

MINUTES

Cheatham County Board of Education

August 3, 2009

Call to order:

The Cheatham County Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, August 3, 2009, in the Board Room of the Educational Annex Building. Chairperson Dianne Proffitt called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Moment of silence: led by Mr. Horton

Pledge of Allegiance: led by Mr. Horton

Roll call:

Present were Michele Collins, Tim Williamson, Gregory Horton, Dianne Proffitt, and Tammie Lavender. Chris Spiegl was absent. 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:

Chairperson Proffitt entertained a motion to approve the agenda. Collins made a motion, seconded by Williamson to approve the agenda as presented, including the printed addition of item 13-B. That motion carried unanimously by those present.

Public Forum:

The public forum offers the public an opportunity to address the Board about various issues. Proffitt specified that anyone wishing to address the Board must complete the Public Forum form prior to speaking. There were no speakers.

Presentations and awards:

A) HMS student Ethan Boyd (absent) was congratulated and recognized for scoring 55 out of a possible 62 on the Gateway Algebra 1 test for the 2009 Spring semester. Proffitt apologized for Ethan's name being omitted from the presentation list last month – Ethan was the only middle school student with the highest score.

B) Proffitt asked CCCHS Principal Newton to convey the Board's thanks to the Beta Club for their community service day in cleaning and sprucing-up the school.

Reports: None

Hearing of delegations: None

Consent agenda:

Items are placed on the consent agenda that are routine and do not require discussion. Chairperson Proffitt asked if there was an item on the consent agenda any Board Member wished to pull for separate consideration. Horton pulled item D - school fees. Horton made a motion, seconded by Collins to approve the consent agenda with the exception of item D. That motion carried unanimously by those present.

- A) Minutes approved: July 6, 2009 and July 9, 2009
- B) Approval for tenure: None
- C) Disposal of surplus equipment/materials:
 - 1) WCE Principal Raymer granted permission to dispose of the following item:
1 TV
 - 2) Transportation Director Wilson granted permission to dispose of the following: 3 booster seats and 7 car seats
 - 3) HHS Principal Emery granted permission to dispose of the following: 12 tables
- D) School fees: pulled for separate consideration
- E) Field trips: None
- F) School/Principal request: None
- G) Early Graduation Request: None
- H) Committees/Appointments: None
- D) School fees:

Collins read a prepared statement voicing her concerns that AP courses are offered at Harpeth High and Sycamore High, but none are offered at Cheatham High. She stated the CHS students deserve the same opportunities to excel and earn college credits as the SHS and HHS students. Collins wishes the CHS students afforded the same treatment and respect equitable to other students in the system. She thanked Interim Director Williams in advance for her efforts in correcting this deficiency.

Williams stated the AP classes were a great opportunity for the students and parents. The student takes the AP test following the course, passes the test, and receives college credit. Williams specified the AP fee is for the test.

Williamson made a motion, seconded by Lavender to approve the schools fees as requested. Following a voice vote, Proffitt asked for a roll call vote. Voting yes were

Collins, Lavender, Williamson, and Proffitt. Horton voted no and Spiegl was absent. Chairperson Proffitt declared the motion passed.

Budget and finance: None

Old business: None

New business:

A) Collins made a motion, seconded by Lavender, and passed unanimously by those present to revise on first reading Board Policy 4.204, Summer School. The policy will be presented for second reading on September 1, 2009.

Delete the section: *For grades 9 – 12, items a – g.*

The fourth paragraph will then read as follows:

All summer school classes shall meet on school property. Summer school sessions shall rotate between Cheatham Middle School, Harpeth Middle School, and Sycamore Middle School each year and shall not be held for two (2) consecutive years in any one cluster. Any exception must be approved by the Board. The library, laboratories, and other facilities shall be made available to all students enrolled in the summer program.

B) Horton made a motion, seconded by Williamson, and passed unanimously by those present to approve for EMS to lease land (256 feet x 200 feet) for fifty (50) years at \$1.00 per year for the exclusive use of housing the County Ambulance Service, as per the contract.

Brief comments from Board Members:

Lavender said she had received e-mails since an Interim Director has been named and wished to share one statement that said, “change is not an event, it is a process”. She thanked everyone for working with Ms. Williams.

Horton stated Mayor Orange asked for a letter of agreement from the Board agreeing for the Tennessee Technology Center at Dickson to use the two classrooms in the Annex Building at no expense to the Board.

Interim Director Williams shared the information received from *My College Options* comparing our students with the State and National in major clusters. She noted the information has been shared with all administrators and will be used in planning for the future.

Announcements and recognitions:

Chairperson Proffitt congratulated and thanked the following on their retirements:

Carolina Borum, SMS faculty, following twenty-four years of service

Laura Mallernee, HHS faculty, following thirty-six years of service

Chairperson Proffitt recognized the following new administrative appointments:

Dr. Sherry Gibbs, Elementary Supervisor

Jenny Simpkins, Title 1/Media and Materials Supervisor
Detra Emery, Harpeth High School Principal
Daniel Newton, Cheatham County Central High School Principal

Chairperson Proffitt announced the following meetings:

August 13th – work session at 6:30 p.m.
August 18th – work session at 6:00 p.m.
August 15th – Board retreat at Ms. Lavender’s camp – five-year plan
August 27th – work session at 6:00 p.m.
September 1st, Tuesday – Board meeting at 7:00 p.m.
August 6th – CCCHS walk-through at 10:00 a.m.

Proffitt thanked the Board Members for the long hours spent in work sessions, turning every stone, thus allowing for smoother Board meetings.

Williams announced the Central office will extend their hours until 6:00 p.m. for the first two weeks of school, as a service to all parents.

Adjourn:

Chairperson Proffitt adjourned the meeting at 7:31 p.m.

Submitted by
Carol F. Cannon

Dianne B. Proffitt, Board Chairperson

Dianne C. Williams, Interim Director of Schools