

October 9, 2008

The Marshall County Board of Education met in regular session on Thursday, October 9, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. in the Board Conference Room at Jones School.

Members present were Curt Denton, Craig Michael, Delinda Owen, Randy Perryman, Ann Tears, and Todd Tietgens. Members absent were Kristen Gold and Mike Wilkerson. Tim Harrison had resigned since the September meeting.

Prayer/Pledge

The following retirees were honored: Educators-Mike Bishop, Roy Bowden, Deborah Burton, Jenny Conder, Kathleen Harris, Marsha Lancaster, and Pamela Thomas. Support-Phil Blackwell, Connie Calahan, Mary Ann Hickman, Jacky Sharp, Roger Street and Carol Wakefield.

Mr. Michael made a motion to approve the minutes of the September 11 and September 29, 2008 meetings. Mr. Denton seconded the motion and the motion passed 6-0.

Special course approvals were presented for approval. Mr. Michael made a motion, seconded by Mr. Perryman, to approve the special courses. The motion passed 6-0.

Mr. Tietgens made a motion to approve the Report of School System Compliance as required by the Tennessee Department of Education. Ms. Owens seconded the motion and the motion passed 6-0.

Mr. Michael made a motion to approve a carryover budget for the Federal Preschool budget (see attached). Mr. Perryman seconded the motion and the motion passed 6-0.

The following were presented in the consent agenda: Forrest High Softball Team to travel to Panama City, Fl during spring break, Forrest Junior Beta Club and Cornersville Middle School Beta Club to attend convention in Nashville 11/24-25, Chapel Hill Elementary and Forrest requested that their students participate in

the “Quarters for Veterans” program. Mr. Perryman made a motion to approve the consent agenda with the second by Mr. Denton. The motion passed 6-0.

In the Transportation Committee report, Mr. Denton reported that the committee met on September 22. They discussed ways to save fuel costs. The Committee will meet on October 14, 2008 at 5:30 pm. Because Glen Ezell, Transportation Supervisor, was unable to attend the last meeting, he is being asked to attend this meeting.

Under new business, Ms. Tears distributed copies of information she had received from the Tennessee School Boards Association regarding GASB 45 implementation.

Mr. Tietgens reported that the school system was sponsoring a booth at the Goats, Music, and More Festival and that the members of the Board had been invited to visit.

Ms. Tears announced that a Policy Committee meeting would be held on November 3, 2008 at 6:30 p.m.

Mr. Michael reported that he would calling a Building/Maintenance Committee meeting soon and asked Dr. Curtis to provide him with information on the HVAC units owned by the system.

Mr. Michael reported that the Board has received information from Mike Jennings regarding the lawsuit with the Marshall County Education Association. He asked that the Negotiating Team meet during the week of October 20 to be prepared to begin negotiating the following week.

Mr. Denton asked when Chuck Cagle, School Board Attorney, would be coming to speak to the Board. Janet Wiles will get possible dates from Mr. Cagle.

In the Director’s report, Dr. Curtis distributed information from Tennessee School Boards Association regarding a taxing authority resolution being submitted to the General Assembly.

Dr. Curtis reported that the Principals' Performance Contracts were completed and that were due to be signed and returned to him by October 15. Because we are currently in negotiations, certified contracts cannot be completed at this time, but support personnel contracts are currently being compiled. Administrative procedures are being developed and maintained.

Dr. Curtis told the Board that he will be taking some vacation beginning November 21.

He reported that all of the principals attended the LEAD conference, where much was learned and many personal contacts were made.

Mr. Michael asked when test scores from the spring of 2008 will be released. Dr. Curtis replied that they will be released to school systems on an embargoed basis at the beginning of November and released to the general public in mid November.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Ann Tears, Chairman

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Stan Curtis, Director