

CUMBERLAND COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting
Thursday, February 26, 2009

The Cumberland County Board of Education met in regular session on Thursday, February 26, 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, Janeway, Scarbrough
Houston, Smith, Blalock
Schlafer, Randolph (tardy, in at 6:58)
Hyder (tardy, in at 6:10)
Camera, PTO/PTA Rep
Timson, CCEA Rep
Tyler Janow, CCHS Student Rep
Winnie Pickens, SMHS Student Rep

Absent: None

Counsel: Mr. Earl Patton

Moment of Silence: Schlafer asked everyone to remember Mr. Bruce Simmons in the passing of his mother. Arrangements are unknown at this time.

Pledge to Flag: Scarbrough led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes of January 22, 2009: Janeway made and Houston seconded a motion to approve the 1/22/09 minutes as presented.

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

MOTION: **Carried unanimously**

Approval of Agenda: (See Exhibit #1) Schlafer made and Scarbrough seconded a motion to approve the agenda as per Exhibit #1 with the following change: Remove Item #4-A (2009-2010 Calendar), due to the passing of Mr. Simmons' mother and with two board members being absent and placing the item on a special meeting agenda or the regular March meeting agenda. (Both board members were tardy but did attend the meeting.)

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

MOTION: **Carried unanimously**

Community Comments: Pat Hamel, representing all of the school system custodians, gave a very good presentation of why the custodians think the Board should not contract out custodial services. Doing so would affect about 50 families.

Item 1 - Facilities Update – Kim Chamberlin (See Exhibit #2)

A. Addition to Pleasant Hill Elementary School: Mr. Chamberlin did a slide presentation on this addition.

1. Option A: Will be a two-story building located at the end of the existing building with the athletic field remaining in the same location as now. This option will also add 20 parking spaces, which will result in a re-location of the greenhouse.

2. Option B: Mr. Chamberlin stated that Option B is basically the same footprint as Option A but without any parking and the greenhouse remaining in its present location.

3. Lower Level: On the lower level, there will be two classrooms at the rear, a storage area of about 800 square feet, along with space for electricity, air conditioning, etc. The teachers have asked for a small concession stand, which could be placed in the walkway on the back toward the athletic field. Also, a multipurpose room of about 3500 square feet, with access going into the existing building, is included, along with restroom facilities.

4. Upper Level: The upper level will include six classrooms, a teacher workroom, janitorial, staff toilets, electrical space, and student toilets. Both the lower and upper levels will be connected to the existing building with vestibules.

5. Numbers: According to Mr. Chamberlin, renovation of the old building would be about \$1,078,000; for the new construction, \$1,599,000. These numbers do not include the parking area, with the cost for that being about \$81,000 for twenty (20) additional spaces. The new building with the additional parking would cost about \$1,680,000. Mr. Chamberlin stated that he will keep the board apprised of any cost changes.

After a lengthy discussion, Blalock made and Smith seconded a motion to have Ms. VanWinkle present Option A, with the additional parking area, and moving the greenhouse to another location, to the County Commission.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Blalock (mover-yes)

Smith (seconder-yes)

Scarborough (yes), Houston (yes)

Janeway (yes), Schlafer (yes)

Hyder (yes), Chairman Parris (yes)

MOTION:

Carried unanimously

Ms. VanWinkle will take the long-term building plans to the County Commission. Those plans include the Pleasant Hill Option A as adopted tonight, along with the Cumberland County High School additions and gymnasium air conditioning, and the Bakers Crossroads Elementary School.

Item 2 - School Board Reports

A. TLN Report

1. NSBA Leadership Conference: (See Exhibit #3) Schlafer stated that his attendance at this conference in Washington, D.C. was wonderful. He highlighted the meetings as per Exhibit #3.

2. U.S. Economic Recovery Act: (See Exhibit #4) Schlafer stated that this exhibit is an outline of the stimulus package that Tennessee will be receiving. He expects to hear more definite details by the first week in March. He made it clear that the educational funds that will be received will be solely for Title 1 and Special Education. All federal guidelines will have to be followed just as they have in the past.

3. TSBA Legislative Scoop: (See Exhibit #5) Schlafer thanked Chairman Parris and Janeway for attending the Day on the Hill on February 24th. About 500 school board members from across the state attended. He stated that he sees a strong move forming toward the election of directors of schools, which he opposes. He discussed several laws that are on the docket for this session of the legislature.

Item 3 - Legal Report

A. Tansi Waste Management, Inc.: (See Exhibit #6) Mr. Patton stated that he has met with Mr. Cohen with the Tansi POA, who is also part of the Tansi Waste Management, Inc. He has expressed an interest on behalf of the POA in providing sewer service to the Lake Tansi area. This is being discussed with the South Cumberland Utility District, also. The City is now providing sewer service to South and Brown Elementary Schools, and the board actually owns the sewer line from a certain point off Lantana Road up to South Elementary and another section that goes to Brown Elementary. After further discussion, Scarbrough made and Blalock seconded a motion to have Mr. Patton write a letter to the City of Crossville and ask for a meeting with them to discuss their taking over the sewer lines that are owned by the board.

VOICE VOTE: **Scarbrough (yes)**
 Blalock (seconder-yes)
 All ayes
MOTION: **Carried unanimously**

B. Sample Resolution Affirming Support for Appointed DOS: (See Exhibit #7) Schlafer made and Janeway seconded a motion to approve the resolution as per Exhibit #7.

VOICE VOTE: **Schlafer (mover-yes)**
 Janeway (seconder-yes)
 6-eyes, Blalock (no), Scarbrough (no)
MOTION: **Carried (6-yes, 2-no)**

After the vote, in giving reasons for their vote against this resolution, Scarbrough stated that his constituents that he has heard from are for the election of school superintendents; Blalock stated that he has always supported the election of school superintendents.

Item 4 - Director of Schools Report

A. 2009-2010 School Calendar: (Removed from Agenda)

B. TSBA E-Meeting: (See Exhibit #8) Ms. VanWinkle stated that some research has been done on the eMeeting program was the Board reviewed last month. She feels that this would benefit the school system and the community. The price is good, and there is money in the 399 line (Contracted Services) to pay for this. TSBA is not charging for some of their services so the money is available to try the eMeeting program. Janeway made and Schlafer seconded a motion to approve the eMeeting program. In discussion, Chairman Parris announced that there will be a good deal of training for the program. Student reps Janow and Pickens, and PTO Rep Camera and CCEA Rep Timson think this is a wonderful idea. Ms. VanWinkle stated that a training session will be held on Tuesday, March 10th at 6:00 p.m. She thinks the April meeting will be an eMeeting. Also, on March 16th, there will be an all day training session.

ROLL CALL VOTE: **Janeway (mover-yes)**
 Schlafer (seconder-yes)
 Houston (yes), Hyder (yes)
 Scarbrough (yes), Blalock (yes)
 Smith (yes), Chairman Parris (yes)

MOTION: **Carried unanimously**

C. Approval of Job Description for School Level Instructional Facilitator: (See Exhibit #9) Schlafer made and Smith seconded a motion to approve the job description as per Exhibit #9. Ms. VanWinkle made it plain that this is not creating this position; it is merely approving the job description for the position if it were to become available through the stimulus package.

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

MOTION: **Carried unanimously**

(Randolph enters meeting)

D. Approval of Request for Proposal of Custodial Services: (See Exhibit #10) Ms. VanWinkle stated that she was tasked to research the following issues regarding custodial services being contracted out: That all job descriptions would remain the same; that all custodians that are already working would have a job; that the pay scale remain the same as what has been approved; and the entire benefit packet be the same as it is now. She reported that we will spend \$1,577,700 this year for custodial services. 8.87% of their retirement benefit is being paid by the school system, with the employee

paying 5.5%. After a lengthy discussion, Smith made and Houston seconded a motion to not bid out the custodial services.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Smith (mover-yes)
Houston (seconder-yes)
Janeway (yes), Hyder (yes)
Scarborough (yes), Blalock (yes)
Randolph (yes), Schlafer (yes)
Chairman Parris (yes)
MOTION: Carried unanimously

E. FYI: (See Exhibit #11)

1. American School Board Journal Article: (See #5 of Exhibit #11) This is a wonderful article written by Schlafer and published in the American School Board Journal, a very prestigious accomplishment.

Item 5 - School Board Committees

A. Committee Reports: (None)

Item 6 - Business Manager Report

A. Monthly Financial Report: (See Exhibit #12) Ms. Randol reported that Revenues are about what is expected for this time of year. Expenditures are the same; everything is in the 50 percentile, other than in Regular Capital Outlay. She explained the reason for this as being because the County wants to expend everything out of the Hewlett project before they reimburse for the Phoenix School. She explained the attachment to Exhibit #12 and stated that it is not included on this attachment, but the County has written the check for \$15,000 for the JROTC Program.

B. Approval of Line Item Budget Amendment: (See Exhibit #13) Ms. Randol explained that this is the price of an audit by Tennessee Risk Management Trust and is in line with our contract with them. It is an adjustment that is made every year based on our payroll. Smith made and Scarborough seconded a motion to approve the line item amendment as per Exhibit #13.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Smith (mover-yes)
Scarborough (seconder-yes)
Houston (yes), Janeway (yes)
Hyder (yes), Randolph (yes)
Blalock (yes), Schlafer (yes)
Chairman Parris (yes)
Janow (yes), Pickens (yes)
Camera (yes), Timson (yes)
MOTION: Carried unanimously

(Ms. VanWinkle passed the above amendment around for all board members to sign so she can present it to the County Budget Committee.)

Item 7 - Approval of CCSNP Line Item Budget Amendment: (See Exhibit #14)
Schlafer made and Randolph seconded a motion to approve the line item budget amendment as per Exhibit #14.

ROLL CALL VOTE: Schlafer (mover-yes)

Randolph (seconder-yes)
Smith (yes), Blalock (yes)
Scarborough (yes), Hyder (yes)
Janeway (yes), Houston (yes)
Chairman Parris (yes)
Pickens (yes), Janow (yes),
Camera (yes), Timson (yes)

MOTION: Carried unanimously

Item 8 - Consent Agenda

- A. Approval of Volunteers:** (See Exhibit #15)
 - 1. Brown Elementary**
 - 2. North Cumberland Elementary**
 - 3. Pine View Elementary**
 - 4. Pleasant Hill Elementary**
- B. Approval of CCHS Cheerleaders School Trip:** (See Exhibit #16)
- C. Approval of Homestead Art Department Fundraiser:** (See Exhibit #17)
- D. Approval of Stone Elementary Contract with Lifetouch Yearbook:** (See Exhibit #18)
- E. Approval of Locations for School Sponsored Field Trips:** (See Exhibit #19)
- F. Approval of 2nd Reading on Policies:** (See Exhibit #20)
 - 1. (4.202) Special Education**
 - 2. (4.406) Use of the Internet**
 - 3. (4.602) Class Ranking**
- G. Approval of 1st Reading on Policies:** (See Exhibit #21)
 - 1. (2.800) Expenditure of Funds**
 - 2. (2.811) Compensation**
 - 3. (2.8041) Travel Policy**
 - 4. (6.4031) Pediculosis (Head Lice)**
- H. Approval of Specs for Paving Front Lot of Martin Elementary:** (See Exhibit #22)

Smith made and Randolph seconded a motion to approve Item #8, Consent Agenda, as per Exhibits 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, and 22.

VOICE VOTE: Smith (mover-yes)
Randolph (seconder-yes)

All ayes

MOTION: Carried unanimously

Item 9 - Other Old Business

A. Planning, Policy, and Promotion: Schlafer expressed the opinion that even though the board does a great job with planning and policy, there needs to always be a “Spotlight” of something on every monthly agenda to promote the good things that are going on in our school system.

B. NSBA Affiliate: Schlafer announced that the Board has the opportunity at this time to become a NSBA affiliate at a 35% discount. He would like to have this on next month’s agenda for consideration.

C. “Spotlighting”: Blalock suggested that this item be put at the first of the agenda right after Community Comments. Ms. VanWinkle stated that SMHS is already on the next agenda.

D. DOS Evaluation: Chairman Parris stated the following: “Last month, as was reported by TSBA’s Assistant Executive Director and Legal Counsel, Randy Bennett, Ms. VanWinkle received a very outstanding performance evaluation for the second year in a row. In lieu of this, it’s certainly understandable and within reason for the Board of Education to consider the renewal of her contract. However, to be in compliance with State law, public notice must be given at least fifteen (15) days in advance of the meeting in which it will be considered, and it must be the first item on the agenda of that meeting. As always, it is one of the board’s top priorities - and should be - to stay in compliance with all Federal, State and Local laws which govern our schools and the Board of Education. So, Virgie, if you will make sure the following statement is noted in the written minutes of this meeting: **In compliance with State law, public notice is given this 26th day of February, 2009, that the first item on the agenda of the next regularly scheduled Board of Education meeting will be the renewal of the Director of Schools’ contract.**”

Questions from Media: (None)

(Two (2) tapes dated 2/26/09 are marked as Exhibit #23)

Adjournment: Smith made and Randolph seconded a motion to adjourn.

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

MOTION: **Carried unanimously**

(WHEREUPON, the meeting was adjourned at the approximate hour of 7:30 p.m.)

Ms. Aarona VanWinkle
Director of Schools

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

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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 March 10, 2009.

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

(My Commission expires 6/6/11)

