

MINUTES

Cheatham County Board of Education
July 7, 2008

Call to order:

The Cheatham County Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, July 7, 2008, in the Board Room of the Educational Annex Building. Chairman Barry Breen called the meeting to order at 7:09 p.m.

Moment of silence: led by Mr. Breen

Pledge of Allegiance: led by Mr. Breen

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 stated that item 7E - American History Grant presentation and item 13A – Cheatham County Youth Basketball proposal should be pulled for consideration at a later date. Director Seifert asked that the Mental Health Grant report be added as item 8B. Proffitt made a motion, seconded by Spiegl, and carried unanimously to approve the agenda with the deletion of items 7-E and 13-A and the addition of item 8-B.

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. Parent Charles “Chip” Dick spoke of his interest in volunteer coaching at Sycamore Middle School. Commissioner John Paul Wood told the Board that at the July 21st County Commission meeting he would recommend accepting the proposed overall tax rate of \$2.78, but hopefully overturn the tax rate structure and give the schools \$1.13 as proposed by the County Mayor and the County Budget Committee.

Presentations and awards:

- A) Tim Diffenderfer and Jo Brashears with the Students Taking A Right Stand (STARS) program shared information about the program, its benefits, and its growth in the county. They thanked the Board for allowing the STARS program to continue in the county, giving them the opportunity to continue working with those students needing the services of the STARS program.

- B) Chairman Breen and Vice Chairman Greer presented certificates to those students with the highest scores for the Gateway and End-of-Course tests for the 2008 spring semester:

Mathematics Gateway, Algebra 1 – scored 55 out of a possible 62

Nathan Simpkins, CMS – absent
Damean Sawyer, HHS
Jacob Dick, SMS
Kristen Knight, SMS
Rebecca Jane Neuenschwander, SMS

Gateway Language Arts, English 2 – scored 55 out of a possible 62

Kaitlyn Dance, HHS – absent
Elizabeth Watson, HHS
Emily Parrish, HHS – absent
John David Farwell, SHS - absent

Gateway Science, Biology 1 – scored 53 out of a possible 62

Zachary Sexton, HHS – absent

End-of-Course Math Foundations – scored 50 out of a possible 60

Collin Hasting, HHS – absent
Cody Loftis, HHS
Taylor Sullivan, HHS - absent
Alex Williams, HHS – absent
Drew Hebert, HHS – absent
Patrick Page, HHS – absent

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

Brandon Flowers, HHS – absent
Megan Hasse, HHS

End-of-Course Physical Science – scored 50 out of possible 60

Josiah Brown, SHS – absent

End-of-Course United States History – scored 50 out of a possible 60

Ryan Sasse, HHS – absent

- C) Board Member Rickey Thomas presented a plaque to Betty Cuff. Ms. Cuff recently retired following thirty-five years of driving a school bus. Transportation Director Wilson stated she had driven the same route through the years and the mechanics acknowledged that she always maintained the cleanest bus.

- D) Chairman Breen and Vice Chairman Greer presented certificates to those who have qualified and been approved by the Certification of the Association for Facilities Engineering:

Lynn E. Seifert – Certificated Plant Maintenance Manager
Robert “Joey” Dority – Certificated Plant Maintenance Manager
Billy J. Brack – Certificated Plant Supervisor – absent

Reports:

- A) Director Seifert stated that future reports on the CCCHS renovation project would be given at the work session, allowing more time for questions and answers.

- B) Elementary Supervisor Adams gave details of the Behavioral Health Grant applied for by herself, Special Education Supervisor McCarver, and Coordinated School Health Supervisor Glenn. Adams proudly stated that Cheatham County was one of the fifty-two school systems in the United States receiving this three-year, \$400,000.00 per year grant that requires no local funds. A full-time Master's level therapist will be in each elementary school. The grant is through the U S Department of Education and Cheatham County will contract with Centerstone.

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 Thomas, and carried unanimously to approve the agenda as presented.

A) Approval of minutes: June 2, 2008 and June 12, 2008

B) Approval for tenure: None

C) Disposal of equipment:

1) Transportation Director Wilson granted permission to dispose of the following vehicles: a 1990 Thomas bus, a 1991 BlueBird T2000, a 1993 BlueBird T2000, a 1989 Ford Van, a 1989 GMC Truck

2) PES Principal Barrow granted permission to dispose of the following outdated or irreparable items: 4 VCR players, 13 AV/Non Print Materials, 2 cassette players, 1 rotary slide tray, 82 hardback books from library, 4 overheads, 5 computers, 3 printers, and 9 monitors

3) SMS Principal Bell granted permission to dispose of the following outdated or irreparable items: 17 monitors, 6 printers, 14 computers, 8 external hard drives, 20 video cassettes, 2 slide sets, 1 audio cassette program, 40 items from teacher's rooms

4) SHS Principal Newton granted permission to dispose of the following outdated or irreparable items: 1 washer, 1 dryer, lockers from volleyball locker room

D) School fees:

1) Transportation Director Wilson granted permission to increase the field trip mileage to \$1.50 per mile to cover the increase in diesel fuel.

2) ECE Principal Young granted approval of 08-09 fees:

\$25.00	K – supply fee
\$ 5.00	K – art

\$15.00	1 st – supply fee
\$ 5.00	1 st – art
\$ 3.00	1 st – computer lab
\$ 2.00	1 st – music
\$15.00	2 nd – supply fee
\$ 5.00	2 nd – art
\$ 3.00	2 nd – computer lab
\$ 2.00	2 nd – music
\$ 3.00	2 nd – school planner
\$15.00	3 rd – supply fee
\$ 5.00	3 rd – art
\$ 3.00	3 rd – computer lab
\$ 2.00	3 rd – music
\$ 3.00	3 rd – school planner
\$15.00	4 th – supply fee
\$ 5.00	4 th – art
\$ 3.00	4 th – computer lab
\$ 7.00	4 th – recorder & music
\$ 3.00	4 th – school planner

3) PVE Principal Dyce granted approval of 2008-09 fees:

\$45.00	K
\$40.00	1 st
\$35.00	2 nd
\$35.00	3 rd
\$35.00	4 th

4) SHS Principal Newton granted approval of 2008-09 fees:

\$15.00	Biology 1
\$20.00	Biology 2
\$20.00	Chemistry 1
\$20.00	Ecology
\$10.00	Life Science
\$15.00	Physical Science
\$20.00	Physics
\$20.00	Art
\$300.00	Band
\$10.00	Tech Engineering
\$10.00	PE
\$ 5.00	Wellness
\$10.00	Geometry
\$20.00	Choir
\$15.00	Family & Consumer Science
\$10.00	Health Science
\$15.00	Agriculture
\$10.00	Personal Finance
\$ 2.00	Lockers
\$10.00	Parking permit
\$20.00	Driving violation

- 5) ACE Principal Jones granted approval of 2008-09 fees:
 \$25.00 Instructional fee
- 6) WCE Principal Raymer granted approval of 2008-09 fees:
 \$25.00 1st – 4th – classroom fee
 \$ 2.50 1st – 4th – music
 \$ 2.50 1st – 4th – computer lab
- 7) CMS Principal Norris granted approval of 2008-09 fees:
 \$ 3.50 5th – planner
 \$ 3.00 5th – locker
 \$ 5.00 5th – art and health
 \$ 5.00 5th – Pearson – benchmark test
 \$14.50 5th – academic supplies
 \$15.00 5th – SRA/SSR materials & notebooks
 \$ 8.00 6th – *Action* magazine
 \$ 3.50 6th – planner
 \$ 3.00 6th – locker
 \$ 5.00 6th – art & health
 \$ 5.00 6th – Pearson – benchmark test
 \$11.00 6th – art supplies
 \$ 7.50 6th – academic supplies
 \$15.00 6th – SRA/SSR materials & workbooks
 \$ 3.50 7th – planner
 \$ 5.00 7th – art & health
 \$ 3.00 7th – locker
 \$ 5.00 7th – Pearson - benchmark test
 \$ 4.00 7th – calculator
 \$ 4.00 7th – *Junior Scholastic* magazine
 \$ 7.50 7th – academic supplies
 \$15.00 7th – SRA/SSR materials & workbooks
 \$ 3.50 8th – planner
 \$ 5.00 8th – art & health
 \$ 3.00 8th – locker fee
 \$ 5.00 8th – Pearson – benchmark test
 \$14.50 8th – academic supplies
 \$15.00 8th – SRA/SSR – materials & workbooks
- 8) CHS Principal Leavitt granted approval of 2008-09 fees:
 \$15.00 Biology
 \$15.00 Biology 2
 \$15.00 Ecology
 \$15.00 Physical Science
 \$20.00 Chemistry
 \$20.00 Chemistry 2
 \$20.00 Physics
 \$ 5.00 Lockers
 \$ 7.00 planners

\$ 5.00	Algebra 1 & 2
\$20.00	FACS
\$20.00	Floral design
\$10.00	Theatre
\$10.00	Spanish 1 & 2
\$20.00	French 1, 2, & 3
\$10.00	Computer
\$12.00	PE
\$10.00	Parking
\$30.00	Accounting 1
\$160.00	Band

9) KSE Principal Dorris granted approval of 2008-09 fees:

\$43.50	K – supply fee
\$ 5.50	K – <i>Science Studies Weekly</i>
\$ 5.50	K – <i>Weekly Reader</i>
\$ 5.50	K – KSES tee shirt
\$25.00	1 st – supply fee
\$ 8.00	1 st – <i>Grammar/Writing</i>
\$ 4.00	1 st – <i>National Geographic</i>
\$ 5.50	1 st – <i>Science Studies Weekly</i>
\$ 5.50	1 st – KSES tee shirt
\$30.50	2 nd – supply fee
\$ 8.00	2 nd – <i>Grammar/Writing</i>
\$ 5.50	2 nd – KSES tee shirt
\$19.75	3 rd – supply fee
\$ 8.00	3 rd – <i>Grammar/Writing</i>
\$10.50	3 rd – <i>Handwriting</i>
\$ 3.25	3 rd – assignment book
\$11.00	3 rd – TCAP Preparation
\$ 5.50	3 rd – KSES tee shirt
\$25.00	4 th – supply fee
\$11.75	4 th – <i>Shurley</i>
\$ 5.25	4 th – <i>Science Studies Weekly</i>
\$ 5.25	4 th – <i>Tennessee Studies Weekly</i>
\$ 3.25	4 th – assignment book
\$ 5.50	4 th – KSES tee shirt
\$ 6.00	4 th – music

10) PES Principal Barrow granted approval of 2008-09 fees:

\$ 5.00	K-4 – technology
\$ 2.00	K-4 – PE
\$ 6.00	K-4 – T-shirt
\$12.00	K – workbook
\$12.00	1 st – workbook
\$17.00	2 nd – workbook
\$ 9.00	3 rd – workbook
\$ 9.00	4 th – workbook
\$25.00	K – supply fee

\$25.00	1 st – supply fee
\$20.00	2 nd – supply fee
\$28.00	3 rd – supply fee
\$28.00	4 th – supply fee

11) HMS Principal Schliwa granted approval of 2008-09 fees:

\$ 6.00	agenda
\$ 3.00	lock
\$15.00	SRA/Reading enhancement
\$ 8.00	Science
\$ 3.00	Social Studies
\$ 5.00	Language/Reading
\$ 3.00	Math
\$10.00	Art
\$ 7.00	Band
\$ 5.00	Pearson Education

12) HHS Principal Simpkins granted approval of 2008-09 fees:

\$25.00	Art
\$200.00	Marching Band
\$ 5.00	Social Studies
\$ 5.00	AP Psychology
\$ 5.00	Math
\$20.00	Spanish 1, 2, 3
\$20.00	French 1, 2, 3
\$ 3.00	Keyboarding
\$15.00	ACT Prep
\$15.00	TED-1
\$30.00	TED-2
\$15.00	TED-3
\$10.00	Health Science
\$10.00	Medical Diagnostics
\$10.00	Medical Therapeutics
\$10.00	FACS
\$10.00	Housing & Interiors
\$10.00	Textiles & Apparel
\$10.00	College Survival
\$20.00	English
\$25.00	PE
\$20.00	Science
\$ 5.00	Beginning Theater
\$10.00	Inter. Theater
\$20.00	Adv. Theater

13) SMS Principal Bell granted approval of 2008-09 fees:

\$30.00	5 th – instructional fee
\$ 4.00	5 th – locker
\$ 5.00	5 th – <i>Scholastic/Weekly Reader/National Geographic</i>
\$15.00	5 th – SRA/Reading Enrichment Materials

\$30.00	6 th – instructional fee
\$ 4.00	6 th – locker
\$ 5.00	6 th – <i>Scholastic/Weekly Reader/National Geographic</i>
\$15.00	6 th – SRA/Reading Enrichment materials
\$ 9.00	6 th – Band book (for band students only)
\$30.00	7 th - instructional fee
\$ 4.00	7 th – locker
\$ 5.00	7 th - <i>Scholastic/Weekly Reader/National Geographic</i>
\$15.00	7 th – SRA/Reading Enrichment materials
\$ 9.00	7 th – Band book (for band students only)
\$ 3.50	7 th – Advanced Reading students for <i>SCOPE</i>
\$30.00	8 th – instructional fee
\$ 4.00	8 th – locker
\$ 5.00	8 th - <i>Scholastic/Weekly Reader/National Geographic</i>
\$15.00	8 th – SRA/Reading Enrichment materials
\$ 9.00	8 th – Band book (for band students only)
\$ 3.50	8 th – Advanced Reading students for <i>SCOPE</i>
\$ 2.00	Sports transportation costs

E) Field trips: None

F) School/Principal request:

- 1) ECE Principal Young granted permission to continue the “Dragon Tales” child care program for faculty and staff for the 2008-2009 school year.
- 2) PVE Principal Dyce granted permission to continue the teacher daycare program for the 2008-2009 school year.
- 3) PES Principal Barrow granted permission to continue the faculty/staff daycare for the 2008-2009 school year.
- 4) HMS Principal Schliwa granted permission to continue the “Wee Little Indians” faculty/staff daycare for the 2008-2009 school year.
- 5) SHS Principal Ray granted approval of in-school athletics events:
 - a wrestling match, November – 4th block
 - a soccer match, April or May – 4th block
- 6) CMS Principal Norris granted approval of in-school athletic events:
 - CMS football hosts Charlotte on August 14th
 - CMS football at SMS on August 21st
 - CMS volleyball at Charlotte on August 28th
 - CMS volleyball hosts Charlotte on September 23rd
 - CMS basketball hosts SMS on November 13th
 - CMS basketball at SMS on December 11th

- 7) CHS Principal Leavitt granted approval of in-school athletic events:
 - CHS hosts girls' soccer match September 9th at 1:00 p.m.
 - CHS hosts boys' soccer match spring 2009
 - CHS hosts baseball game spring 2009
 - CHS hosts softball game April 17, 2009

- 8) HMS Principal Schliwa granted approval of in-school athletic events:
 - HMS football hosts SMS September 4th
 - HMS basketball hosts Charlotte December 11th
 - HMS volleyball hosts – TBA
 - HMS wrestling hosts – TBA

- 9) SMS Principal Bell granted approval of in-school athletic events:
 - SMS football hosts CMS August 21st at 12:00 p.m.
 - SMS basketball hosts CMS December 11th at 12:00 p.m.

- 10) HHS AD Collins granted approval of in-school athletic events:
 - HHS baseball with CHS spring 2009
 - HHS baseball with SHS spring 2009
 - HHS softball with CHS spring 2009
 - HHS softball with SHS spring 2009

- G) Early graduation request: None

- H) Committees/Appointments:
 - 1) The BOE negotiation team will be Chris Spiegl, Jo Jones, and Sheila Tillman

- I) Miscellaneous:
 - 1) Approval of 2008-2009 Bus Driver's Manual

Budget and Finance:

A) Greer made a motion, seconded by Thomas to approve the 2008-2009 Amended General Purpose School Budget dated June 26, 2008, deducting \$197,400.00 from the transportation diesel line item. The Cheatham County Commission had cut \$197,400.00 in funding from the original budget presented. Emotional discussion followed. Proffitt felt the Board must deal with the money approved by the commission, put more money in fuel, and not hurt the students. Scott concurred with Proffitt saying that money could be moved around. Greer believed the Board made cuts to the budget while preserving quality education for students and teachers. Thomas noted the savings by the maintenance department since bringing some services in-house. Spiegl commented the Board made overall cuts, stressed the personnel in this system work miracles everyday and are responsible keepers of the County's money.

Chairman Breen stated the County Commission wants to control line items in the school's budget, but the State legislature does not allow it, noting the School Board runs the schools and establishes a budget based on student's needs, laws, training, and due diligence through serious debate and careful study. Breen feels the Commission is angry, resentful, and upset because they cannot name the Director, principals, or teachers, and, therefore, the schools operate on the minimum required level of funding. He feels the parents should be outraged and contact the commissioners who recently voted against the school district's needs.

Breen asked for a roll call vote to approve the 2008-2009 Amended General Purpose School Budget dated June 26, 2008. Voting yes were Thomas, Spiegl, Greer, and Breen. Voting no were Scott and Proffitt. Chairman Breen declared the motion passed.

B) Scott made a motion, seconded by Thomas to approve the 2008-2009 Cafeteria Budget as presented. That motion passed unanimously.

Old business: None

New business:

A) Approval of Cheatham County Youth Basketball Association proposal was pulled for consideration at a later date.

B) Proffitt made a motion, seconded by Scott granting the request by Textbook Supervisor Jones for the addition of *Trigonometry 7e*, Houghton-Mifflin 2007 to the list of adopted textbooks in the Math category. That motion passed unanimously,

C) Spiegl made a motion, seconded by Proffitt, and carried unanimously granting the requests by School Nutrition Supervisor Smiley for an increase of \$.10 for breakfast and \$.25 for lunch prices beginning with the 2008-2009 school year. Chairman Breen stated the last approved meal increase was for the 2004-2005 school year. Breakfast for all grades will now be \$1.35, lunch for elementary students will be \$2.00, and lunch for middle and high school students will be \$2.25.

D) Scott made a motion, seconded by Proffitt, and passed unanimously on first reading to revise Board Policy 6.205, Student Assignment. The last sentence of item 8 under ***Resident students/ verification of residence*** shall read: *Any approval by the school board for such a transfer shall only be effective through the current school year.*

E) Proffitt made a motion, seconded by Thomas, to uphold the recommendation of the committee and deny the request for child 2008-09 to attend ACE (zoned WCE). That motion carried unanimously.

F) Chairman Breen read a portion of Board Policy 1.200, Method of Election of Officers. He noted that neither the current Chairman nor Vice Chairman are seeking re-election in August; therefore, a Chairman pro tem must be elected to serve until a Chairman is elected. Breen noted the Chairman pro tem must sign checks during the time from August 31st until a Chairman is elected at the September Board meeting. Only Proffitt and Spiegl are eligible, since the other four seats are on the August ballot.

Chairman Breen said the floor was open for nominations, and the nomination does not require a second. Scott nominated Chris Spiegl and Spiegl nominated Dianne Proffitt. Breen asked for a roll call vote. Voting for Spiegl was Thomas, Spiegl, Greer, and Breen. Voting for Proffitt was Scott and Proffitt. Chairman Breen declared Chris Spiegl the Chairman pro tem until a Chairman is elected in September.

Brief comments from Board Members: None

Announcements and recognitions:

Director Seifert announced that Kelly Daniel has been named the Assistant Principal and Athletic Director for Sycamore High School, Emily Staggs has been named the Curriculum and Instructional Assistant Principal for Sycamore High School, and Vic Shelton has been named the Assistant Principal at Sycamore High School. Seifert stated Daniel will be replacing Tim Ray (who is now SHS principal), Staggs will replace Mary Jo Holmes (now Principal at White House Heritage High School, and Shelton will replace Tracey Raines (now an Assistant Principal at Greenbrier High School).

Director Seifert congratulated the following on their retirement:

- Martha Ellen Jones, CHS faculty, following forty-one years of service, the past twelve in Cheatham County
- Gloria Hunter, special education secretary, following twenty-one years of service for the Cheatham County Board of Education

On July 17th at 4:30 p.m., the Board Members and anyone else interested will tour the CCCHS renovation project. The tour will be followed by a work session at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room of the Education Annex Building. The Board will be given a report on the CCCHS project during the work session, with time for questions and answers.

A Board work session will be held on July 31st at 6:00 p.m. in the Board Room of the Educational Annex Building.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for August 4th at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room of the Educational Annex Building.

Adjourn:

There being no further business, Chairman Breen adjourned the meeting at 8:32 p.m.

Submitted by
Carol F. Cannon

Barry E. Breen, Board Chairman

Lynn E. Seifert, Director of Schools