

MINUTES

Cheatham County Board of Education
May 5, 2008

Call to order:

The Cheatham County Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, May 5, 2008, in the Board Room of the Educational Annex Building. Chairman Barry Breen called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

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, Chris Spiegl, and Susan Greer. 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 if there were any changes to the agenda. Hearing none, he entertained a motion. Scott made a motion, seconded by Proffitt to approve the agenda as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

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 parent Jackie Whitstruck spoke on behalf of the SHS color guard parents and voiced concerns about the SHS color guard program.

Presentations and awards:

A) Chairman Breen and Vice Chairman Greer congratulated the winners of the Clean Sweep Poster Contest as they were presented certificates and Wal-Mart gift cards by Economic and Development Director James Fenton along with Master Gardeners Susie Hawkins and Nancy Coop.

3rd Prize – Maddie Todd, ACE

2nd Prize – Anna Pearson, ACE

1st Prize – Hayley Pawsey, PVE

Grand Prize – Tristan Davenport, KSE

B) Coordinated School Health Programs Director Glenn presented their mini grant winners who were congratulated by Chairman Breen and Vice Chairman Geer:

Cheatham Middle School - \$1,770.00 for Wii game system for exercise

West Cheatham Elementary - \$2,250.00 for 2-way communication devices for each

faculty member
Ashland City Elementary - \$5,000.00 to be used toward fence and mulch for
playground
Harpeth Middle School - \$5,000.00 to provide exercise stations with the gym's new
bleachers
East Cheatham Elementary - \$17,000.00 for a paved walking track

C) Chairman Breen congratulated Mike Lockert, Cheatham County CTE Director, who received an honorary state FFA degree. This is the highest honor that can be bestowed by the state FFA to recognize individuals who have rendered outstanding service to the agricultural educational FFA program.

D) Board members expressed thanks as they displayed ballpoint pens made by the Harpeth High School technology department and given to each of them.

Reports:

A) Gary Curtis, Kaatz, Binkley, Jones, and Morris Architects, gave a brief report on the CCHS renovation project. Phase One should be completed by May 30th. Curtis is pleased with the opened line of communication.

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. Thomas made a motion, seconded by Spiegl, and passed unanimously to approve the agenda as printed.

A) Approval of minutes: April 7, 2008

B) Approval for tenure: None

C) Disposal of surplus equipment/items:

- 1) CMS AP Brinkley granted permission to discard the following irreparable or outdated items: 137 books, 3 printers, 1 overhead projector, 1 VCR, 2 videos
- 2) ACE Principal Jones granted permission to discard the following irreparable items: 34 monitors, 30 towers
- 3) PVE Principal Dyce granted permission to discard the following irreparable items: 10 monitors, 2 printers, 13 computers, 2 overheads, and 1 scanner
- 4) SMS Principal Bell granted permission to discard the following irreparable items: 4 monitors, 8 printers, 6 computers, 1 scanner, 2 VCRs, 1 DVD player, 100 books, 43 video cassettes, and outdated standardized prep materials
- 5) Transportation Director Wilson granted permission to declare surplus and advertise for bids on the following vehicles: a 1993 78-passenger Blue Bird bus, a 1993 84-passenger Blue Bird bus, a 1994 84-passenger Blue Bird bus, a 1997 16-passenger Chev/Blue Bird bus, two 1996 16-passenger Chev/Blue

Bird busses, a 1984 Blue Bird HHS Band bus, and a 1989 GMC maintenance vehicle

D) School fees:

2008 Summer school tuition:

\$100.00 – Cheatham County residents

\$150.00 – non-Cheatham residents

E) Field trips:

1) SHS Principal Newton granted permission for the Economic Challenge team to attend the National Economic Contest in New York, New York. The dates are May 17th – 19th for eight students and two adults. (The Board approved this trip, but the regional team score did not qualify them to participate in the national contest.)

F) School/Principal request: None

G) Early graduation request: None

H) Committees: None

Budget and Finance:

A) Proffitt made a motion, seconded by Scott, and carried unanimously to approve the budget amendments that are within a major category and require only Board approval.

B) Greer made a motion, seconded by Spiegl, and passed unanimously to approve the budget amendments that are between major categories and must be forwarded to the County Commission for approval.

Old business:

A) Scott made a motion, seconded by Greer to revise on second reading Board Policy 6.203, School Admissions. Discussion followed. Proffitt stated she did not have the answer, but believes the items required to verify residency could easily be falsified. Chairman Breen declared the motion passed with Proffitt voting no.

B) Proffitt made a motion, seconded by Scott, and carried unanimously to revise on second reading Board Policy 6.204, Attendance of Non-Resident Students. This revision will allow children of all Board employees to attend Cheatham County Schools, exempt from tuition charges.

C) Greer made a motion, seconded by Proffitt, and passed unanimously to revise on second reading Board Policy 6.305, Student Concerns, Complaints and Grievances. This revision will place one complaint manager of each gender at each school.

D) Scott made a motion, seconded by Thomas, and carried unanimously to revise on second reading Board Policy 6.306, Interference/Disruption of School Activities.

E) Proffitt made a motion, seconded by Thomas, and passed unanimously to revise on second reading Board Policy 6.702, Student Clubs and Organizations. This revision strictly prohibits hazing by students on or off school property.

F) Scott made a motion, seconded by Spiegl, and carried unanimously to delete on second reading Board Policy 6.712, In-School Employment.

New Business:

A) Chairman Breen explained that when a Student Disciplinary Hearing Authority decision is appealed, the Board has three options based on the evidence presented: grant a new hearing, reverse or lessen the penalty, or the SDHA decision will stand if there is no motion by the Board.

Scott made a motion to grant a new hearing for two CCCHS students appealing the SDHA decision. Chairman Breen declared the motion failed due to the lack of a second.

Chairman Breen asked if there was a motion to reverse or lessen the penalty handed down by the SDHA for the two CCCHS students. Hearing none, Chairman Breen declared the decision of the SDHA for the two CCCHS students upheld.

B) Chairman Breen asked if there was a motion to grant a new hearing for a CCCHS student appealing the SDHA decision. Hearing none, he asked if there was a motion to reverse or lessen the penalty handed down by the SDHA for the CCCHS student. Hearing none, Chairman Breen declared the decision of the SDHA for the CCCHS student upheld.

C) Thomas made a motion, seconded by Proffitt to revise the HVAC schedule of the 5-year plan. Discussion followed. Maintenance Supervisor Dority detailed the need for major repairs at SHS, SMS, and HMS this year and delay purchasing new units at other locations for an approximate savings next year of \$80,000.00. That motion passed unanimously.

D) Scott made a motion, seconded by Proffitt, and carried unanimously to approve the textbook adoptions for advanced Social Studies classes. This will be the selection for purchase during the next six years.

E) Proffitt made a motion, seconded by Spiegl, and passed unanimously to approve the combined Federal Projects for 2009 and all amendments and addenda pertaining to the project year.

F) Thomas made a motion, seconded by Scott to approve special courses to be offered during the 2008-2009 school year. These courses have been approved by the Cheatham County Curriculum Council and following Board approval must be sent to the State for approval. Discussion followed. Chairman Breen declared the motion passed unanimously.

G) Proffitt made a motion, seconded by Scott to approve the Cheatham County's Tennessee Comprehensive System-wide Planning Process (TCSP) for 2008. Greer noted that Middle School Supervisor Williams gave the Board a detailed TCSP report at the

recent work session. Proffitt expressed thanks to Ms. Williams and committee for the massive amount of work and details. The motion passed unanimously.

H - P) Thomas made a motion, seconded by Scott, and passed unanimously on first reading to adopt Board Policy 6.2061, Unsafe School Choice; revise Board Policy 1.200, Method of Election of Officers; revise Board Policy 1.803, Tobacco-Free Schools; revise Board Policy 5.100, Personnel Goals; revise Board Policy 5.109, Evaluation; revise Board Policy 5.113, In-Service and Staff Development Opportunities; revise Board Policy 5.205, Retirement; revise Board Policy 6.205, Student Assignment; and revise Board Policy 6.208, Release During School Hours. Breen reviewed each of these policies stating they had been discussed in the policy committee and the Board work session. The motion passed unanimously.

Brief comments from Board Members: None

Announcements and recognitions:

* Director Seifert announced the Student Board Representatives for 2008-2009:

Cheatham County Central High School

Chelsea Baxter

Alex Farmer

Harpeth High School

Amelia Bivens

Nathaniel Skaggs

Sycamore High School

Dillon Jones

Jake Simms

* The following meetings are scheduled:

May 12th at 4:00 p.m. Rezoning Committee

May 12th at 6:00 p.m. Education Committee

May 13th at 4:00 p.m. Transportation Committee

May 13th at 6:00 p.m. Respective Board Member training

May 15th at 6:00 p.m. Board work session

May 29th at 6:00 p.m. Board work session

June 2nd at 7:00 p.m. Board meeting

June 10th at 6:00 p.m. Respective Board Member training

July 8th at 6:00 p.m. Respective Board Member training

* Chairman Breen congratulated and announced the retirement of the following employees, thanking them for their many years of service: Millie Jones, Priscilla Dorris, Frances Hall, Janice Pendergrass-Lawrence, Kathy Stroup, Debra Williams, and Betty Cuff.

Adjourn:

There being no further business, Chairman Breen adjourned the meeting at 8:35 p.m.

Submitted by

Carol F. Cannon

Barry E. Breen, Board Chairman

Lynn E. Seifert, Director of Schools