

MINUTES

Cheatham County Board of Education

October 1, 2007

Call to order:

The Cheatham County Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, October 1, 2007, in the Board Room of the Educational Annex Building. Chairman Barry Breen called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Moment of silence: led by Ms. Greer

Pledge of Allegiance: led by Ms. Greer

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:

Chairman Breen asked Board Members if there was any change to the agenda. Hearing none, he entertained a motion. Proffitt made a motion, seconded by Spiegl, 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 subjects. Breen specified that anyone wishing to address the Board must complete the Public Forum form prior to speaking. Gregory Horton, a CCCHS parent, addressed the Board about his concerns at the school.

Presentations and Awards: None

Reports:

A) Architect David Brown reported on the status of the CCCHS project. He stated the remaining bids will be opened October 4th, construction kickoff is set for November 1st, completion will take fifteen months, and the project is within budget.

B) Director Seifert reported on the September 13th – 15th Board Member's retreat.

C) Director Seifert reported on the Student Board and Community Representative training held earlier in the day. Chairman Breen congratulated and announced the representatives as follows:

CHS – Mary Wagner, absent

CHS – Victoria Buckner

HHS – Tara Villicana
HHS – Rebecca Shew
SHS – Nick Hymer
SHS – Taylor Doubler
CMS – Paige Davidson, absent
HMS – Kevin Williamson
Northern cluster – Ed Smith, absent
Central cluster – Tommy Binkley
Southern cluster – Jim Hasse

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. Greer asked that item E-1 and E-2 be pulled for separate consideration. Hearing no other change, Breen entertained a motion. Thomas made a motion, seconded by Kemp to approve the consent agenda with the exception of items E-1 and E-2. That motion passed unanimously.

A) Approval of minutes: September 10, 2007

B) Approval for tenure: None

C) Disposal of surplus equipment/material:

1) WCES Principal Raymer granted permission to dispose of the following irreparable items: 4 CPUs, 1 computer, 2 monitors, 2 keyboards, 2 printers, and 1 TV

2) PVE Principal Dyce granted permission to discard the following outdated or irreparable items: 20 easy fiction books, 157 juvenile fiction books, 111 non-fiction books, 3 paperback books, 4 science activity kits, 3 video tapes, 9 computers, 4 printers, 9 monitors, 1 flex cam, and 1 VCR

3) HMS Principal Schliwa granted permission to dispose the following irreparable items: 15 computer monitors and 12 desks

D) School fees: None

E) Field trips:

1) Pulled by Greer for separate consideration

2) Pulled by Greer for separate consideration

3) CHS Principal Leavitt granted permission for eight students and two teachers to attend the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana, October 24, 2007 – October 26, 2007. Teachers will provide transportation.

4) SHS Principal Newton granted permission for twelve students and two teachers to attend the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana, October 23, 2007 – October 26, 2007.

5) SHS Principal Newton granted permission for sixteen members of the softball team and two adults to travel to Huntsville, Alabama. They will depart at 8:00 a.m. on Friday, April 4, 2008, and return at 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, April 6, 2008.

F) School/Principal request: None

G) Early graduation request: None

H) Committees: None

E) Field trips:

Greer made a motion to waive Board Policy 4.302, Field Trips and Excursions, item 7, and allow the SHS and CHS students to attend the Jobs for Tennessee Graduates Leadership conference in Washington, D.C. as requested. Proffitt seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

1) SHS Principal Newton granted permission for three students and one adult to attend the Jobs for Tennessee Graduates Leadership conference in Washington, D.C. They will depart after school on Tuesday, December 4, 2007, returning on Sunday, December 9, 2007.

2) CHS Principal Leavitt granted permission for three students and one adult to attend the Jobs for Tennessee Graduates Leadership conference in Washington, D.C. They will depart after school on Tuesday, December 4, 2007, returning on Sunday, December 9, 2007.

Budget and Finance:

Chairman Breen reported the budget had been certified.

Old business:

A) There was no motion to bring the following item from the table: Revise on second reading Board Policy 6.200, Attendance. Board Policy #1.600, Policy Development and Adoption, reads in part: The Board's approval of the proposal or return for study and/or further revision shall constitute the first reading. This was accomplished during the July 19th and July 24th work session. This revision was tabled on August 6, 2007. Chairman Breen noted the policy needs work; therefore, it will remain on the table.

B, C, D) Greer made a motion, seconded by Kemp, and carried unanimously to revise on second reading item B – Board Policy 6.303, Interrogations and Searches; item C – Board Policy 6.308, Bus Conduct; and item D – Board Policy 6.316, Suspension/Expulsion/Remand. Breen noted these revisions passed first reading on September 10, 2007 and had been discussed at the work session.

New business:

A) Proffitt made a motion, seconded by Spiegl, and passed unanimously to revise on first reading Board Policy 6.317, Student Disciplinary Hearing Authority. This policy will be presented for second reading November 5, 2007. Breen noted this policy was pulled from the September 10, 2007 agenda without any action.

B) Kemp made a motion, seconded by Spiegl, and carried unanimously to sanction the Ashland City Elementary Parent Support Group. Kemp commented the work of this Group would be appreciated. Spiegl remarked this was a huge plus for the school.

Brief comments from Board Members: None

Announcements and Recognitions:

Seifert explained the Student Notification System received earlier today from Community Bank & Trust Company. She emphasized that if schools were closed due to inclement weather, a message would be sent by phone to each student's household. The system may be used in many ways, including individual teachers sending messages home. Seifert expressed appreciation to Community Bank & Trust for their continued interest in the education of Cheatham County students.

Breen announced the Board has scheduled two work sessions for October. Work sessions will be held at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 18th, and, if needed, Tuesday, October 23rd, in the Board Room of the Educational Annex Building. The next Board meeting will be November 5, 2007 at 7:00 p.m.

There being no further business, Chairman Breen adjourned the meeting at 8:04 p.m.

Submitted by
Carol F. Cannon

Barry E. Breen, Board Chairman

Lynn E. Seifert, Director of Schools