

## MINUTES

Cheatham County Board of Education  
February 5, 2007

### Call to order:

The Cheatham County Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, February 5, 2007, in the Board Room of the Educational Annex Building. Chairman Barry Breen called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. and asked Ms. Kemp to lead the Pledge of Allegiance, following a moment of silence.

### 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:

Breen asked that approval of the Harpeth Middle School bleacher bid be added as new business, item 11-D. He suggested that Presentations and Awards be moved to the end of the agenda and a reception would follow to honor those students and employees recognized. Breen stated that a recess would be called for the reception, if the meeting became too long. Chairman Breen asked if any Board Member wished to make a change to the agenda. Hearing none, he entertained a motion. Proffitt made a motion, seconded by Kemp, and carried unanimously to approve the agenda as modified.

### Public forum:

Breen specified that anyone wishing to address the Board must complete the form prior to speaking. No one responded.

### Reports:

A) Transportation Committee Chairman Proffitt stated a meeting was held on January 23<sup>rd</sup> and the Board was provided a copy of the minutes in their packet. She reported items discussed were: safety of students and bus driver medical training. The next meeting will be February 20<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 p.m.

B) Drug Free Schools Committee Chairman Proffitt asked Director Seifert to distribute minutes from the last meeting. She noted they had discussed strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats for the system in a drug free community; action plans; Board Policy; and avenues for positive reinforcements for students. Proffitt said they will have another guest speaker at the next meeting on February 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.

C) Director Seifert stated a group met to interview four construction management firms for the Cheatham County Central High School project. The group narrowed the field down to two companies, sending those to the construction lawyer who has the task of working out the details to get the best management company for the money. She said hopefully at the

February 15<sup>th</sup> work session, the Board can choose the firm. Breen said to prevent any delay, this Board meeting would go into an adjourned session until February 15<sup>th</sup> in order to consider the construction management firm and get it before the County Commission.  
D) Director Seifert reported the West Cheatham Elementary project was moving along well – dirt is being moved, lots of progress, and working on schedule.

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 on the Consent Agenda that any Board Member wished to pull for separate consideration. Hearing none, Breen entertained a motion. Greer made a motion, seconded by Spiegl, and carried unanimously to approve the Consent Agenda as printed.

A) Approval of minutes: December 4, 2006 and January 8, 2007

B) Approval for tenure: None

C) Disposal of surplus equipment/materials:

- 1) ECE Principal Young granted permission to dispose of the following old or irreparable items: 1 monitor, 3 printers, 2 cassette recorders, and 100 non-fiction books
- 2) SHS Principal Newton granted permission to dispose of the following irreparable items: 8 CPU towers, 5 monitors, 5 printers, 2 VCRs, 1 DVD player, 2 library books, and 1 VCR tape

D) School fees: None

E) Field trips:

- 1) CHS Principal Leavitt granted permission for a Friday and Saturday band trip (10-20 students) to King's Island. No instructional day will be used. The trip will be either April 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>, or April 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>, or May 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>.
- 2) SHS Principal Newton granted permission for the band to travel to New Orleans December 30, 2007 – January 4, 2008. The eighty-five band members will be participating in half-time activities of the Sugar Bowl game. They will travel by charter bus.
- 3) SHS Principal Newton granted permission for an educational field trip to the Humana Arts Festival, Louisville, Kentucky for Friday, March 23, 2007 – Sunday, March 25, 2007.

F) School/Principal request: None

G) Early graduation request: None

## Budget and finance:

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

B) Greer made a motion, seconded by Thomas to approve the budget amendments that are between major categories. When questioned by Proffitt, Seifert said the Bell South rebate money is used for technology. That motion passed unanimously. These amendments will be sent to the County Commission for approval.

## Old business: None

## New business:

A-1) Greer made a motion, seconded by Thomas to uphold the committee's recommendation and deny the request for Amber Mann, zoned WCE, to attend ACE out-of-zone. The motion passed unanimously.

A-2) Kemp made a motion, seconded by Greer to uphold the committee's recommendation and allow Dorothy Marcellino, zoned HHS, to attend CHS out-of-zone. Thomas stated that if this request is reviewed again, he would like more documentation. Greer thanked the committee for following the Board's guidelines in the out-of-zone cases. That motion passed unanimously.

B) Kemp made a motion, seconded by Thomas to revise on first reading Board Policy 3.400, Student Transportation Management. Proffitt reviewed all changes. Discussion followed. That motion passed, with Proffitt voting no. Breen stated the revision would be on the agenda for second reading at the March 5<sup>th</sup> Board meeting. He stated both new policies and revisions will now require two readings, allowing for public input.

C) A motion was made by Greer, seconded by Proffitt to revise on first reading Board Policy 4.408, Movies and Videos. When questioned, Seifert said the revision was to comply with the copyright law. The motion passed on first reading and will require a second reading at March 5<sup>th</sup> Board meeting.

D) Director Seifert reported the bids were opened for the Harpeth Middle School bleachers last week. She distributed the bid breakdown to the Board, recommending Jaypro Sports at a cost of \$114,390, although Toadvine was the low bidder with \$112,312. Seifert stated that with Board approval the request could be sent to the County Budget Committee that meets February 13<sup>th</sup> and could then go to the County Commission on February 19<sup>th</sup>. She said this should enable the bleachers to be installed before their graduation exercises, noting some of the current bleachers have been roped off as unsafe for use.

Thomas made a motion, seconded by Greer to accept the Jaypro Sports bid of \$114,390 for the Harpeth Middle School bleachers. Much discussion followed. Thomas felt we should continue with Jaypro and have the same style that would benefit the system in years to come with parts. When questioned, Seifert said the bleachers at ACE and CCCHS were purchased from Jaypro and we already have spare parts. Seifert requested \$114,390, but when questioned, the bid report showed another \$4,000 would be needed for electrical

service. She confirmed the Board does not currently have an electrician on staff and must contract for the electrical service.

Proffitt stated she wished to see something more concrete, in black and white, before spending money and made a motion to table vote on the HMS bleachers. Thomas seconded the motion. Breen stated that HMS needs the bleachers, he hates to see it delayed, but the Board needed accurate information and figures. Greer noted that would be too late for this to go before the County Budget Committee and to the County Commission in February. Breen indicated the Budget Committee could be given the accurate total prior to their meeting. Breen asked for a vote on the motion to table action until the February 15<sup>th</sup> adjourned session Board meeting. The motion passed, with Greer voting no.

#### Other business:

Breen introduced and welcomed Kathie Stone, Countywide School Health Coordinator, and Tracey Schroeder, Countywide Assistant School Health Coordinator.

Seifert stated that at the February 15<sup>th</sup> work session the Board would be studying the 2007-2008 Proposed School Calendar. She remarked the proposed calendar had been faxed to the three county newspapers in hopes they would print the information, and ask that anyone with comments direct them to their Board Members, via e-mail, prior to the work session. Seifert stated the calendar is balanced in the sense that there will be a break in the fall and spring; it has the same number of instructional days for each semester; has the same number of staff development days per semester; and basically the same as last year.

Breen advised the February 15<sup>th</sup> work session would be long because the Board had several items on the agenda and would be discussing the budget by line items. He noted at the Board's last work session they agreed that a two-year calendar was needed for family planning and vacations. This year will only be a one year calendar.

Breen announced the Transportation Committee will be meeting February 20<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 p.m.; the Drug Free Schools Committee will meet February 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.; some Board Members will attend TSBA's Day on the Hill at the State Capitol on February 27<sup>th</sup>; the Board work session will be February 15<sup>th</sup>; and the next Board meeting will be March 5<sup>th</sup>.

#### Presentations and Awards:

A) On behalf of the Board, Chairman Breen and Vice Chairman Greer presented certificates to students with the highest scores for the 2006 fall semester Gateway and End-of-Course tests:

Algebra I Gateway - scored 52 points out of a possible 62

Anita Slate, CCCHS (absent)

English 2 Gateway - scored 55 points out of a possible 62

John Martin, CCCHS

April Zortman, CCCHS

Rick Barnes, SHS (absent)

Allen Brady, SHS (absent)

Biology I Gateway - scored 54 points out of a possible 62

John Rushing, HHS

Miranda Burnett, HHS

Math Foundations 2 End of Course - scored 44 points out of a possible 60

Chris Irvin, CCCHS (absent)

Trevor Clements, SHS (absent)

Alex Moes, SHS (absent)

English 1 End-of-Course - scored 50 points out of a possible 60

Crystal Hollowell, CCCHS (absent)

Physical Science End-of-Course - scored 49 points out of a possible 60

Derek Nobes, HHS (absent)

U S History End-of-Course - scored 48 points out of a possible 60

Grant Jones, CCCHS

Bayley Ragsdale, CCCHS

Alannah Bartholomew, HHS (absent)

Allen Maynard, HHS

Andrew Moore, HHS

Donovan Reed, HHS (absent)

B) David Barron, SHS, acceptance to the United States Air Force Academy with an estimated \$300,000 scholarship. He is the first student from SHS to receive this appointment, and is believed to be the second from Cheatham County. Chairman Breen presented him a nice certificate.

C) Phyllis Hodges, TDOE School Nutrition Program Consultant, made presentation to the following School Nutrition employees, saying Cheatham is the only Mid-State County she serves with every cafeteria manager receiving certification:

Melanie Smiley, Level 2 Certification

Charlene Schrader, Level 1 Certification

Lucy Anderson, Level 1

Dana Quin, Level 1

Lisa Turner, Level 1

Mackie Godwin, Level 1

Vickie Carney, Level 1

Stella Johnson, Level 1

Lisa Hampton, Level 1

Sammie Greer, Level 1

Zondra Junkins, Level 1

Jessica Magill, Level 1 (absent)

Amber Gunter, Level 1

Stacey Johnson, Level 1

Wanda Ferrell, Level 1

D) Elementary Supervisor Adams and Middle School Supervisor Williams presented to the Cheatham County schools with 100% highly qualified status, a framed motivational print. A plaque for the print will be presented later – and each year they obtain 100% highly qualified status, an addition will be added to the plaque. Adams noted that Kingston Springs and Pleasant View each had one late hire that is not 100% highly qualified.

Ashland City Elementary

East Cheatham Elementary

Pegram Elementary  
West Cheatham Elementary  
Cheatham Middle  
Harpeth Middle  
Sycamore Middle

E) Chairman Breen recognized and congratulated Dorothy Davis, ACE teacher, on receiving a \$994.40 TEA Tennessee Space Week grant for "How Far Can It Go?"

At 8:20 p.m., Chairman Breen stated the Board would be in an adjourned session until February 15, 2007. He encouraged everyone to stay for the reception.

Carol F. Cannon  
Recording Secretary

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Barry E. Breen, Board Chairman

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Lynn E. Seifert, Director of Schools