

## MINUTES

Cheatham County Board of Education  
April 7, 2008

### Call to order:

The Cheatham County Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, April 7, 2008, in the Board Room of the Educational Annex Building. Chairman Barry Breen called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Moment of silence: led by Mr. Spiegl

Pledge of Allegiance: led by Mr. Spiegl

### Roll call:

Present were Kurt Scott, Rickey Thomas, Barry Breen, Dianne Proffitt, Chris Spiegl, and Susan Greer. 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 if there were any changes to the agenda. Hearing none, he entertained a motion. Greer made a motion, seconded by Proffitt to approve the agenda as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

### 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. CCCHS parent Gregory Horton spoke about his concerns at the school.

### Presentations and Awards:

A) Chairman Breen and Vice-Chairman Greer presented certificates and medals to the 4<sup>th</sup> grade county-wide Math Contest winners:  
First place – Craig Drenthe, PVE – Scored 100%  
Second place – Maggie Rider, WCE  
Third place – Becca Shearron, PVE

B) Chairman Breen and Vice-Chairman Greer presented medals to the county-wide 5 – 8 Spelling Contest winners:  
First place – Grayson Scott, HMS  
Second place – Dalton Patterson, HMS – absent  
Third place – Kyle Zumbrunnen, SMS  
Fourth place – Abby Beasley, SMS - absent

Fifth place – Ashlee Douglas, CMS – absent

Sixth place – Alex Moran, SMS – absent

C) Chairman Breen and Vice-Chairman Greer presented medals to the county-wide 5<sup>th</sup> grade Math Contest winners:

First place – Chasity Pages, CMS

Second place – Jake Bumpus, CMS

Third place – Alec Perigo, HMS

D) Chairman Breen and Vice-Chairman Greer presented medals to the county-wide 6<sup>th</sup> grade Math Contest winners:

First place – Beau Johnson, HMS

Second place – Whitley Battles, CMS

Third place – Alyssa Johnson, CMS

E) Chairman Breen and Vice-Chairman Greer congratulated Emily Staggs, SMS faculty, on being named Tennessee Teacher of the Year for the Mid-Cumberland Region (contains twelve school systems).

F) Chairman Breen and Vice-Chairman Greer congratulated the Pegram Elementary's Grant Writing Committee (Kathy Cundall, Vicki Brumley, Linda Bush – absent, and Beth Roysden) on receiving a \$3,000.00 grant from Tennessee Arts Commission and The Community Foundation of Middle Tennessee. PES Principal Barrow gave a brief description of their *Reaching for the Stars* grant.

#### Reports:

A) Gary Curtis, Kaatz, Binkley, Jones, and Morris Architects, gave a brief report on the CCCHS renovation project, sighting scheduling problems for not being on target.

B) Transportation Committee Chairman Proffitt gave a report on the committee's March 25<sup>th</sup> meeting to define double-routes.

C) Breen, Thomas, Proffitt, and Seifert along with SBRs Taylor Doubler - SHS, Nick Hymer – SHS, and Tara Villicanna –HHS attended the National School Boards Association Conference in Orlando, Florida, and reported on their experiences.

D) Chris Spiegl, an 8<sup>th</sup> grade Earth Science teacher at Montgomery Bell Academy, gave a power point presentation on his recent trip to Costa Rica. Through the Toyota International Teacher Program, thirty teachers (two from Tennessee) spent two weeks studying and touring Costa Rica.

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 any Board Member wished to pull for separate

consideration. Hearing none, he entertained a motion. Scott made a motion, seconded by Proffitt and passed unanimously to approve the agenda as printed.

A) Approval of minutes: March 3, 2008

B) Approval for tenure: None

C) Disposal of surplus equipment/materials:

1) KSE Principal Dorris granted permission to dispose of the following broken or outdated items: 4 teacher desks, 4 computers, 3 adult chairs

D) School fees: None

E) Field trips: None

F) School/Principal request:

1) SMS Principal Bell granted permission to enter into a contract with OCE' Imagistics for sixty months for three copiers

G) Early graduation request: None

H) Committees: None

Budget and Finance: None

Old business:

A, C) Thomas made a motion, seconded by Scott, and carried unanimously to revise on second reading Board Policy 5.608, Tutoring for Pay, and Board Policy 4.2091, Credit Recovery. These policies passed first reading on March 3, 2008.

B) Proffitt made a motion, seconded by Scott, and carried unanimously to revise on second reading Board Policy 4.301, Interscholastic Athletics. This policy passed first reading on March 3, 2008. The last paragraph under Elementary, Grades K – 6 shall read:  
*Participants on athletic teams shall maintain at least a C average in all subjects.*

New business:

A) Scott made a motion, seconded by Greer, and carried unanimously to revise on first reading Board Policy 6.203, School Admissions. This policy will be presented for second reading on May 5, 2008.

B) Proffitt made a motion, seconded by Thomas, and carried unanimously to revise on first reading Board Policy 6.204, Attendance of Non-Resident Students. This policy will be presented for second reading on May 5, 2008.

C) Greer made a motion, seconded by Scott, and passed unanimously to revise on first reading Board Policy 6.305, Student Concerns, Complains and Grievances, and strike *by telephone* from page 1, line 17 of the policy offered for consideration. This policy will be presented for second reading on May 5, 2008.

D) Scott made a motion, seconded by Proffitt, and carried unanimously to revise on first reading Board Policy 6.306, Interference/Disruption of School Activities, with the last paragraph of the policy offered for consideration changed to read: *More than ten days suspensions, expulsions, and zero tolerance offenses are to be presented before the Student Disciplinary Hearing Authority.* This policy will be presented for second reading on May 5, 2008.

E) Thomas made a motion, seconded by Spiegl, and carried unanimously to revise on first reading Board Policy 6.702, Student Clubs and Organizations. This policy will be presented for second reading on May 5, 2008.

F) Proffitt made a motion, seconded by Scott to delete on first reading Board Policy 6.712, In-School Employment. This policy will be presented for second reading on May 5, 2008.

G) Greer made a motion, seconded by Proffitt, and passed unanimously to approve the Social Studies textbook adoption as requested by Supervisor Jones. This will be the selection for Social Studies purchase during the next six years.

H) Proffitt made a motion, seconded by Scott to approve the five-year plan for roofs, HVAC, and textbooks. Discussion followed. Chairman Breen declared the motion passed with Thomas voting no.

Greer made a motion, seconded by Thomas to approve the five-year building plan as recommended by the Planning Committee. Discussion followed. Breen asked for a roll call vote. Voting yes were Thomas, Spiegl, Greer, and Breen. Voting no were Scott and Proffitt. Chairman Breen declared the motion passed.

I) Breen reviewed the recent evaluation of Director Seifert. Mr. Scott recused himself because the evaluation was beginning when he became a Board Member. Breen reviewed the categories and revealed Seifert's average score was 4.401 from a possible 5.0 and according to her contract would receive a salary increase of 2.641%, plus a cost of living increase as determined by the State. Spiegl made a motion, seconded by Thomas to ratify the Director of Schools' evaluation. That motion passed unanimously by the five members voting.

#### Brief comments from Board Members:

Spiegl welcomed the perspective board members attending the meeting.

#### Announcements and recognitions:

Chairman Breen congratulated Doug Kelso, HHS sp ed faculty, on his retirement following twenty-three years of teaching experience, with the past eleven years in Cheatham County.

Chairman Breen congratulated Janis Hamlin, WCE faculty, on her retirement following fourteen years experience, with the past twelve years in Cheatham County.

The following meetings were announced:

April 10<sup>th</sup> – Curriculum Council and differentiated pay for teachers

April 14<sup>th</sup> – Education Committee

April 17<sup>th</sup> – Board work session

April 22<sup>nd</sup> – Perspective Board Member training

May 1<sup>st</sup> – Board work session

May 5<sup>th</sup> – Board meeting

Adjourn:

There being no further business, Chairman Breen adjourned the meeting at 8:56 p.m.

Submitted by  
Carol F. Cannon

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Barry E. Breen, Board Chairman

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Lynn E. Seifert, Director of Schools