

MINUTES

Cheatham County Board of Education
May 7, 2007

Call to order:

The Cheatham County Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, May 7, 2007, in the Board Room of the Education Annex Building. Vice Chairman Susan Greer called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. and asked Ms. Proffitt to lead the Pledge of Allegiance, following a moment of silence.

Roll call:

Present were Susan Greer, Jackie Kemp, Dianne Proffitt, Chris Spiegl, and Rickey Thomas. Absent was Barry Breen. 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:

Vice Chairman Greer stated the Central Cafeteria Fund budget should be added as item 9C. She asked if any Board Member wished to make a change to the agenda. Hearing none, she entertained a motion. Kemp made a motion, seconded by Thomas, and carried unanimously by those present to approve the printed agenda with the addition of 9C.

Public forum:

The Public Forum offers the public an opportunity to address the Board about various subjects. Greer specified that anyone wishing to address the Board must complete the Public Forum form prior to speaking. Greer introduced Jamie and Ian Teasley. Ian transferred to Harpeth High School in the eleventh grade, needs 2 more credits to complete graduation requirements, but requests permission to participate in graduation activities before he completes those two credits. No one else wished to speak.

Presentations and awards:

A) Vice Chairman Greer congratulated and recognized the winners of the Cheatham County Math and Spelling contest.

February 22, 2007 5th – 8th Grade Spelling Bee winners:

- 1st – Josiah Brown, SMS
- 2nd – Maggie Jackson, HMS – absent
- 3rd – Shelby Price, SMS
- 4th – Jackson Crook, SMS – absent
- 5th – Julia Struthers, HMS – absent
- 6th – Sara Burke, CMS – absent

Faculty Sponsors:

Tracey Shockney, CMS

Megan McCullough, HMS

Marcia Beasley, SMS

Josiah Brown and Maggie Jackson represented Cheatham County and participated in the Middle Tennessee Regional Spelling Bee, with Maggie placing 6th and Josiah placing 9th.

March 21, 2007 5th Grade Math Contest winners:

1st – Beau Johnson, HMS – absent

2nd – Carter Oakley, HMS – absent

3rd – Alyssa Johnson, CMS

Faculty Sponsors:

Tom Oglesby, CMS

Kay Lampley, HMS

Jane Alexander, SMS

March 22, 2007 6th Grade Math Contest winners:

1st – Jackson Crook, SMS – absent

2nd – Landon Binkley, CMS

3rd – Bobby Bell, CMS

Faculty Sponsors:

Tanna Scott, CMS

Julie Pyrdum, HMS

Jane Alexander, SMS

Greer expressed her appreciation to Cumberland Electric Membership Cooperation representative Barbara Harper for their monetary prizes to the winners.

B) Greer congratulated and presented certificates to the representatives and sponsor attending the Tennessee School Boards Association's 2007 Student Congress on Policies in Education (SCOPE) conference on March 9, 2007.

Joseph Diate, HHS – Absent

Taylor Doubler, SHS

Brent Luther, SHS

Wayne Darrow, CCCHS Sponsor

C) CCEA President Amy Castleberry introduced Cheryl Richardson, CMS language arts teacher, as TEA's Middle Tennessee Distinguished Teacher of the Year.

D) Director Seifert was the Master of Ceremonies for the Oscar Nominations. Board Members opened the envelopes and revealed the surprised winners:

Best Director – Jean-Pierre “J P” doValle

Best Assistant Director – Josh Stuart - absent

Best Producer of a Budget Presentation – Jordan Tupper

Best Actress in role of troubled teenage girl – Elizabeth Chipman

Best Supporting Actor in role of a troubled father – Allen Collins

Reports:

- A) Transportation Committee Chairman Proffitt reviewed minutes of the last meeting that were included in the Board Packet.
- B) Drug Free Schools Committee Chairman Proffitt reviewed minutes of the last meeting that were included in the packet. The next meeting will be May 29th at 6:00 p.m.
- C) Director Seifert announced the CCCHS renovation project has been funded by the County Commission.
- D) Director Seifert stated the walls and roofs are being installed on the WCES addition and renovation, still hopeful for the classrooms to be completed for the August 6th school opening.

Hearing of Delegations: None

Consent agenda:

Items are placed on the consent agenda that are routine and do not require discussion. Vice Chairman Greer asked if there was an item on the Consent Agenda that any Board Member wished to pull for separate consideration. Hearing none, she entertained a motion. Proffitt made a motion, seconded by Spiegl, and passed unanimously by those present to approve the agenda as printed.

A) Approval of minutes: March 6, 2007 and April 2, 2007

B) Approval for tenure: None

C) Disposal of surplus equipment/materials:

- 1) ECE Principal Young granted permission to discard the following irreparable or outdated items: 2 printers, 3 videos, 1 OH projector, and 249 books
- 2) PVE Principal Dyce granted permission to discard the following irreparable items: 6 monitors, 3 computers, 2 printers, 6 OH projectors, 1 tape player, and 7 flex cams
- 3) SMS Principal Bell granted permission to discard the following irreparable and outdated items: 100 books, 5 computers, 4 monitors, 20 videos, and 10 computer programs

D) School fees:

Approved summer school tuition:

\$100.00 – Cheatham County residents

\$150.00 – non-Cheatham County residents

E) Field trips:

- 1) HHS Principal Simpkins and HMS Principal Schliwa granted permission for one hundred fifty band students and fifteen adults to visit Kentucky Kingdom on Tuesday,

May 29th. The trip will be after the school year has ended and they will travel by charter bus.

School/Principal request: None

Early graduation request: None

Committees: None

Budget and Finance:

Without objections, Greer suspended the rules to allow for discussion of the budget amendments. Proffitt expressed concern that funds were being transferred from transportation fuel expense to other transportation expense. Thomas questioned the architect's fee and Seifert pointed out it was for the CHS wrestling field house and the SHS baseball field house that was discussed months earlier.

A) Thomas made a motion, seconded by Spiegl, and carried unanimously by those present to approve the budget amendments that are within a major category, requiring only Board approval.

B) Proffitt made a motion, seconded by Thomas, and passed unanimously by those present to approve the budget amendments that are between major categories. These amendments will be sent to the County Commission for approval.

C) Proffitt made a motion, seconded by Kemp, and carried unanimously by those present to approve the 2007-2008 Central Cafeteria Budget.

Old business:

A) Proffitt made a motion, seconded by Thomas, and passed unanimously by those present to revise on second reading Board Policy 4.603, Promotion and Retention. Effective with the classes of 2011, twelfth graders shall take a math course.

B) Kemp made a motion, seconded by Spiegl, and carried unanimously by those present to revise on second reading Board Policy 4.2091, Credit Recovery.

C) Proffitt made a motion, seconded by Kemp, and passed unanimously by those present to revise on second reading Board Policy 1.600, Policy Development and Adoption.

New business:

A) Kemp made a motion, seconded by Thomas, and passed unanimously by those present to revise on first reading Board Policy 3.202, Emergency Preparedness Plan.

B) Proffitt made a motion, seconded by Kemp, and passed unanimously by those present to revise on first reading Board Policy 4.600, Grading System.

C) Kemp made a motion, seconded by Thomas, and carried unanimously by those present to revise on first reading Board Policy 5.107, Orientation.

D) Thomas made a motion, seconded by Proffitt, and passed unanimously by those present to revise on first reading Board Policy 5.700, Interim Employees.

E) Kemp made a motion, seconded by Spiegl, and carried unanimously by those present to revise on first reading Board Policy 6.200, Attendance.

F) Thomas made a motion, seconded by Proffitt to defer to the work session the revision of Board Policy 6.312, Use of Personal Communication Devices in School. Thomas emphasized that he wanted to make sure the revision was right, and when passed each school shall adhere to the policy, with no deviations. The Board stated they wished to give everyone a chance for input on this policy; therefore, this shall serve as the first reading on the revised policy. The motion passed unanimously by those members present.

G) Thomas made a motion, seconded by Kemp, and passed unanimously by those present to revise Board Policy 3.400, Student Transportation Management, as recommended by the Transportation Committee.

H) Kemp made a motion, seconded by Spiegl, and carried unanimously by those present to revise Board Policy .308, Bus Conduct, as recommended by the Transportation Committee.

I) Thomas made a motion, seconded by Kemp, and passed unanimously by those present to approve the revised Transportation Handbook as recommended by the Transportation Committee.

J) Proffitt made a motion, seconded by Spiegl, and passed unanimously by those present to approve the special courses to be offered during the 2007-2008 school year. These courses must now be sent to the State for approval.

CCCHS – Freshmen in Transition (FIT); ACT Preparation; History of the American Cinema; Street Law

HHS – Freshmen in Transition (FIT); Forensic Science; ACT Preparation; Financial Planning; Seniors Only Seminar (SOS); History Goes to the Movies; History of Native Americans; Tennessee History; The Civil War and Reconstruction

SHS – Freshman in Transition (FIT); Reading/Writing Lab; Junior/Senior Seminar; The College Experience; ACT/SAT Preparation

K) Thomas made a motion, seconded by Proffitt, and passed unanimously to approve the acceptance of US Able's bid of \$63,000.00 for Long-Term Disability Insurance for all full-time employees. Seifert briefly explained the insurance, and added this price allows for all full-time classified personnel to be covered, not just certificated employees.

Other business:

Vice Chairman Greer recognized and expressed the Board's thanks to the employees retiring after this school year.

Marsha Dyce, PVE faculty – 37 years teaching experience
Cathy Hill Soucey, SMS faculty – 17 years teaching experience
Carol Janusek, HMS faculty – 10 years teaching experience
Betty Harris, ECE guidance counselor – 36 years teaching experience
Janice Lawrence, KSE guidance counselor – 26 years teaching experience

Seifert announced the Board would have a joint work session with the Education Committee in the Board Room on May 15th at 6:30 p.m. to discuss growth and the five-year plan.

Seifert said the Board work session would be May 17th at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room.

ECE Principal Young proudly announced that ECE would partner with Ensworth High School this summer. Twenty fourth grade students will attend an all expense paid camp at Ensworth from June 5th thru June 29th to study math and science.

ECE Principal Young proclaimed that the Wal-Mart teacher-of-the-year \$1000.00 would be present to one of her teacher at an assembly program the next day. She said the name would be revealed at the assembly.

Director Seifert remarked the Kindergarten Round-up was a success and thanked all those who worked to make it exciting for the children.

There being no further business to come before the Board, Greer dismissed the meeting at 8:28 p.m.

Submitted by
Carol F. Cannon

Susan A. Greer, Vice Chairman

Lynn E. Seifert, Director of Schools