

**CUMBERLAND COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
THURSDAY, APRIL 23, 2009**

The Cumberland County Board of Education met in regular session on Thursday, April 23, 2009 at the Central Office Board Room, where the meeting was called to order by Chairman Parris at the approximate hour of 6:00 p.m. She welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Present: Parris, Schlafer, Randolph
Smith, Blalock, Scarbrough
Hyder, Janeway, Houston
Serleth (CCEA Rep)
Tyler Janow (CCHS Rep)
Kathy Sherrill (SMHS Rep)

Absent: Camera (PTO/PTA Rep)

Counsel: Mr. Earl Patton

3. Moment of Silence

4. Pledge to Flag: Students of Homestead Elementary led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

5. Special Recognition: Homestead Elementary Leaps Grant Presentation: Principal Robin Perry gave a very informative and comprehensive program on the Homestead Elementary programs that are going on.

6. Roll Call (See above)

7. Approval of Minutes of March 26, 2009 and April 2, 2009:

A. March 26, 2009: Schlafer made and Smith seconded a motion to approve the 3/26/09 minutes with the following corrections: Page 1, change name of Victoria "Porte" to "Ports"; Page 2, change Terry "Bolin" to Terry "Bowen"; Page 3, Item #5, DOS Report, A, change mover to Scarbrough instead of Schlafer.

VOICE VOTE: Schlafer (mover-yes)
Smith (seconder-yes)
All ayes

MOTION: Carried unanimously

B. April 2, 2009: Randolph made and Houston seconded a motion to approve the 4/2/09 minutes as presented.

VOICE VOTE: Randolph (mover-yes)
Houston (seconder-yes)
All ayes

MOTION: Carried unanimously

8. Approval of Agenda: (See Exhibit #1) Smith made and Janeway seconded a motion to approve the agenda as per Exhibit #1.

VOICE VOTE: Smith (mover-yes)
Janeway (seconder-yes)
All ayes

MOTION: Carried unanimously

9. Community Comments: Mr. Jerry Harris spoke to the Board about the public use of school facilities. He presented a letter to the board with over one hundred names of people who are in favor of public use of these facilities.

10. Discussion of Public Use of School Facilities (Policy #3.206): (See Exhibit #2) Scarbrough stated that he has had several of his constituents to call regarding this issue. He stated that they would like to have the policy changed so that the public can use the facilities at both high schools. He is in favor of this, but principals of both high schools are emphatically against it. A lengthy discussion was had regarding vandalism, security, and illicit behaviors that go on at night in the school parking lots. After discussion, Smith made and Schlafer seconded a motion to send the policy back to the Policy Committee for further review. (The next policy committee meeting will be held on the second Monday of the month.)

VOICE VOTE: **Smith (mover-yes)**
 Schlafer (seconder-yes)
 All ayes
MOTION: **Carried unanimously**

(Houston left meeting at 7:10)

11. School Board Reports

A. TLN Report

1. Dimple Globe Award: Schlafer stated that he is very proud that Ms. VanWinkle has been chosen to receive this award as the "Straight Shooter"; there will be a banquet at Fairfield Glade where she will receive the award.

2. San Diego Meeting: Schlafer attended a meeting in San Diego from April 3rd through the 7th and spoke with the new Secretary of Education, Art Duncan.

3. TLN Notes: (See Exhibit #3) Schlafer gave a brief overview of the TLN notes as per Exhibit #3.

12. Legal Report

A. Memorandum of Understanding: Mr. Patton stated that County Mayor Brock Hill has consulted with an attorney that deals with specific FCC law, and that attorney has agreed that Mr. Patton's language in the Memo was exactly right; however, they have requested an extension of the agreement for more than one year and have also requested that a provision be added that would indicate that any equipment that is owned by Cumberland County shall remain their property. After a discussion, Schlafer made and Randolph seconded a motion to approve an extension of the contract with the County to five years, giving Mr. Patton free reign to draft a proposal that is in the best interest of the Board and to include an opt-out clause for both sides. Further discussion was had.

VOICE VOTE: **Schlafer (mover-yes)**
 Randolph (seconder-yes)
 All ayes
MOTION: **Carried unanimously**

B. Sewer Line at Brown Elementary: Mr. Patton stated he is not sure that the Board can relinquish ownership of this sewer line to the Tansi Waste Management Company since the City says they still own it. Ms. VanWinkle stated that she has talked with the City Manager and he has asked that the City be a part of any discussions the Board may have with the Tansi people to discuss where ownership lies.

13. Director of Schools Report

A. Calendar for the 2008-2009 School Year: (See Exhibit #4) Ms. VanWinkle explained that when the calendar was developed, three of the thirteen “banked snow days” were designated to be used as Staff Development days, with the understanding that if more than ten snow days were needed, these Staff Development days could be changed back to regular school days. After further discussion, Randolph made and Smith seconded a motion to change May 22nd, 2009 to a regular school day instead of a Staff Development day, since there were 11 snow days used this winter instead of 10 snow days.

VOICE VOTE: **Randolph (mover-yes)**
 Smith (seconder-yes)
 All ayes
MOTION: **Carried unanimously**

B. Central Office/Schools/School Nutrition/Transportation

Paraprofessional Personnel List for 2009-2010: (See Exhibit #5) Ms. VanWinkle made it clear that even though all these people are very important to the school system, the funding must be received from local, state and federal sources to maintain these positions; therefore, the positions are approved pending funding.

C. Budget Preparation: (See Exhibit #6) Ms. VanWinkle stated that another work session is needed in order to get the budget finalized and ready to send to the County Commission. A work session was set for May 7th at 4:30, and the regular board meeting was changed from May 28th to May 21st at 6:00 p.m.

(BREAK:

After the break, Ms. VanWinkle went over budget items that weren’t addressed during the work session earlier tonight, as per Exhibit #6. (She went over the items that the County has sent her that are included in Exhibit #6.) She also stated that the County Commission has requested that the budget be presented to them by June 5th, which will be no problem. The County Budget Committee has requested that the Board meet with them on June 9th, 11th, 18th and 23rd at 4:30 p.m. for discussing the budget.

(Houston returned to meeting at 8:00 p.m.)

D. FYI: (See Exhibit #7) Ms. VanWinkle asked board members to go over the FYI material.

E. Line Item Amendments: Ms. Randol stated that it will be necessary to make line item amendments later in the year for clean-up purposes and asked that the Executive Committee be given the authority to approve these amendments. Randolph made and Hyder seconded a motion to allow the Executive Committee to approve the line item amendments, within a series only, with notice to be given to the media and everyone that might be concerned, that these amendments have been approved by the Executive Committee and that it will be an item on the next board meeting agenda.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Randolph (mover-yes)
 Hyder (seconder-yes)
 Janeway (yes), Houston (yes)
 Smith (yes), Blalock (no)
 Schlafer (yes), Scarbrough (yes)
 Chairman Parris
MOTION: **Carried (8-yes, 1-no)**

14. School Board Committees**A. Committee Reports**

1. Regional Planning Board: Scarbrough stated that there will be a meeting of this committee on May 4th, 2009 at 4:00 p.m.

15. Business Manager Report

A. Approval of Budget Amendment: (See Exhibit #8) Schlafer made and Randolph seconded a motion to approve the budget amendment as per Exhibit #8.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Schlafer (mover-yes)

Randolph (seconder-yes)

Smith (yes), Blalock (yes)

Scarbrough (yes), Hyder (yes)

Janeway (yes), Houston (yes)

Chairman Parris (yes)

Serleth (yes), Janow (yes), Sherrill (yes)

MOTION:

Carried unanimously

B. Monthly Financial Report: (See Exhibit #9) Ms. Randol stated that the total County Local Revenues are at \$11,551,700. Revenues to date are at 80%. Expenditures are at 56.87%. There will be no BEP in June or July. Also, capital projects are coming up in the summer and this money will be gone. The stimulus money will help with the fund balance, according to Ms. VanWinkle.

16. Cumberland County School Nutrition Program:

A. Approval of Equipment Grant: (See Exhibit #10)

B. Approval of Walk-in Cooler & Freezer Specifications: (See Exhibit #11)

Randolph made and Scarbrough seconded a motion to approve Item #16, A and B, as per Exhibits #10 and #11.

VOICE VOTE: Randolph (mover-yes)

Scarbrough (seconder-yes)

All ayes

MOTION:

Carried unanimously

(Janow and Sherrill left meeting at 8:35 p.m.)

17. Approval of Special Education Requests: (See Exhibit #12)

A. Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant (COTA) Contract

B. Occupational Therapy Contract (OT)

C. Physical Therapy Contract (PT)

D. Approval of SpEd Bus Specifications and Bid

Smith made and Randolph seconded a motion to approve Item #17, A through D, as per Exhibit #12.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Smith (mover-yes)

Randolph (seconder-yes)

Hyder (yes), Scarbrough (yes)

Janeway (yes), Houston (yes)

Blalock (yes), Schlafer (yes)

Chairman Parris (yes)

Serleth (yes)

MOTION: Carried unanimously

18. Consent Agenda

A. Approval of Volunteers: (See Exhibit #13)

1. North Cumberland Elementary

2. Pleasant Hill Elementary

3. South Cumberland Elementary

4. SMHS

B. Approval of School Trips: (See Exhibit #14)

1. CCHS/SMHS JROTC

2. SMHS Vocal Music Class

C. Approval of Contracts: (See Exhibit #15)

1. CCHS with Jostens

2. CCHS with Lifetouch

3. Crab Orchard with Lifetouch

4. North Cumberland with Taylor Publishing

D. Approval of Disposal of CTE Surplus Equipment: (See Exhibit #16)

E. Approval of 2nd Reading on Policies: (See Exhibit #17)

1. (4.602) Class Ranking

2. (5.114) Personnel Records

3. (5.200) Suspension/Dismissal of Non-tenured Teachers

4. (5.306) Military Leave

F. Approval of 1st Reading on Policies: (See Exhibit #18)

1. (5.801) Director of Schools Recruitment and Selection

Randolph made and Janeway seconded a motion to approve Item #18, Consent Agenda, A through E, as per Exhibits #13 through #18.

VOICE VOTE: Randolph (mover-yes)

Janeway (seconder-yes)

All ayes

MOTION: Carried unanimously

19. Other Old Business

A. T & I House: In answer to Scarbrough's question, Ms. VanWinkle stated that the bidding on the T & I house will be on April 30th. Randolph stated that the minimum acceptance bid on the house is \$184,500.

20. Questions from Media: (None)

(Two (2) tapes dated 4/23/09 are marked as Exhibit #19)

- 21. Adjournment:** Janeway made and Houston seconded a motion to adjourn.
VOICE VOTE: All ayes
MOTION: Carried unanimously

**(WHEREUPON, the meeting was adjourned
at the approximate hour of 8:45 p. m.)**

**Ms. Aarona VanWinkle
Director of Schools**

**Ms. Shirley Parris
Chairman of the Board**

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(Minutes of 4/23/09 continued from Page 6)

I, Virgie Lotze, do hereby certify that I reported the foregoing minutes and that I delivered said minutes to the office of the Director of Schools on April 30, 2009.

**Virgie Lotze
Court Reporter and Notary Public
at Large for the State of Tennessee**

(My Commission expires 6/6/11)

