

## MINUTES

Cheatham County Board of Education  
February 4, 2008

The Cheatham County Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, February 4, 2008, in the Board Room of the Educational Annex Building. Vice Chairman Susan Greer called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m. She welcomed everyone to the meeting and recognized the Leadership Cheatham County Class.

Moment of silence: led by Mr. Spiegl

Pledge of Allegiance: led by Mr. Spiegl

Roll call:

Present were Susan Greer, Jackie Kemp, Dianne Proffitt, Chris Spiegl, and Rickey Thomas. Absent was Barry Breen. The law requires a majority of the membership of the Board for passage; therefore, four votes are required to pass any question before the Board.

Approval of agenda:

Proffitt made a motion, seconded by Thomas to approve the agenda as presented. That motion passed unanimously by those members present.

Public forum:

The public forum offers the public an opportunity to address the Board about various subjects. Greer specified that anyone wishing to address the Board must complete the Public Forum form prior to speaking. Vice Chairman Greer introduced speakers Barbara Cartwright and Gregory Horton.

Presentations and Awards:

Greer introduced and presented certificates to those students with the highest scores on the Gateway and End-of-Course tests for the 2007 fall semester.

Gateway Math – scored 52 out of a possible 62

Jessica Danielle Dobbins, AHS - Absent

Gateway Language Arts – scored 55 out of a possible 62

Kayla Marie Zumbrunnen, SHS

Dillon Scott Jones, SHS

Gateway Science – scored 55 out of a possible 62

Andrea Marie Massey, CHS - Absent

Megan Kay Hasse, HHS

End-of-Course Math Foundations 2 – scored 47 out of a possible 60

Ethan Warren Hoggatt, SHS

End-of-Course English 1 – 48 out of a possible 60

Micah Miles Jones, HHS  
Riley Elizabeth Rick, HHS - Absent

End-of-Course Physical Science – 48 out of a possible 60

James Coleton Liles, HHS  
Hunter Curtis Threet, HHS

End-of-Course United States History – 49 out of a possible 60

Hannah Marie Gordon, HHS - Absent  
Megan Ann Phouthavong, HHS - Absent  
Valerie Marie Stuedemann, HHS - Absent

Director Seifert congratulated Vocational Director Lockert and the career and technical teachers on their State report card which included five As and one B.

Reports:

A) Scott Kale of the Lashlee-Rich construction management company gave a brief report on the CCCHS renovation project. When questioned, he noted it was early but the work was currently on schedule.

B) Transportation Committee Chairman Proffitt stated the committee and others met January 18<sup>th</sup> concerning the Transportation and Planning software. Another meeting has not been scheduled.

C) Director Seifert gave a power point presentation on the New State Standards, and outlined the plan for Cheatham County.

Hearing of delegations: None

Consent Agenda:

Items are placed on the consent agenda that are routine and do not require discussion. Vice Chairman Greer asked if there was an item any Board Member wished to pull for separate consideration. Kemp pulled 10-E, Field Trips. Hearing from no other member, Greer entertained a motion. Proffitt made a motion, seconded by Kemp to approve the consent agenda with the exception of item E. That motion passed unanimously by those members present.

A) Approval of minutes: December 3, 2007

B) Approval for tenure: None

C) Disposal of surplus equipment/materials:

1) PVE Principal Dyce granted permission to discard the following irreparable items: 7 monitors, 2 printers, 9 computers, 4 overheads, and 2 flex cams

2) KSE Principal Dorris granted permission to dispose of the following irreparable items: 3 teacher's desks and 5 student's desks

3) ECE Principal Young granted permission to discard the following irreparable and/or out-dated items: 1 printer, 5 monitors, 6 computers, and 200 books

4) Textbook Coordinator Jones granted permission to sell textbooks to a used textbook company. These books are out of adoption.

D) School fees:

1) HHS Principal Simpkins granted approval of 2007-08 fees:

\$10.00	Health Science (new class)
\$10.00	Medical Diagnostics (new class)

E) Field trips: Pulled for separate consideration

F) School/Principal request: None

G) Early graduation request: None

H) Committees: None

E) Field trips: pulled for separate consideration

Kemp made a motion to waive Board Policy # 4.302, Field Trips and Excursions, which allows students to miss only one day of schools and approve the requested educational field trips. Thomas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously by those present.

1) Director Seifert granted permission for three Student Board Representatives to attend the National School Board Association conference in Orlando, Florida. They will be out of school Friday, March 28, 2008, and Monday, March 31, 2008.

2) SHS Principal Newton granted permission for seventeen students and three adults to attend the State FFA Convention in Gatlinburg. They will depart Sunday, March 30, 2008, and return Wednesday, April 2, 2008. Several students will receive their State FFA degrees and two teams will be competing in events.

3) CCCHS Principal Leavitt granted permission for sixteen students and two adults to attend the State FFA Convention in Gatlinburg. They will depart Sunday, March 30, 2008, and return Wednesday, April 2, 2008.

Budget and Finance:

A) Proffitt made a motion, seconded by Kemp to approve the budget amendments that are within major categories and require only Board approval. That motion passed unanimously by those members present.

Old business:

A) Greer stated Board Policy 6.200, Attendance, is on the agenda for second reading, having been tabled on August 6, 2007 with a motion by Kemp and second by Greer. First reading was accomplished during the July 19<sup>th</sup> and July 24<sup>th</sup> work session, per Board Policy 1.600, Policy Development and Adoption, which states in part: *The Board's approval of the proposal or return for study and/or further revision shall constitute the first reading.*

Kemp made a motion, seconded by Thomas to bring from the table Board Policy 6.200, Attendance. That motion passed unanimously by those members present.

Thomas stated he wished to pull his original motion from the August 6<sup>th</sup> meeting and begin anew. Greer pulled her second. Greer noted that motion removed some general items from the policy, but was not specific. She stated the policy has now been discussed at several work sessions, with input from teachers, administrators, and other counties.

Thomas made a motion, seconded by Proffitt to revise Board Policy 6.200, Attendance, as presented, with the *Making up Time for Grades 9 – 12* and *Rules for Time Make-up Sessions* sections deleted, and become effective with the 2008-2009 school year. Much discussion followed, including spending money for tutoring students outside the school day and perfect attendance. Greer asked for a roll call vote. Voting yes were Thomas, Proffitt, Spiegl, and Greer. Kemp voted no and Breen was absent. Greer declared the motion passed on second reading. Greer emphasized that the extended contract monies would still be available for use in tutoring. Greer encouraged administrators and staff to provide suggestions and ideas for supplementing and improving the academic programs in ways other than the time-for-time program. She also encouraged suggestions for maintaining and encouraging attendance as a priority for all students.

B) Greer stated the Board was not ready to act on the request by Misty Glenn, with the Coordinated School Health Program, to conduct a Youth Risk Behavior Survey with the middle school students. This request was tabled December 3, 2007 with a motion by Thomas and second by Greer. This survey is required by the State and must be completed by the end of school.

New business:

A) Kemp made a motion, seconded by Thomas to uphold the decision of the Student Disciplinary Hearing Authority for a Harpeth High School student. Other options would be to modify the decision or grant the appeal and the Board would hear the case behind closed doors. The motion passed unanimously by those present.

B) The five-year plan presentation was temporarily passed over due to technical difficulties with the overhead projector.

C) Greer asked Director Seifert to explain the Transportation and Planning Software. Seifert stated that in December she, Transportation Director Wilson, and Transportation Secretary Craig visited Sumner County to view their system. VersaTrans did a presentation in Cheatham County on January 18, 2008. Seifert disclosed a person would be hired for six

months to assist with getting the program implemented. She passed out several pieces of information to the Board Members.

Greer stated if there were no objections she would allow for discussion. Proffitt liked the presentation but was concerned about taking the money (about \$39,000) from this year's budget. She believes we should look for other companies due to the gap in the price range of the two companies who bid. Kemp stated the presentation was awesome, but since it was rather new believes the price will drop – only eight in Tennessee and thirteen hundred nationwide. She does not wish to take it from this year's budget and would like to know exactly what the cost is going to be. Greer noted the Board purchased routing software several years ago, but it did not work out. Proffitt asked where the school system money currently stood budget wise. Greer believed the program would allow transportation to be more efficient, saying the possibilities were many. Much discussion followed. Greer asked this item be placed on the March Board agenda and discussed at the February work session.

B) Third District Commissioner and Education Committee Chairman John-Paul Wood delivered a detailed power point presentation of the five-year capital expenditure plan. Greer stated the Board must look at the information presented and make a decision about how to proceed.

At 9:29 p.m. Greer pointed out the directive of Board Policy 1.403, Agendas, states that at 9:30 p.m. the meeting shall be adjourned or approved by a majority vote to extend the meeting thirty minutes, but must dismiss at 10:00 p.m. Proffitt made a motion, seconded by Spiegl to extend the meeting for thirty minutes. The motion passed unanimously by those members present.

Seifert distributed additional information on the HVAC and roofing which are included in the five year plan. Greer asked the feeling of the Board stating there was lots of information to study. Spiegl made a motion, seconded by Proffitt to take the information to the next work session for discussion, further study, and possible vote in March. Discussion followed. Greer declared the motion failed with three yes, two no, and one absent.

Thomas made a motion, seconded by Greer to approve the plan as presented. Discussion followed. Seifert stated the Board composed a planning committee last May, including two Board Members (Greer and Proffitt), to put a plan or recommendation together and present it to the Board. Greer declared the motion failed with two yes, three no, and one absent.

Proffitt made a motion, seconded by Kemp to review the five year plan at the February 12<sup>th</sup> work session. Discussion followed, noting some information was heard by the Board for the first time tonight in Mr. Wood's presentation. Greer declared the motion passed with 4 yes, 1 no, and 1 absent.

D) Kemp made a motion, seconded by Proffitt to adopt on first reading Board Policy 2.404, School Support Organizations. This is to comply with new state laws for support organizations that do not run their finances through the school books. The motion passed unanimously by those present.

E) Proffitt made a motion, seconded by Kemp to revise on first reading Board Policy 1.1021, Student Board Representatives. This would change the SBR tenure to be July – June and be elected in April. The motion passed unanimously by those present.

F) Kemp made a motion, seconded by Spiegl to revise on first reading Board Policy 6.312, Use of Personal Communication Devices in School. Effective with the 2008-2009 school year, upon entering the school bus or building, the device must be deactivated and put away. Proffitt asked for a report three months into the 2008-2009 school year to be sure it is working effectively. The motion passed unanimously by those present.

Brief comments from Board Members:

Spiegl thanked Ms. Seifert and Mr. Wood for their presentations.

Announcements and Recognitions:

Leadership Cheatham County's Education Day will be February 12<sup>th</sup>. The Board is invited for a presentation at 1:30 p.m. and a panel discussion at 4:30 p.m.

The Board work sessions are scheduled for February 12<sup>th</sup> and February 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room. A revised list of Board meetings and work sessions was distributed

Tennessee School Board Association's Day-on-the-Hill is scheduled for February 26<sup>th</sup> beginning at 7:30 a.m.

Seifert distributed transportation information concerning field trips – seniority and how drivers are chosen for the trips.

Adjourn:

There being no further business, Vice Chairman Greer adjourned the meeting at 9:59 p.m.

Submitted by  
Carol F. Cannon

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Susan A. Greer, Vice Chairman

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Lynn E. Seifert, Director of Schools