

## MINUTES

Cheatham County Board of Education  
September 8, 2008

### Call to order:

The Cheatham County Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, September 8, 2008, in the Board Room of the Education Annex Building. Chairman pro tem Chris Spiegl called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. and thanked everyone for attending, especially the family members of the newly elected Board Members.

Moment of silence: led by Ms. Proffitt

Pledge of Allegiance: led by Ms. Proffitt

### Roll call:

Spiegl asked the Honorable Judge Philip Maxey to administer the oath of office to the four newly elected Board Members – Michele Collins -1<sup>st</sup> district, Tim Williamson – 2<sup>nd</sup> district, Gregory Horton – 3<sup>rd</sup> district, and Tammie Lavender – 6<sup>th</sup> district.

Present were Michele Collins, Tim Williamson, Greg Horton, Dianne Proffitt, Chris Spiegl, and Tammie Lavender. 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.

Chairman pro tem Spiegl stated that Ms. Collins had a statement. Collins said, "I need to place everyone on notice that I am an attorney, but nothing I say that has anything to do with this office as a school board member should ever, in any way, be taken as a legal opinion".

### Approval of agenda:

Chairman pro tem Spiegl asked if there were any changes to the agenda. Williamson asked that item 10-K, Approval of CCCHS easement, be pulled from the agenda. Horton made a motion, seconded by Collins, to pull item 10-K from the agenda. Spiegl declared the motion passed with Proffitt voting no. Lavender made a motion, seconded by Horton to add the item regarding vacation days for elementary principals (to be discussed during Hearing of Delegation by CCCEA Representative Glenn Harlinger) as 13-I. Spiegl declared the motion passed.

Spiegl asked for a vote to approve the agenda with the noted changes. The motion passed with Proffitt voting no.

### Public Forum:

The public forum offers the public an opportunity to address the Board about various issues. Spiegl specified that anyone wishing to address the Board must complete the Public Forum form prior to speaking. Mike Adcock addressed the Board regarding the easement he is

requesting on the CCCHS property. He asked to be advised of the work session date that the easement will be discussed.

Presentations and awards:

A) Patricia Nancy Lebkuecher, SHS, scored five out of five on the Advanced Placement English Language and Composition test. Teacher Kelly Dodson explained the test and stated the score of five would allow Tricia to attend any college she chooses. She received applause.

B) Joseph Jones, SHS faculty, gave a presentation on his summer research trip to Brazil.

C) Director Seifert stated the scheduled Versa Trans presentation would be delayed until the October meeting due to the illness of one of the presenters. Proffitt asked for the presentation to be given at a workshop, allowing the Board to ask questions. Spiegl agreed.

D) Spiegl reported the Student Board Representatives will receive training this week about the operations of the School Board. He remarked their input was extremely important and praised the students for accepting this role. Spiegl introduced the 2008-2009 Student Board Representatives:

- CHS – Chelsea Baxter
- CHS – Alex Farmer, alternate
- HHS – Amelia Bivens
- HHS – Nathaniel Skaggs
- SHS – Dillon Jones
- SHS – Jake Simms, alternate

Reports: None

Hearing of delegations:

CCCEA representative Glenn Harlinger addressed the Board regarding the 2009-2010 negotiating team. He noted that in the past three Board Members met with the CCEA negotiating team a few times and then presented the negotiated items to the Board. Harlinger stated this year only one Board Member and a chief negotiator met with the CCEA negotiating team and it had been very difficult. Harlinger advocated that five vacation days be allotted for elementary principals who are eleven-month employees. He acknowledged that it is hoped in the future for all principals to be twelve-month employees.

Consent agenda:

Items are placed on the consent agenda that are routine and do not require discussion. Proffitt made a motion, seconded by Collins, and carried unanimously to adopt the consent agenda, with Item K, CCCHS easement for Mike Adcock, pulled.

A) Approval of minutes: August 4, 2008 and August 26, 2008

B) Approval for tenure: None

C) Disposal of surplus equipment/materials:

- 1) SHS Principal Ray granted permission to dispose of PE dressing room damaged lockers
- 2) HHS Assistant Principal Collins granted permission to dispose of 23 broken chairs and 1 broken desk
- 3) PVE Principal Dyce granted permission to dispose of the following outdated or irreparable items: 6 monitors, 6 printers, 11 computers, 1 overhead, 2 video cams, 1 tape recorder, 3 record players, 2 televisions, 3 filmstrip projectors, 89 fiction books, 71 nonfiction books, 12 easy books, 11 paperbacks, and 2 videos
- 4) KSE granted permission to dispose of the following irreparable items: 2 oak teacher's desk with sidearm, 1 Formica topped built-in table, 4 leg stool, 1 rolling upholstered chair, 1 small student chair
- 5) WCE Principal Raymer granted permission to dispose of the following irreparable items: 21 CPU units, 7 monitors, 1 scanner, 1 printer, 1 keyboard

D) School fees: None

E) Field trips: None

F) School/Principal request: None

G) Early graduation request: None

H) Committee/appointments: None

I) Transportation Director Wilson granted approval to purchase six buses at the 2007-2008 price, saving approximately \$7,000.00 - \$8,000.00 per bus, at a total cost of \$514,987.00. These buses will replace the six buses coming off the road this year. The Thomas buses purchased from Mid South Bus Center will be as follows:  
5 – 84 passenger front engine (less undercarriage) @ \$83,890.00 each  
1 – 84 passenger rear engine (w/undercarriage & camera) @ \$95,097.00 each

J) Approved the 2008-2009 Extended Contract for the Cheatham County Schools

K) Pulled from agenda – CCCHS easement for Mike Adcock

L) Approved the 2008-2009 teacher contract between the Cheatham County Education Association and the Cheatham County Board of Education.

Budget and finance:

Proffitt made a motion, seconded by Horton to approve the Federal Projects Budget for the 2008-2009 school year. Spiegl noted the Federal Projects Budget was discussed in the recent work session. The motion carried unanimously.

Old business:

New business:

A) Spiegl related the request/appeal for a student to attend school out of zone has been considered by a committee and discussed at the recent work session. Per Board policy, approval for a student to attend a school out-of-zone is for one year only.

Proffitt made a motion, seconded by Horton to uphold the recommendation of the committee to deny cases 2008-12 and 2008-13 to attend SMS, zoned CMS. The motion carried unanimously.

Horton made a motion, seconded by Proffitt to consider cases 2008-14 and 2008-15 independently. That motion passed with Lavender voting no.

Proffitt made a motion, seconded by Horton to uphold the committee's recommendation and approve case 2008-14, zoned PVE but requesting to attend ACE. Lavender spoke regarding the importance of a family unit, whatever you consider your family. That motion passed unanimously.

Proffitt made a motion, seconded by Williamson to uphold the committee's recommendation and deny the request of case 2008-15 to attend CMS (zoned SMS). Discussion followed. Lavender asked for a roll call vote. Voting yes were Williamson and Proffitt. Voting no were Collins, Horton, Lavender, and Spiegl. Spiegl declared the motion failed.

Horton called a point of order saying the Board did not agree with the committee and made a motion to allow case 2008-15 to attend CMS out-of-zone. Lavender seconded the motion. Spiegl declared the motion carried with Proffitt and Williamson voting no.

B) Lavender made a motion, seconded by Horton to adopt on first reading new policy 1.106, Code of Ethics, to replace the current ethics policy which has been renumbered 1.1061 and re-titled. This is a recommendation from TSBA. The motion passed unanimously. The policy will be presented for second reading on October 6, 2008.

C) Horton made a motion, seconded by Proffitt to adopt on first reading new policy 1.1061, Effective Boardsmanship Standards. This was policy 1.106, and has also been revised and re-titled. This is a recommendation from TSBA. Proffitt asked for the Board to discuss this policy at the next work session and critique the revision. Spiegl declared the motion passed with Proffitt voting no, and it will be discussed at the next work session. The policy will be presented for second reading on October 6, 2008.

D) Proffitt made a motion, seconded by Williamson, to delete on first reading policy 4.503, Parent Organization/Booster Clubs, as recommended by TSBA. Horton pointed out this policy will be replaced by another policy. The motion passed unanimously. The deletion of the policy will be presented for second reading on October 6, 2008.

E) Horton made a motion, seconded by Proffitt, to revise on first reading policy 5.310, Vacations and Holidays (Twelve-Month Personnel) for Classified Personnel. Proffitt noted this policy places classified personnel in line with others and limits the days to be carried over. Discussion followed. That motion passed unanimously.

F) Director Seifert gave a presentation about ACT scores and the alignment with district-wide goals of increased ACT scores.

G & H) delayed until after voting on Item I

I) Horton made a motion to accept the CCEA proposal and grant five vacation days to the eleven-month elementary principals. Proffitt seconded the motion for the sake of discussion. Much discussion followed. Horton called for the question. Voting yes were Lavender, Collins, and Spiegl. Voting no were Horton, Proffitt, and Williamson. Spiegl declared the motion failed.

G) Lavender nominated Chris Spiegl to serve as Chairperson through September 2009. Horton asked that the nominations cease. Spiegl was elected by a unanimous vote.

H) Collins nominated Tammie Lavender for Vice Chairperson and Williamson nominated Dianne Proffitt for Vice Chairperson to serve through September 2009. Spiegl asked for a roll call vote. Voting for Proffitt was Williamson, Horton, and Proffitt. Voting for Lavender were Lavender, Spiegl, and Collins. Spiegl declared a tie vote.

Lavender stated she would decline the nomination of Vice Chairperson and nominated Ms. Proffitt for Vice Chairperson. Spiegl asked for a vote and declared Proffitt the Vice Chairperson. Lavender asked for a roll call vote, saying she did not vote. Voting for Proffitt as Vice Chairperson were, Horton, Proffitt, Spiegl, Collins, and Williamson. Lavender declined to vote. Spiegl declared Proffitt as the Vice Chairperson.

#### Brief comments from Board Members:

Collins said she had received several issues about the soccer field at CCCHS and the Title IX concerns attached. She asked that the possibilities be explored.

Proffitt asked to review high school sports and equipment at a work session.

Horton commented and expressed concerns that all Board Members maintain the interest of the entire county on all issues and take care of the students' needs.

Lavender thanked those in attendance for supporting her and hopes she represents the county well with her actions.

Williamson commented that he appreciated the opportunity to serve on the Board.

Collins drew laughter when she disclosed that she was like Minnie Pearl – “Just so proud to be here”. She stated she was proud to meet everyone this summer and thanked her campaign manager.

#### Announcements and recognitions:

Director Seifert congratulated Rita Herndon on her retirement, following thirty-seven years of service, the last thirty-six in Cheatham County.

Director Seifert congratulated Alison Shores on her retirement, following thirty-four years of service, all in Cheatham County.

Seifert announced the Board Retreat will begin at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, September 13<sup>th</sup>, at the Braxten on the Cumberland River. She was pleased to announce there will be no charge for the use of the facility.

The TSBA fall district meeting for the Mid-Cumberland region will be September 25<sup>th</sup> at Blackman High School in Rutherford County.

Seifert announced the AdvancEd workshop will be Tuesday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>, at 6:00 p.m., in the Board Room. She noted the team will arrive on Sunday, September 28<sup>th</sup>, followed by a Monday breakfast. A special called Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 1, 2008, at 4:00 p.m., for the AdvancEd accreditation team to review their findings. A Board work session will follow the meeting.

Adjourn:

Chairman Spiegl adjourned the meeting at 9:14 p.m.

Submitted by  
Carol F. Cannon  
Absent from meeting

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Chris Spiegl, Board Chairman

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Lynn E. Seifert, Director of Schools