

The Marshall County Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, June 13, 2011, 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, Donnie Moses, Randy Perryman, Sam Smith, and Ann Tears. No members were absent.

Prayer/Pledge

The following additions were made to the agenda: Ms. Gold – CSH information provided in the back pocket; Mr. Smith – mowing contract/performance. Ms. Kennedy made a motion to approve the agenda with the additions. Mr. Moses seconded the motion, and the motion passed 8-0 (Mr. Denton was not present for the vote).

The following teachers were recommended for tenure: Debra Crable, Joe Moos, Amy Cawthon, Dee Curry, Oakey Gaskill, Alex Tyshkevych, Bill Smith, Anthony Burgess, Eliot Cook, Elizabeth Pease, Jeremy Jean, Bart Joyce, Wanda Logue, Josh Roberson, Megan Wells, Jill Parks, Mary Margaret Walker, Cynthia Chambers, Famelle Crump, Meredith Smith, Rachel Touchton, Debra Anderson, Nicole Lowe, Mignonne Sawyer, Ashley Sweeney, and Carrie Thrasher. Ms. Kennedy made a motion to grant tenure to these teachers. Mr. Jones seconded the motion, and the motion passed 8-0.

Ms. Tears made a motion, with a second by Mr. Perryman, to approve the minutes of the May 9, 2011, regular session. The motion passed 7-0-1, with Ms. Kennedy abstaining.

There was no MCEA report.

Mr. Perryman made a motion, with a second by Mr. Jones, to accept the \$450 grant from Sam's Club, which will be used to target math performance at Westhills. The motion passed 8-0.

Mr. Moses made a motion to approve the consent agenda (see attached). Ms. Tears seconded the motion and the motion passed 8-0.

Mr. Jones made a motion, with a second by Mr. Perryman, to approve the fund raisers (see attached). Mr. Denton arrived at this point. During discussion, the board asked that next year the principals do not include events which don't raise funds, that they include a complete date (with year) the event is to begin (to eliminate approving fund raisers after the actual event has taken place), and make sure the form is complete (include current funds in account, estimated profit, and last year's profit). The motion passed 8-0-1, with Mr. Denton abstaining.

Mr. Jones left the meeting at this point.

Mr. Denton made a motion to approve the Minimum/Maximum Credits (see attached). Ms. Kennedy seconded the motion, and the motion passed 8-0.

Ms. Gold made a motion to approve the paint bid (see attached). Mr. Moses seconded the motion, and the motion passed 8-0.

Ms. Kennedy made a motion, with a second by Mr. Moses, to approve payment to Siemens (see attached). The motion passed 8-0.

Ms. Tears made a motion, with a second by Mr. Perryman, to approve change on policy #4.301 Interscholastic Athletics (see attached). The motion passed 8-0. Ms. Tears made a motion, with a second by Ms. Gold, to approve change on policy #4.603 Promotion and Retention (see attached). The motion passed 8-0. Mr. Denton made a motion, with a second by Ms. Gold, to approve change on policy #4.700 Testing Programs (see attached). The motion passed 8-0. These policies will be on the July agenda for second reading.

On second reading of policy #4.600 Grading System (see attached), Ms. Tears made a motion to approve the change. Ms. Kennedy seconded the motion, and the motion passed 8-0.

Ms. Kennedy made a motion, with a second by Mr. Perryman, to approve IDEA-B Comprehensive Application 12.01 (see attached). The motion passed 8-0.

Mr. Smith made a motion, with a second by Ms. Tears, to approve the preliminary Federal Budget (see attached). During discussions, board members requested the following be available at the upcoming Budget Committee meeting: total amount spent last year on professional development; both Federal and GP travel and professional development spent during this budget year; and what was paid for in-service on employees other than teachers. Mr. Keny asked that once Ms. Williams-Lee completes her final budget that it be brought back to the board. The motion passed 8-0.

Ms. Kennedy made a motion, with a second by Mr. Moses, to approve the Food Service Budget (see attached). The motion passed 8-0. Ms. Kennedy made a motion, with a second by Ms. Tears, to approve the Food Service Line Item Transfers (see attached). The motion passed 8-0.

Ms. Kennedy made a motion to approve the Preschool 12.01 Budget (see attached). Mr. Perryman seconded the motion, and the motion passed 8-0.

In the Policy Committee report, Ms. Tears stated the committee discussed policy #6.316 Suspension/Expulsion/Remand: Principals believed ICU would help the in this area; no action was taken by the committee. Policy 6.411 Student Wellness: CSH Coordinator Michelle Ashley provided information which will be included in next year's handbooks and website regarding healthy eating and screening; no action was taken by the committee. The next policy committee meeting will be Tuesday, June 21 at 6:00 p.m.

In the Budget Committee report, Mr. Moses stated there's the potential for over \$600,000 positive budget variance for this school year; possible local option sales tax increase over the current year's numbers. Following the upcoming meeting, Mr. Moses feels the board may be one meeting away from the first budget draft to present to the County Commission. A budget committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 16 at 6:30 p.m. Mr. Moses asked Mr. Dukes if he would provide at the Thursday night meeting any information he may have on a standardized pay scale.

Under Old Business, Ms. Kennedy made a motion that, effective immediately, this board stop reporting/giving an official record of work sessions. Mr. Smith seconded the motion, and the motion passed 8-0.

Under New Business, Ms. Tears addressed the CSH information Ms. Gold referred to at the beginning of the meeting. The sheet headed "Coordinated School Health Program" may be used as a mission statement for CSH, but will not be distributed to the students. The "Required Health Screenings" sheet will be put in the handbooks, and, in an effort to save paper, the parents will fill out a form one time whether or not to allow their child to take part in the screenings; if a parent changes his/her mind on the screenings, they would be required to complete a new form. Ms. Tears stated that Ms. Ashley would like to include the "Preferred Healthy Snacks and Foods Guidelines" on the website and in handbooks to cut down on unhealthy snacks while at school. After discussion, it was determined the "Oops" note will not be used or distributed. Ms. Tears urged board members to contact Ms. Ashley with any concerns or questions.

Mr. Smith expressed concerns about the job performance of the lawn care company mowing/trimming the schools' yards. After discussion, the board instructed Mr. Dukes to send a certified letter to the lawn care company stating that if the job performance does not improve to the satisfaction of the board by the July board meeting, the contract will be terminated.

Mr. Denton wanted it on record that due to a time change in his employment with the postal service, he will more than likely be late to every Monday night meeting.

During the Director's Report, Mr. Dukes announced: County Mayor Liggett told of the possibility of hiring five students to work for the school system during the summer in addition to the students already employed; the school system would only have to match the amount of money South Central Tennessee Workforce Alliance provides, which is \$4,000. Ms. Kennedy made a motion, with a second by Mr. Moses, to approve the monetary match. The motion passed 9-0 (Mr. Jones had returned to the meeting).

Continuing Director's Report: work has been done on the sewer line at LMS; Mr. Dukes, Dr. Miller and several supervisors, administrators and teachers are currently attending a State Evaluation Training program; urged the board members to read the new tenure law; told of the Professional Educators Collaborative Conferencing Act (better known as teacher negotiations) -- a training session will be held soon on this act. Mr. Dukes and attorney Sam Jackson attended mediation on June 7, and approval of the settlement is required by the board; after discussions, the board asked for a 6:30 p.m. conference call with Mr. Jackson prior to the June 16 budget committee meeting to give board members a chance to ask questions of the attorney. Mediation settlement approval will be placed on the July agenda. Mr. Dukes displayed the yearbook presented by OGES, as well as a card of appreciation from Kristen Gold.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mike Keny, Chairman

Roy Dukes, Director