

## MINUTES

Cheatham County Board of Education  
March 3, 2008

The Cheatham County Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, March 3, 2008, in the Board Room of the Educational Annex Building. Chairman Barry Breen called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Moment of silence: led by Ms. Proffitt

Pledge of Allegiance: led by Ms. Proffitt

Roll call:

Present were Kurt Scott, Rickey Thomas, Barry Breen, Dianne Proffitt, and Susan Greer. Absent was Chris Spiegl. Chairman Breen welcomed Mr. Scott as a new Board Member, representing District One. 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:

Chairman Breen asked that three items be added to the agenda as follows: 8-B Director's Report on Differentiated Pay Plan, 8-C Legislative update by Ms. Proffitt, and 13-F Vanderbilt University survey. Breen asked if there were other changes. Hearing none, he entertained a motion. Proffitt made a motion, seconded by Scott to approve the agenda with the addition of 8-B, 8-C, and 13-F. 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. Breen specified that anyone wishing to address the Board must complete the Public Forum form prior to speaking. SHS student Logan Blakely addressed the Board regarding the Sycamore High School cafeteria.

Presentations and Awards:

A) Director Seifert introduced and congratulated those students chosen to attend the March 7, 2007 Tennessee School Board Association's Student Congress on Policies in Education (SCOPE).

Chandler Nichols, CHS – absent  
Bailey Ragsdale, CHS – absent  
Joseph Diate, HHS – absent  
Karissa Senn, HHS – absent  
Chase Newman, SHS  
Cara Shivers, SHS  
Wayne Darrow, CHS sponsor – absent

B) Director Seifert asked SHS Economic Challenge Team Coach Brad Causey to give a brief summary of the State Champions, the 2<sup>nd</sup> place, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place – all three teams of Sycamore High School students. Causey stated it was an academic contest and the winning teams will compete in the on-line regional contest on April 29<sup>th</sup>, with those winners competing in the national contest in May in New York City. He explained the qualification for the team; proudly displayed the trophies won by each student, and revealed the individual team member's prizes. Taylor Doubler spoke on behalf of the students. Chairman Breen and Vice Chairman Greer presented certificates to:

State Champions – Taylor Doubler, Hannah Brown, Heather Thacker – Absent, and Morgan McConnell

2<sup>nd</sup> place – Nick Hymer, Alan Brown – Absent, Jacob Davis – Absent, and Jarrett Miller – Absent

3<sup>rd</sup> place – Chase Newman, Tristan Harper - Absent, Nicole Denney - Absent, and Amy Boshers - Absent

Teacher/Coach – Brad Causey

#### Reports:

A) Scott Kail, Lashlee-Rich, Inc., reported on the CCCHS renovation project – currently three weeks behind schedule.

B) Director Seifert gave a power point presentation on the Differentiated Pay Plan.

C) Proffitt gave a report on the Tennessee School Board Association's Day-on-the-Hill with legislatures held on February 26<sup>th</sup>.

Hearing of Delegations: None

#### Consent agenda:

Items are placed on the consent agenda that are routine and do not require discussion. Chairman Breen asked if there was an item any Board Member wished to pull for separate consideration. Hearing none, he entertained a motion. Scott made a motion, seconded by Greer, and passed unanimously by those present.

A) Approval of minutes: February 4, 2008 and February 19, 2008

B) Approval for tenure: None

C) Disposal of surplus equipment/materials:

1) SMS Principal Bell granted permission to dispose of the following items: 4 VCRs, 3 monitors, 6 printers, 3 computers, 1 Satellite receiver, 1 Interface device, 1 TV, 1 globe, 1 projector screen, 100 books

2) KSE Principal Dorris granted permission to dispose of the following items: 12 damaged library books, 1 Fax machine, 2 monitors, 1 computer, 1 tower

D) School fees:

1) HHS Principal Simpkins granted approval of 07-08 fees:

\$25.00	Art
\$15.00	Spanish
\$15.00	French

E) Field trips:

1) CHS Principal Leavitt granted permission for the twelve cheerleaders and two sponsors to attend camp at the University of Alabama at Huntsville June 18-21, 2008

F) School/Principal request: None

G) Early graduation request: None

H) Committees: None

Budget and Finance:

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

B) Scott made a motion, seconded by Greer to approve the budget amendments that are between major categories. This resolution must be approved by the Board and forwarded to the County Commission for approval. That motion passed unanimously by those members present.

Old business: None

New business:

A) Chairman Breen stated a decision of the Student Disciplinary Hearing Authority regarding a CCHS student has been appealed. According to Tennessee statute, the Board has two options and the decision must be based on the written record of the SDHA hearing. The Board may choose to grant a new hearing before the Board in a closed session or reverse/lessen the penalty of the SDHA. Proffitt made a motion, seconded by Scott to grant a new hearing before the Board in a closed session at a later date. Chairman Breen asked for a roll call vote. Voting to grant the hearing were Scott and Proffitt. Voting against a new hearing were Thomas, Greer, and Breen. Spiegl was absent. Chairman Breen declared the motion failed and the SDHA decision stands.

B, C) Proffitt made a motion to revise on first reading Board Policy 5.608, Tutoring for Pay, and Board Policy 4.301, Interscholastic Athletics. Scott seconded the motion and it carried unanimously by those members present. Chairman Breen reviewed the changes. These policies will be presented for second reading April 7, 2008.

D) Greer made a motion, seconded by Proffitt to revise on first reading Board Policy 4.2091, Credit Recovery. This revision deletes the Time-for-Time section, to align it with policy 6.200, Attendance. The motion carried unanimously by those members present. This policy will be presented for second reading April 7, 2008.

E) Scott made a motion, seconded by Greer granting permission for Textbook Supervisor Jones to add *Forensic Science – An Introduction*, Pearson, and Prentice-Hall 2008 to the list of Science textbook adoptions for the 2008-2009 school year. The motion passed unanimously by those members present.

F) Chairman Breen stated the Board was contacted by Vanderbilt University's psychology and human development department requesting permission to conduct a student survey for research in regards to harassment and bullying. Dr. David Cole gave a presentation at the latest Board work session about the survey. Proffitt made a motion, seconded by Scott granting permission for Vanderbilt University to conduct the student survey as requested. Discussion followed. Proffitt was pleased that Vanderbilt will conduct an in-service with our county teachers; also, the survey will define the happenings in our school and how to deal with those issues. Seifert noted that it will not only assist our district, but could lead to nationwide research and assistance with bullying. Thomas did not like the idea of using our students for surveys because we are in the business of educating students. Seifert advised that the students involved in the Coordinated School Health Program survey would not be involved in the Vanderbilt survey and this survey would be after TCAP testing. Chairman Breen declared the motion passed with Thomas voting no and Spiegl absent.

#### Brief comments from Board Members:

Proffitt expressed concern that the CCCHS renovation is behind schedule.

Scott said he was happy to be serving his community, it was an honor to serve with the other Board Members, and is looking forward to working with them.

#### Announcements and recognitions:

Chairman Breen recognized the following certificated personnel retiring at the end of this school year:

Martha Groves, CHS guidance counselor, 41 years in Cheatham County  
Mary Evelyn Brinkley, CHS faculty, 34 years experience, 30 years in Cheatham Co.  
Dale Brinkley, CMS asst. principal, 28 years in Cheatham County  
Jane Clark, CMS faculty, 33 years in Cheatham County  
Ann Easterling, CMS faculty, 29 years experience, 20 in Cheatham County  
Beverly Tucker, HHS sp ed faculty, 21 years in Cheatham County

Breen announced the next Board meeting will be April 7<sup>th</sup> with work sessions March 13<sup>th</sup> and April 3<sup>rd</sup>. On March 5<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. at the Board Office, Attorney Rob Wheeler, Breen, and Scott will meet for the new Board Member orientation.

A north cluster planning meeting is scheduled for March 4<sup>th</sup> in the Sycamore High School theatre at 6:00 p.m. to discuss the 5-year plan. Seifert noted they will be looking at two plans

and both include a vocational building at Harpeth High School. Greer stressed the meeting is for the whole county.

Adjourn:

There being no further business, Chairman Breen adjourned the meeting at 8:25 p.m.

Submitted by  
Carol F. Cannon

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Barry E. Breen, Board Chairman

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Lynn E. Seifert, Director of Schools