Consent Agenda:

A. Minutes: March 6, 2007 and April 2, 2007

B. Approval for tenure:

C. Disposal of surplus equipment/materials:

1) ECE Principal Young requests permission to discard the following irreparable or outdated items: 2 printers, 3 videos, 1 OH projector, and 249 books

2) PVE Principal Dyce requests permission to discard the following irreparable items: 6 monitors, 3 computers, 2 printers, 6 OH projectors, 1 tape player, and 7 flex cams

3) SMS Principal Bell requests permission to discard the following irreparable and outdated items: 100 books, 5 computers, 4 monitors, 20 videos, 10 computer programs

D. School fees:

2007 Summer School tuition

\$100.00 - Cheatham County residents

\$150.00 – non-Cheatham County residents

E. Field trips:

1) HHS Principal Simpkins and HMS Principal Schliwa request permission for one hundred fifty band students and fifteen adults to visit Kentucky Kingdom on Tuesday, May 29<sup>th</sup>. This trip will be after the school year has ended. They will travel by charter bus.

F. School/Principal request:

G. Early Graduation Request:

H. Committees:

9. Budget and Finance:

- A) Budget Amendments – requires Board approval
- B) Budget Amendments – requires Board approval, then sent to County Commission for approval

10. Old Business:

A) Revise Board Policy 4.603, Promotion and Retention, **second reading**, passed on first reading April 2, 2007. Effective with the classes of 2011, twelfth graders shall take a math course – for a total of four math credits

B) Revise Board Policy 4.2091, Credit Recovery, **second reading**, passed on first reading April 2, 2007.

C) Revise Board Policy 1.600, Policy Development and Adoption, **second reading**, passed on first reading April 2, 2007. Add the following as the first paragraph:

*The Cheatham County Board of Education approves and validates all Policies and Procedures for the operation of the Local Education Agency. Recognizing the importance of policy to citizens of the community and employees, the Director shall appoint a Policy Advisory Committee comprised of citizens and school personnel. This committee shall be charged to review new policy and current policy adjustments and make recommendations to the Board of Education.*

11. New Business:

A) Revise Board Policy 3.202, Emergency Preparedness Plan, **first reading**. This revision includes a pandemic influenza response plan.

B) Revise Board Policy 4.600, Grading System, **first reading**. This revision includes new verbiage pertaining to the HOPE scholarship.

C) Revise Board Policy 5.107, Orientation, **first reading**. This revision removes the *Probation of Classified Personnel* section from the policy.

D) Revise Board Policy 5.700, Interim Employees, **first reading**. With the revision, the first paragraph will read:

*Employees shall be hired on an interim contract only when a vacancy is created by an employee taking a leave of absence as set forth in TCA 49-6-702. Such interim employees shall be considered as temporary replacements for the remainder of the school year and the contract will not be considered as initial employment.*

E) Revise Board Policy 6.200, Attendance, **first reading**. The following will become paragraph three:

***EXCUSED ABSENCE***

*A one-day excused absence is allowed for students when their parent or custodian is deployed into active military service. A one-day excused absence is also provided for students when the parent or custodian returns from active military duty. Students shall be permitted to make up school work missed during the excused absence.*

F) Revise Board Policy 6.312, Use of Personal Communication Devices in School, **first reading**. The first paragraph shall read:

*Students may possess personal communication devices, such as cell phones and pagers, on school property, BUT during the academic school day and on school buses these devices SHALL remain off and concealed (put away), unless the student has a permit and is on active duty as a member of a volunteer fire fighting organization or a volunteer emergency medical service organization. In order to obtain a permit, the student must have secured signed consent from one of his/her parents or legal guardian(s).*

G) Revise Board Policy 3.400, Student Transportation Management, **first reading**. The changes are recommendations from the Transportation Committee.

H) Revise Board Policy 6.308, Bus Conduct, **first reading**. The changes are recommendations from the Transportation Committee.

I) Revise Transportation Handbook

J) Approval of special courses to be offered during the 2007-2008 school year. These courses have been approved by the Cheatham County Curriculum Council and following Board approval, they will be sent to the State for approval.

CCCHS – Freshmen in Transition (FIT); ACT Preparation; History of the American Cinema; Street Law

HHS – Freshmen in Transition (FIT); Forensic Science; ACT Preparation; Financial Planning; Seniors Only Seminar (SOS); History Goes to the Movies; History of Native Americans; Tennessee History; The Civil War and Reconstruction

SHS – Freshmen in Transition (FIT); Reading/Writing Lab; Junior/Senior Seminar; The College Experience; ACT/SAT Preparation

K) Approval to accept US Able's bid of \$63,000.00 for Long-Term Disability Insurance for all full-time employees.

## 12. Adjourn

### INFORMATION:

#### 1. Personnel Changes:

##### A. Retirements approved:

Marsha Dyce, PVE faculty, 5/25/07 – 37 years teaching experience  
Cathy Hill Soucey, SMS faculty, 5/25/07 – 17 yrs teaching experience  
Carol Janusek, HMS faculty - 10 years teaching experience  
Betty Harris, ECE guidance – 36 years teaching experience  
Janice Pendergrass-Lawrence – 26 years teaching experience

##### B. Administrative Positions approved:

##### C. Leave of Absence approved:

Ron Goehring, CMS faculty, 3/29/07 – 5/25/07  
Cory Hesselbacher, CMS faculty, 5/1/07 – 5/23/07  
Jean C. Hill, CHS faculty, 8/6/07 – 10/15/07  
Shelly Gupton, bus driver, 3/27/07 – 8/30/07  
Carol Lee, ECE school nutrition, 2/7/07 – 5/23/07  
Edna Lewis, CMS school nutrition, 3/26/07 – 5/23/07  
Jodie Orman, HHS faculty, extend leave thru 2007-2008 SY

D. Resignations:

Laura Bernick, PES faculty, 5/25/07  
Susan Biggs, SMS sp ed assistant, 4/11/07  
Lisa Halverson, ACE assistant, 4/10/07  
Mary Beal, bus driver, 3/23/07

E. Termination of Employment:

F. Transfers approved:

Lisa Halverson, from ACE ½ time sp ed assistant to ACE Title I  
assistant

G. Elections/Placements approved:

Amy Butterworth, WCE faculty, interim, 4/5/07  
Cindy Williams, BOE school nutrition bookkeeper, 5/1/07, pending  
background check  
Margaret Malina Taylor, CMS teacher assistant, 3/19/07, pending  
background check  
Dan Thornton, Cheatham Academy sp ed assistant, 3/8/07, new  
position, pending background check