

## MINUTES

Cheatham County Board of Education  
October 6, 2008

### Call to order:

The Cheatham County Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, October 6, 2008, in the Board Room of the Educational Annex Building. Chairman Chris Spiegl called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Moment of silence: led by Ms. Lavender

Pledge of Allegiance: led by Ms. Lavender

### 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:

Chairman Spiegl asked if there were any changes to the agenda. Hearing none, he entertained a motion. Proffitt made a motion, seconded by Williamson, and carried unanimously to approve the agenda as presented.

### Public Forum:

The public forum offers the public an opportunity to address the Board about various issues. Spiegl specified that anyone wishing to address the Board must complete the Public Forum form prior to speaking. HHS parent Rick Newton spoke voicing his disagreement with a decision of the SDHA. CHS parent Jennifer Anderson, CHS parent Orvan Bess, and CHS football coach Cody Finley voiced their concern over comments made in reference to football at CCCHS by a Board Member.

### Presentations and Awards:

Director Seifert gave a power point presentation from the Director's conference she recently attended.

Reports: None

Hearing of Delegations: None

Consent agenda:

Items are placed on the consent agenda that are routine and do not require discussion. Horton made a motion, seconded by Proffitt, and carried unanimously to pull Item L, Policy 5.310, for separate consideration.

Lavender made a motion, seconded by Collins, and passed unanimously to adopt the consent agenda, with Item L pulled for separate consideration.

A) Approval of Minutes: September 8, 2008

B) Approval of tenure: None

C) Disposal of surplus equipment/materials:

1) SHS Principal Ray granted permission to dispose of the following irreparable/obsolete items: 5 monitors, 5 CPUs, 2 printers, 3 overhead projectors, 1 scanner, 2 VCR tapes, 2 library books

2) SMS Principal Bell granted permission to dispose of the following items: 7 video discs, 2 audio cassette programs, 5 Hooked on Phonics kits, 4 body part models, 83 old Ditto/Blackline master books, 1 slide set, 6 CPUs, 5 monitors, 5 printers, 2 VCRs, 1 Skyscraper Simulator, 1 typewriter, 50 library books

D) School fees: None

E) Field trips:

1) HMS Principal Schliwa granted permission for a 7<sup>th</sup> grade educational field trip to Crow's Neck Environmental Education Center, Tishomingo, Mississippi. The one hundred students and ten adults will leave HMS by charter bus at 6:00 a.m. on Wednesday, April 29, 2009 and return to HMS at 5:00 p.m. on Friday, May 1, 2009.

2) HMS Principal Schliwa granted permission for an 8<sup>th</sup> grade education field trip to Washington D.C. and Pennsylvania. The ninety students and nine adults will leave by plane on Friday, March 6, 2009, at 4:45 a.m. and return on Monday, March 9<sup>th</sup>, at 6:25 p.m. Spring break begins March 9<sup>th</sup>.

3) SHS Principal Ray granted permission for the girls' and boys' basketball team (35 players and 4 coaches) to travel to Fort Walton Beach, Florida – departing December 26, 2008 at 6:00 a.m. and returning December 31<sup>st</sup> at 9:00 p.m.

F) School/principal request: None

G) Early graduation request: None

H) Committees: None

I) Adopted on second reading new policy 1.106, Code of Ethics, to replace the current ethics policy which has been renumbered 1.1061 and re-titled. This policy passed on first reading September 8, 2008.

J) Adopted on second reading new policy 1.1061, Effective Boardmanship Standards. This policy number has been change (was 1.106), revised, and re-titled. This policy passed on first reading September 8, 2008.

K) Deleted on second reading policy 4.503, Parent Organization/Booster Clubs. This deletion was recommended by TSBA and passed on first reading September 8, 2008.

L) pulled for separate consideration  
Lavender made a motion to approve on second reading policy 5.310, Vacations and Holidays (Twelve-Month Personnel) for Classified Personnel, and change to read: *All unused vacation days above ten will be converted to sick days on June 30<sup>th</sup>*. The maximum number of unused vacation days will be ten days. Collins seconded the motion.

Horton amended the motion to include: *The change will be effective July 1, 2008*. Collins seconded the motion. Chairman Spiegl declared the motion passed unanimously.

Budget and finance: None

Old business: None

New business:

A) Horton made a motion, seconded by Proffitt, and carried unanimously to uphold the committee's decision and deny the request for students to attend school out-of-zone.

- 1) 2008-16 – zoned HHS, requested CHS - denied
- 2) 2008-17 – zoned HMS, requested CMS - denied
- 3) 2008-18 – zoned PES, requested ACE - denied
- 4) 2008-19 – zoned PES, requested ACE - denied

B) Director Seifert explained that when the decision of the Student Disciplinary Hearing Authority is appealed, the Board has three options based on the evidence presented: uphold the recommendation of the Student Disciplinary Hearing Authority, reverse or lessen the punishment handed down by the SDHA, or agree to hear the appeal.

Proffitt made a motion, seconded by Williamson to uphold the decision of the SDHA for 2008-2009#6. Spiegl declared the motion passed, with Lavender voting no.

C) Horton made a motion, seconded by Proffitt to uphold the decision of the SDHA for 2008-2009#7. The motion passed with Spiegl and Lavender voting no.

D) Proffitt made a motion, seconded by Williamson to uphold the decision of the SDHA for 2008-2009#11. Discussion followed regarding the need for proper information to be presented to the SDHA, enabling them to make good decisions. Chairman Spiegl declared the motion passed, with Lavender voting no.

Horton asked for the SDHA guidelines to be placed on the next work session agenda and asked about possibly more training for the school administrators. Spiegl asked that Board Members be included in the refresher training. Seifert stated that Cheatham County made a presentation at the National School Board Association conference a few years ago on the Student Disciplinary Authority. She will make available to each Board Member a CD of a “mock” hearing, since they can’t attend one due to privacy issues. Proffitt feels it is a very good process, but may need to be “tweaked”. Spiegl noted that during his tenure, the SDHA board has been exemplary, but he wished to further define the process.

E) Proffitt made a motion, seconded by Collins, and carried unanimously granting permission for Textbook Coordinator Jo Jones to sell out-of-adoption textbooks the schools no longer use. The money from the sale of these books will be deposited into the textbook fund to help defray the purchase of spring semester textbooks.

F) Collins made a motion, seconded by Proffitt, and passed unanimously granting approval for the following to serve on the Textbook Adoption Committee as requested by Textbook Coordinator Jo Jones:

- SHS – Rita Earle
- ECE – Cheryl Roehrich
- ACE – Melanie Buchanan
- KSE – Lora Buck
- CMS – Tammy Handy Huffine
- WCE – Amy Gasser
- PVE – Susan Brown
- HMS – Tonya Chase
- SMS – Lisa Ballew
- HHS – Ed Bodnar
- CHS – Tray Davis
- PES – Shannon Estes

G) Horton made a motion, seconded by Collins to increase the hours of the maintenance employees to forty hours per week. They currently work thirty-five hours per week. Much discussion followed. Collins said the buildings and grounds are in need of serious work and their appearance has an effect on the education of the children. Proffitt stated the increased hours should have been budgeted and we should take care of the transportation fuel first. Lavender wants every child to be proud of their school and would like eight hours per day. Spiegl declared the motion passed with Proffitt and Williamson voting no.

H) Proffitt made a motion, seconded by Collins, and passed unanimously to revise on first reading Board Policy 4.406, Use of the Internet, to comply with new law to incorporate internet safety. This policy will be presented for second reading on November 3, 2008.

I) Proffitt made a motion, seconded by Horton, and carried unanimously to approve the Cheatham County School System Compliance Report for the 2008-2009 school year.

Brief comments from Board Members:

Collins thanked Board Members for working the concession stand at CHS and invited everyone to join a clean-up at Cheatham County Central High School Saturday from 8:00 a.m. until noon.

Horton believes every child has the right to play the sport they choose. He said Title IX is not a new issue, it is a district-wide issue and time to fix it.

Proffitt thanked everyone for their support following her family tragedy.

Williamson said just because we have money in the bank doesn't mean we have to spend it.

Lavender believes the new board is working toward the same goals, maybe with a different idea on how to achieve them. She thanked Dianne Williams and the AdvanceEd committee for their hard work to achieve the recommendation for accreditation.

Spiegl pledged to look into the SDHA issues, he wants everyone to feel honored, respected, and safe.

Announcement and recognitions:

Director Seifert announced the following meetings:

- Thursday - 5:00 p.m. walk through at CHS, followed by work session to end at 6:45
- October 23<sup>rd</sup> – work session
- October 30<sup>th</sup> – work session, review agenda
- October 13<sup>th</sup> – rezoning committee at 4:00 p.m.
- October 13<sup>th</sup> – education committee at 6:00 p.m.

Adjourn:

Chairman Spiegl adjourned the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

Submitted by  
Carol F. Cannon

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Chris Spiegl, Board Chairman

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Lynn E. Seifert, Director of Schools