

MINUTES
Called Meeting

Cheatham County Board of Education
June 18, 2009

Call to order:

The Cheatham County Board of Education met in a special called session on Thursday, June 18, 2009, in the Board Room of the Educational Annex Building. Chairperson Dianne Proffitt called the meeting to order at 5:50 p.m. and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Moment of silence: led by Mr. Williamson

Pledge of Allegiance: led by Mr. Williamson

Roll call:

Present were Michele Collins, Tim Williamson, Gregory Horton, Dianne Proffitt, Chris Spiegl, and Tammie Lavender. 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:

Chairperson Proffitt asked if there were any changes to the agenda. Hearing none, she entertained a motion. Collins made a motion, seconded by Lavender, and carried unanimously to approve the agenda as presented.

Business

6) Chairperson Proffitt stated the Board must elect a Vice Chair that will serve until September, at which time a chair and vice chair will be elected for the next year. Collins nominated Mr. Williamson. Spiegl nominated Ms. Lavender, who respectfully declined. With no other nominations, Proffitt asked Mr. Williamson if he would accept the Vice Chair position. He agreed. Proffitt thanked and congratulated Mr. Williamson.

7) Horton made a motion, seconded by Spiegl to approve the open enrollment for the 2009-2010 school year. Proffitt noted this has been discussed at work sessions and the Board will vote, thus the parents and schools will know whether to move forward. The motion passed unanimously.

8) For the purpose of discussion, Horton made a motion, seconded by Williamson to approve Bible History to be offered at HHS for the 2009-2010 school year. This class has been approved by the high school curriculum council, and following Board approval will be sent to the State for approval. Discussion followed.

Lavender moved to amend the motion, seconded by Horton that all instructional material and books will be provided at no cost to the students or the school system. Proffitt declare the amendment passed, with Collins abstaining.

Williamson questioned if the volunteer teacher would be covered by the Board's liability insurance. When questioned, Attorney Woods said it would be according to how the policy is written. Horton made an amendment, seconded by Williamson that the volunteer teacher must be covered by the Board's liability insurance if the course is approved. That motion carried unanimously.

Proffitt asked if there was any discussion on the amended motion to offer Bible History at HHS for 2009-2010, at no cost to the student or the school system, and the volunteer teacher must be covered by the systems liability insurance. Collins read from Tennessee Code Annotated regarding Bible History, and stated that was not what she heard at the work session. Proffitt asked for a roll call vote. Voting yes were Lavender, Williamson, and Horton. Voting no were Collins, Spiegl, and Proffitt. Chairperson Proffitt declared the motion failed.

9) Williamson made a motion, seconded by Collins to place the excess diesel fuel funds in a reserve account to be used for energy fuel and/or utilities. Discussion followed with clarification from Finance Director Tillman. That motion passed unanimously.

10) Collins made a motion, seconded by Horton to approve the resolution for the termination agreement of Ms. Seifert's contract. The agreement will be valid and effective (through and included) June 19, 2009. Proffitt asked for a roll call vote. Voting yes were Williamson, Horton, Collins, Lavender, and Proffitt. Voting no was Spiegl. Chairperson Proffitt declared the motion passed.

11) Horton made a motion, seconded by Spiegl, and carried unanimously to approve the budget amendment totaling \$109,780.00 to cover the contract termination agreement to Director's Seifert's contract. This total includes the salary of \$96,239.00, social security of \$5,967.00, State retirement of \$6,179.00, and Medicare of \$1,395.00.

Chairperson Proffitt stated that by law, the Board must appoint an Acting Director to serve until the Board names a new director. Horton made a motion, seconded by Lavender to appoint Diane Williams as the Acting Director. When asked by Chairperson Proffitt, Ms. Williams agreed to serve as Acting Director. That motion passed unanimously.

Adjourn:

Chairperson Proffitt adjourned the meeting at 6:15 p.m.

Submitted by
Carol F. Cannon

Dianne B. Proffitt, Board Chairperson

Dianne C. Williams, Interim Dtr. of Schools