

MINUTES

Cheatham County Board of Education

November 5, 2007

Call to order:

The Cheatham County Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, November 5, 2007, 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 Mr. Thomas

Pledge of Allegiance: led by Mr. Thomas

Roll call:

Present were Barry Breen, Susan Greer, Jackie Kemp, Dianne Proffitt, Chris Spiegl, and Rickey Thomas. 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 Board Members if there was any change to the agenda. Hearing none, he entertained a motion. Proffitt made a motion, seconded by Greer, and carried unanimously to approve the agenda as printed.

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.

Billy Ray Krantz, ECE representative for Cheatham County Youth Basketball Association, voiced concerns about the Memorandum of Understanding between the Board of Education and CCYBA. He noted the economics of the ECE area and the hardships this would place on their association. Krantz stressed the need for the youth to be involved in these activities.

Dale Graham voiced concerns about the Student Alcohol and Drug Testing policy being considered by the Board. She feared potential problems with the proposed policy by tagging the student, whether guilty or innocent. Ms. Graham suggested the Board educate about drugs and possibly assist parents with drug testing kits. Chairman Breen remarked that the drug test kits were displayed at the National School Board Association Convention that he and others attended. He suggested the Board discuss drug testing kits at a work session.

Larry Turner, Sr., CCYBA President, stated he was invited to a recent Board work session, but the Memorandum of Understanding document being considered by the Board tonight was not the same document discussed at the work session. He thanked the Board for wanting organization and noted strides being made by CCYBA.

Glenna Barrow, PES Principal, spoke about her good working relationship with the CCYBA at Pegram and ways they have assisted her school.

Presentations and Awards:

Mr. Spiegl reported on the State Band Competition he recently attended at Independence High School. He stated that Sycamore High School student Andrea Porter was awarded a \$12,000.00 scholarship to UT Martin. Spiegl announced the Harpeth High School Band of Blue finished the competition second in the State, the color guard second in the State, and the percussion section FIRST in the State.

Reports:

Director Seifert gave a power point presentation on Cheatham County Schools 2007 Report Card. She disclosed each school's grades and acknowledged positive points about each school. Seifert stated the goal is for 50% of the students to score Advanced this year, additional increases in value-added and ACT scores, and all sub-groups to make AYP. Education is the one thing that can improve the lives of the students. She stressed the County has not succeeded until a positive difference is seen in the students' lives. Seifert thanked those who make these good grades possible.

Seifert then surprised the educators by announcing the Board was going to take about a ten minute recess to celebrate with cake. Chairman Breen recessed the meeting at 7:47 p.m. and reconvened at 7:56 p.m.

T. O. Lashlee from Lashlee-Rich, Inc. gave a report on the CCCHS project. He introduced Mike Barker and Kip Wilson, CCCHS project superintendent.

Hearing of delegations: None

Consent agenda:

Items are placed on the consent agenda that are routine and do not require discussion. Chairman Breen pulled item F-1 and F-2 from the consent agenda. He asked if there was an item any other Board Member wished to pull for separate consideration. Hearing none, he entertained a motion. Kemp made a motion, seconded by Proffitt to approve the consent agenda with the exception of item F-1 and F-2. That motion passed unanimously.

A) Approval of minutes: September 25, 2007 and October 1, 2007

B) Approval for tenure: None

C) Disposal of surplus equipment/materials:

1) HHS Principal Simpkins granted permission to dispose of one Toshiba TV

D) School fees: None

E) Field trips:

1) HHS Principal Simpkins granted permission for the wrestling team to travel to St. Charles High School in St. Charles, Missouri – Friday, January 11, 2008, and Saturday, January 12, 2008.

2) SMS Principal Bell granted permission for one hundred eighth-grade students to travel to Washington, D.C. – Wednesday, May 28, 2008, - Friday, May 30, 2008. Schools will be dismissed May 23rd.

3) HMS Principal Schliwa granted permission for the boys' basketball team to travel to Evansville, Indiana on Saturday, January 12, 2008.

F) School/Principal request: pulled

G) Early graduation request: None

H) Committees: None

F) School/Principal request:

Chairman Breen stated items F-1 and F-2 are covered in policy. He noted these items fall within the privy of the principal - Director Seifert confirmed that was being done. Proffitt implied that policy 4.301 contradicts itself for item F-2 and believes the Board should take action because of the possible contradiction. Thomas seconded the motion and wishes for the policy to be discussed at a work session. That motion passed unanimously.

Thomas questioned the procedure of item F-1, a teacher using a classroom for private lessons and financial gain. Chairman Breen confirmed that policy must be followed – the principal can approve use of the facility, but all financial aspects would flow through the Board office. Breen said without objections, he would deem item F-1 request withdrawn since it is covered under the current policy - as long as it complies with the financial aspect.

Budget and finance:

Thomas made a motion, seconded by Greer, and carried unanimously to approve the budget amendments. These amendments will be sent to the County Commission for approval.

Old business:

A) There was no motion to bring the following item from the table: Revise on second reading Board Policy 6.200, Attendance. Board Policy #1.600, Policy Development and

Adoption, reads in part: The Board's approval of the proposal or return for study and/or further revision shall constitute first reading. This was accomplished during the July 19th and July 24th work session. This revision was tabled on August 6, 2007. Chairman Breen stated the policy will remain on the table.

B) Proffitt made a motion, seconded by Kemp, and passed unanimously to revise on second reading Board Policy 6.317, Student Disciplinary Hearing Authority. This revision passed on first reading October 1st.

New business:

A) Greer made a motion, seconded by Proffitt, and passed unanimously to revise on first reading Board Policy 5.600, Staff Rights and Responsibilities. This policy will be presented for second reading December 3, 2007.

B) Thomas made a motion, seconded by Greer to revise on first reading Board Policy 2.806, Bids ad Quotations. The proposed revision states, in part, that items over \$10,000 shall be based on competitive bids – current policy states that items over \$5,000 shall be based on competitive bids. Discussion followed. Following a voice vote, Chairman Breen asked for a roll call vote. Voting yes were Spiegl, Thomas, Greer, and Breen. Voting no were Kemp and Proffitt. Breen declared the motion passed.

C) Thomas made a motion, seconded by Breen to adopt on first reading Board Policy 6.3071, Student Alcohol and Drug Testing. Drug Free School Committee Chairman Proffitt stated the committee gave the Policy and Procedures Committee a rough draft of what they wished for the policy. Proffitt pointed out that a curriculum is also being developed. Seifert stressed this is suspicion based testing. Discussion followed. Seifert stated that possession by consumption is a zero tolerance offense. That motion carried unanimously.

D) Greer made a motion, seconded by Spiegl to approve the 2007-2008 teacher contract between the Cheatham County Board of Education and the Cheatham County Education Association. Chairman Breen declared the motion passed unanimously.

E) Proffitt made a motion, seconded by Thomas, and carried unanimously to approve the 2007-2008 Report of School System/School Compliance.

F) Greer made a motion, seconded by Breen to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Cheatham County Board of Education and the Cheatham County Youth Basketball Association. Greer proclaimed that all Board employees who are in contact with students are required by Board Policy to have background checks. She doesn't believe the Board is being unreasonable in the request for CCYBA volunteers to have background checks. Much discussion followed. Thomas made a motion, seconded by Kemp to table this Memorandum of Understanding. The motion to table passed with Greer voting no.

Briefs and comments from Board Members: None

Announcements and recognitions:

Chairman Breen reported the Board would meet in a work session on November 15th and the next Board meeting will be December 3, 2007.

There being no further business, Chairman Breen adjourned the meeting at 9:25 p.m.

Submitted by
Carol F. Cannon

Barry E. Breen, Board Chairman

Lynn E. Seifert, Director of Schools