

April 12, 2010

The Marshall County Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, April 12, 2010, at 6:30 p.m. in the Board Conference Room at Jones School.

Members present were Curt Denton, Kristen Gold, Harvey Jones, Barbara Kennedy, Mike Keny, Craig Michael, Delinda Owens, Randy Perryman, and Ann Tears. No members were absent.

After the Prayer/Pledge members of the Lewisburg Middle School Chorus, under the direction of Elise Dumser, performed the National Anthem.

The county's Valedictorians/Salutatorians/13-year Perfect Attendance students were honored.

The following additions were made to the agenda under New Business: Mr. Jones – concrete wall at Cornersville School's baseball field; Ms. Owens – asked for a moment to speak; Mr. Michael – funding of maintenance position. Mr. Perryman made a motion to approve the agenda with the additions. Mr. Jones seconded the motion, and the motion passed 9-0.

Ms. Owens made a motion, with a second by Mr. Denton, to approve the minutes of the March 11, 2010, regular session. The motion passed 8-1. Ms. Kennedy voted no.

There was no MCEA report.

Ms. Kennedy made a motion, based on the current board policy, to deny the fundraising request for the Relay for Life Team to put American Cancer Society Coin Canisters in classrooms at Westhills and Oak Grove. Ms. Gold seconded the motion. Mr. Perryman urged the board to revisit this policy. The motion passed 7-2 with Mr. Perryman and Mr. Keny voting no.

Ms. Kennedy made a motion, seconded by Ms. Gold, to table the discussion on job descriptions until the board has had adequate time to review. The motion passed 6-3 with Mr. Denton, Mr. Michael and Ms. Tears voting no. A work session will be scheduled to review job descriptions.

Ms. Kennedy made a motion, with a second by Mr. Perryman, to approve the English/Language Arts and Foreign Language Textbooks Adopted 2010 list (see attached). During discussions, Curriculum Supervisor Beverly Miller revealed the Latin II books indicated on the list for grades 9-12 were not needed; therefore, they will not be purchased. The motion passed 9-0.

Mr. Michael made a motion, seconded by Ms. Gold, for the Marshall County Board of Education to endorse the bill to support fiscal independence for local school boards. Following discussions, it was determined a letter would be sent to Representative Eddie Bass, copying the Marshall County Commission, in support of this bill. The motion passed 9-0.

Ms. Kennedy made a motion to accept the contract (between Director of Schools Roy Dukes and the Marshall County Board of Education) as written with a single provision: accept the contract with the understanding that in accepting this contract, as written, employ and pay Mr. Dukes in accordance with the contract, but abolish the position of assistant director or deputy director from the organizational chart of the Marshall County Board of Education effective immediately; Ms. Gold seconded the motion. The majority of the board agreed the organizational chart should not be reflected in the contract. Ms. Kennedy withdrew her motion. Mr. Denton made a motion to accept the contract as written; Mr. Michael seconded the motion. The roll call vote was as follows:

Mr. Perryman	Yes	Ms. Owens	Yes
Mr. Michael	Yes	Ms. Kennedy	Yes
Ms. Gold	Yes	Mr. Jones	Yes
Mr. Denton	Yes	Mr. Keny	Yes
Ms. Tears	Yes		

The motion passed 9-0.

In New Business, Mr. Keny directed attention to consent agenda items placed at each board member's seat: Cornersville School and Marshall County High School FCCLA members to attend National FCCLA Meeting in Chicago July 3-8, 2010; Spot Lowe Technology Center Health Occupations Student Association members and advisers to attend National HOSA Meeting in Orlando June 23-26, 2010. Ms. Owens made a motion, seconded by Mr. Denton, to approve the requests. The motion passed 9-0.

Concerning the concrete wall at Cornersville School's baseball field, Mr. Jones requested the job be rebid providing the correct specifications. Discussions revealed the lowest bidder (David Robinson Concrete) had agreed to construct the wall per the correct specs at the price he bid. When mention was made that rebar is currently protruding from the retaining wall, Mr. Dukes was instructed to inform the school system's maintenance department to cut the rebar. The board decided to continue with the lowest bidder instead of rebidding the project; CVHS principal Bob Edens was instructed to inform David Robinson Concrete to start the project immediately.

Ms. Owens asked that her fees for her services on the board be waived and to allocate the money back into the school system. Ms. Owens then asked what the protocol is if a child brings a gun to school, and how do the different law enforcement agencies identify the halls and rooms in such an event. Linda Williams-Lee, Director of Federal Projects, stated a Safe and Drug Free Task Force (which includes law enforcement agencies, among many others) meets twice a year

to discuss safety procedures. Ms. Williams-Lee also told the board each school has a book containing this vital information.

Mr. Michael deferred his New Business item to the Maintenance Committee Report.

In the Policy Committee Report, Ms. Tears stated the policy committee met on March 30 and discussed policies #2.806 Bids and Quotations, #6.701 Student Solicitations/Fund-Raising, #2.900 Student Activity Fund, #6.300 Code of Behavior and Discipline, and #6.313 Discipline Procedures. The committee's finding: the committee would like to get more people to submit bids, work on an approved vendors' list, make sure bids meet codes (an Administrative Procedure will be put in place); leave the fundraising policy as is and enforce the policy; an Administrative Procedure will be put in place regarding discipline procedures. The next policy committee meeting will be held Monday, April 26 at 6:00 p.m.

Ms. Gold stated the budget committee held a joint session with the County Commission's education committee on March 25 at which Beverly Miller and Lyn Stacey made a presentation on the Tennessee Diploma Project. The next budget committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 19 at 6:00 p.m. She also announced that Commissioner Spivey has set a meeting with Senator Bill Ketron and representatives from Marshall County to discuss, primarily, the Tennessee Diploma Project and other unfunded mandates school systems are facing. Mr. Keny urged the audience not to believe the many rumors (concerning cuts) circulating, and invited everyone to attend meetings.

In the Maintenance Committee report, Mr. Perryman said the committee met on April 5 and discussed having Roger Murphree, plant manager of CKNA, work with our maintenance and transportation departments to help with efficiency and cost savings; Mr. Dukes will meet with Mr. Murphree on Wednesday, April 14 at 1:00 p.m. During the committee meeting, members discussed the request to hire three temporary maintenance workers for summer work and possibly hiring a full-time maintenance HVAC employee for county maintenance. Mr. Denton made a motion to postpone hiring the county maintenance employee until after Mr. Dukes's meeting with Mr. Murphree, get a time study, then revisit the issue. Mr. Michael seconded the motion, and the motion passed 8-1. Ms. Kennedy voted no.

Mr. Denton made a motion to accept the lowest bid on lighting at CVHS athletic field made by Reynold's Electrical (see attached). Ms. Owens seconded the motion, and the motion passed 9-0.

In the Director's report, Mr. Dukes pointed out the following information at each member's seat: Legislative Update, race/gender breakdown of kindergarten students from April 8th

registration. He announced: the Titans Caravan TCAP Kick-off was a success (a thank you card will be sent); received a preliminary BEP which shows the system will receive \$600,000 more than last year.

Ms. Kennedy made a motion to amend policy #6.204 Attendance of Non-Resident Students by removing the highlighted area (see attached). Ms. Tears seconded the motion, and the motion passed 9-0.

Mr. Perryman made a motion, seconded by Mr. Jones, to approve The Dictionary Project in which Chapel Hill Lions Club will purchase and provide dictionaries for all third grade students at Chapel Hill Elementary School. The motion passed 9-0. A thank you card will be sent to the Chapel Hill Lions Club.

Mr. Keny reminded everyone of the Budget Committee meeting set for Monday, April 19 at 6:00 p.m. He told the board of a letter he received from Secretary of State Tre Hargett. He also reminded the board the May 10th meeting will be at Chapel Hill Elementary School.

Mr. Michael announced the next meeting of the negotiating team and MCEA is set for Thursday, April 29; therefore, he scheduled a meeting of the board's negotiating team with the full board on Tuesday, April 27 at 6:30 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mike Keny, Chairman

Roy Dukes, Director