

MINUTES

Cheatham County Board of Education
November 3, 2008

Call to order:

The Cheatham County Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, November 3, 2008, in the Board Room of the Educational Annex Building. Chairman Chris Speigl called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Moment of silence: led by Michele Collins

Pledge of Allegiance: led by Michele Collins

Roll Call:

Present were Michele Collins, Tim Williamson, Gregory Horton, Dianne Proffitt, Chris Speigl, 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.

Approval of Agenda:

Chairman Speigl asked if there were any changes to the agenda. Hearing none, he entertained a motion. Collins made a motion, seconded by Proffitt, 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 issues. Speigl specified that anyone wishing to address the Board must complete the Public forum form prior to speaking. No one choose to address the Board during the Public Forum.

Presentations and Awards:

Brian Caine, HHS did a presentation of the use of blogs in teaching.

Reports: None

Hearing of Delegations: None

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 passed unanimously to adopt the consent agenda.

- A) Approval of Minutes: October 1, 2008 and October 6, 2008
- B) Approval of Tenure: None
- C) Disposal of surplus equipment/materials: None
- D) School fees: None
- E) Field trips:
 - 1) CHS Principal Leavitt granted permission for JTG students to attend the Leadership National Conference in Washington, D.C. The two students and one teacher will depart Wednesday, December 3, 2008, and return Sunday, December 7, 2008.
 - 2) SHS Principal Ray granted permission for JTG students to attend the Leadership National Conference in Washington, D.C. The two students and one teacher will depart Wednesday, December 3, 2008, and return Sunday, December 7, 2008.
- F) School/Principals request: None
- G) Early Graduation Request: None
- H) Committees/Appointments: None

Budget and Finance:

- A) Budget amendment – School Federal Projects Fund

Collins made a motion, seconded by Proffitt, and passed unanimously to approved Budget Amendment – School Federal Projects Fund

- B) Budget Amendment – General Purpose School Fund
Resolution to the Cheatham County Commission

Proffitt made a motion, seconded by Horton, and passed unanimously to approved Budget Amendment - General Purpose School Fund – Resolution to the Cheatham County Commission.

Old Business:

- A) After discussion by Mr. Horton and other Board members, it was proposed to discuss at a later work session Policy 1.805 - Use of Electronic Mail (e-mail). Horton made a motion, seconded Proffitt, and passed unanimously to adopt on second reading Board Policy 4.406, Use of the Internet, to comply with new law to incorporate internet safety.

New Business:

- A) Motion made by Proffitt, seconded by Williamson, and passed unanimously to revise on first reading Board Policy 2.400. The policy will be presented for second reading December 1, 2008. The following shall be added as paragraph three:

Each principal shall use the reconciliation method. The director of schools or their designee shall instruct the building principal to use an approved reconciliation method of all ticket events.

- B) Motion made by Horton, seconded by Proffitt, to revise on first reading Board Policy 3.500, Food Service Management. This policy will be presented for second reading December 1, 2008. On page two, under charges, shall be replaced with the following: *Students are encouraged to prepay for meals by the week or month. In case of an emergency, as determined by the cafeteria manager or principal, a Type A school lunch may be charged by students. A student is only allowed to charge a maximum of three (3) days within a month. The charges must be paid off within the same month before a student will be allowed to charge again. Visitors or School Board Employees are not allowed to charge meals or ala carte items. It is the cafeteria manager's responsibility to bill the appropriate individual(s) and to reconcile all charges. All debts from charges and any losses arising from uncollectible accounts and/or other claims (cost of processing bad checks, etc.) are not allowed and must be covered from funds other than Child Nutrition Program Funds.*

BRREAKFAST OR ALA CARTE – charges are not allowed

CHARGES (Grades 9-12) No charges allowed

After a lengthy discussion among the Board members, Spiegl called for a vote and declared the motion passed, with Lavender and Spiegl voting no.

Announcement and Recognitions:

Director Seifert congratulated Linda Harris, CMS faculty, on her upcoming retirement on January 7, 2009, after thirty-seven and one-half years of service in the Cheatham County School System. Ms. Harris received a round of applause from everyone.

Director Seifert announced the following meetings:

November 13 – Work Session

November 20 – Work Session 6:30 p.m., Review Agenda

November 22 – Work Session, Saturday 8:00 am

Adjourn:

Chairman Spiegl adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Submitted by
Janice Thomas

Chris Spiegl, Board Chairman

Lynn E. Seifert, Director of Schools