

**CUMBERLAND COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING  
OCTOBER 10, 2007**

The Cumberland County Board of Education met in regular session on Wednesday, October 10, 2007, at the Central Office Board Room, where the meeting was called to order by Chairman Parris at the approximate hour of 5:00 p.m. She welcomed everyone to the meeting.

**PRESENT:** Parris, Davis, Hale  
Safdie, R. Smith, M. Smith  
Schlafer, Randolph, Houston  
Timson (CCEA Rep)  
Angel Brewer for Camera (PTO/PTA Rep)

**ABSENT:** None

**COUNSEL:** Mr. Earl Patton

**MOMENT OF SILENCE**

**PLEDGE TO FLAG:** Mr. Steve Threet led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 10, 2007:** R. Smith made and Davis seconded a motion to approve the minutes of September 10, 2007 as presented.

**VOICE VOTE:** R. Smith (mover-yes)  
Davis (seconder-yes)  
All ayes

**MOTION:** Carried unanimously

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** (See Exhibit #1) M. Smith made and Schlafer seconded a motion to approve the agenda as per Exhibit #1, with the removal of Policy 1.400 (Item #8-C, School Board Meetings).

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

**MOTION:** Carried unanimously

**COMMUNITY COMMENTS:** None

**ITEM #1: SCHOOL BOARD REPORTS**

**A. TLN Report:** None

**ITEM #2: LEGAL REPORT**

**A: Resolutions**

- 1. Employment of Certified Civil Engineer:** (See Exhibit #2)
- 2. Employment of Full-Time Grant Writer:** (See Exhibit #3)
- 3. Nurse/Pupil Ratio:** (See Exhibit #4)

After comments from Mr. Patton, Hale made and R. Smith seconded a motion to approve Resolutions 1, 2, and 3, as per Exhibits 2, 3, and 4, except changing the date of the Certified Civil Engineer Resolution (Exhibit #2, Paragraph #5) to October 10, 2007 instead of October 4, 2007.

**VOICE VOTE:** Hale (mover-yes)  
R. Smith (seconder-yes)  
All ayes

**MOTION:** Carried unanimously

**B. Pleasant Hill Sewer Contract:** (See Exhibit #5) Mr. Patton stated that he is recommending approval of the contract as presented. After discussion, Hale made and M. Smith seconded a motion to approve the contract as per Exhibit #5.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** Hale (mover-yes)  
M. Smith (seconder-yes)  
Randolph (yes), Schlafer (yes)  
Davis (yes), R. Smith (yes)  
Safdie (yes), Houston (yes)  
Chairman Parris (yes)

**MOTION:** Carried unanimously

**C. Financial Management Act:** Hale made and Safdie seconded a motion to authorize Mr. Patton to move forward with the litigation process to remove the Cumberland County School Board from the Financial Management Act of 1981, in accordance with TCA 5-21-124.

**ROLL CALL VOTE: Hale (mover-yes)**

**Safdie (seconder-yes)**

**Houston (yes), R. Smith (yes)**

**Davis (yes), Randolph (yes)**

**M. Smith (yes), Schlafer (yes)**

**Chairman Parris (yes)**

**MOTION:**

**Carried unanimously**

### **ITEM #3: DIRECTOR OF SCHOOLS REPORT**

**A. 2007/2008 School Budget:** (See Exhibit #6) Mrs. VanWinkle stated that the County Budget Committee has proposed an increase of three cents (\$.03) of new property taxes for the schools, with a three cent (\$.03) decrease in the Debt Service property tax. Their total proposal of Local Taxes is \$13,217,616, which is quite a bit less than the Board has asked for in the new budget. She also stated that their Proposed Expenditures are \$43,000,000.

She pointed out that the Board is proposing an Expenditures increase of \$5,215,000 over last year's expenditures. (She rounded the figures up for purposes of discussion.) The \$590,000 is the three percent (3%) raise for certified staff, and the increase for the support staff is \$292,000, which is a total of \$883,000 that is mandated by the State of Tennessee. The health insurance and dental insurance is increased by \$741,000. The heretofore mentioned increases to the new 07/08 budget account for the entire \$5.2 Million increase that is being offered by the County, without adding any new programs. All of these things are covered by law, by BOE policy, or by grants, and grant monies cannot be spent for anything else. She further stated that last year's budget has come back to haunt the Board because of the recurring expenses in that budget. The County Budget Committee will take their proposal to the full Commission on October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2007 at 8:30 A.M., with a special called meeting immediately following. After further discussion, Chairman Parris made and Davis seconded a motion to take the 2007/08 Budget back to the County Commission without any changes whatsoever. Further discussion was had.

**VOICE VOTE:**

**Chairman Parris (mover-yes)**

**Davis (seconder-yes)**

**All ayes**

**MOTION:**

**Carried unanimously**

**B. FYI:** (See Exhibit #7) (Self-explanatory)

### **ITEM #4: SCHOOL BOARD COMMITTEES**

**A. Committee Reports:** (None)

**B. Committee Appointments/Review**

**1. Safety Committee:** Chairman Parris appointed Hale as Chairman of the Safety Committee, with Davis, M. Smith and Mr. Chris King to serve.

**ITEM #5: BUSINESS MANAGER'S REPORT:** (See Exhibit #8) Ms. Randol reported that the total revenues for September were \$3,349,033; Expenditures were \$3,162,882. For a comparison of Revenues and Expenditures for the past two years, see third page of Exhibit #8.

**ITEM #6: APPROVAL OF SAFE SCHOOLS GRANT APPLICATION:** (See Exhibit #9) Schlafer made and Hale seconded a motion to approve the Safe Schools Grant Application as per Exhibit #9. In discussion, Schlafer thanked Ms. Harris for putting this grant together. He stated that it is a time-consuming task, but it brings a lot of money to the school system. Davis stated that he knows this is a good plan, but he is still in favor of a proactive plan instead of a reactive plan. Mrs. VanWinkle stated that this is a proactive plan since there is a counselor in place to work with the students. Davis is of the opinion that an SRO officer is needed in each school. (There are now two SRO officers in the school system, with one more position in the budget.)

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

**MOTION:**                        **Carried unanimously.**

**ITEM #7: APPROVAL OF NORTH CUMBERLAND FOOD LIION CHARITABLE FOUNDATION GRANT:** (See Exhibit #10) M. Smith made and Davis seconded a motion to approve the application for this grant as per Exhibit #10.

**VOICE VOTE:**                    **M. Smith (mover-yes)**  
    **Davis (seconder-yes)**  
    **All ayes**

**MOTION:**                        **Carried unanimously**

**ITEM #8: APPROVAL OF 1<sup>ST</sup> READING ON POLICIES:** (See Exhibit #11)

- A. Role of the Board of Education (1.101)**
- B. Board Member Conflict of Interest (1.107)**
- C. School Board Meetings (1.400)**

- D. Appeals to and Appearances Before the Board (1.404)**
- E. Minutes (1/406)**
- F. School Board Records (1.407)**
- G. School Attendance Areas (1.703)**
- H. Expenses and Reimbursements (2.804)**

Schlafer made and R. Smith seconded a motion to approve Item #8, A, B, E, F, and H as per Exhibit #11.

**VOICE VOTE:**                   **Schlafer (mover-yes)**  
    **R. Smith (seconder-yes)**

**All ayes**

**MOTION:**                       **Carried unanimously**

**C. School Board Meetings (1.400):** (See Exhibit # 12;

Removed from Agenda: sent back to Policy Committee)

**D. Appeals to and Appearances Before the Board (1.404):**

(See Exhibit #13) Hale has recommended changes for this policy. Referring to Lines 11 through 19 of the policy, he does not feel that the executive committee should approve people who want to appear before the Board; he feels that all board members should know who wants to appear, whether they approve the request or not. Chairman Parris asked that this be sent back to the policy committee.

**G. School Attendance Areas (1.703):** (See Exhibit #14) Hale

stated that the change that is recommended in this policy is not proper because TCA and Board Policy 1.600 require a majority of the Board's approval to suspend any policy. This change would give the executive committee the ability to do so. He asked that Line 26 read as follows: "Hardship cases may be appealed to the executive committee, with the final decision resting with the Board's approval." Hale also stated that it was not the intentions of the policy committee to make the change that says: "Those students will be allowed to attend the high school serving that elementary school." (See last sentence on Page 2 of 1.703). Mrs. VanWinkle stated that this is the way the policy has been carried out, even before she came on as the director. She stated that if a teacher works out of the zone that they live in, then their child has been allowed to go to the high school that is in the school zone where that parent works. She further stated that the teacher contract might have to be addressed if that is not the intent of the Board. Mr. Patton suggested that very specific things that will be looked at in each case should be included in this policy. Hale made and Chairman Parris seconded a motion to send this policy back to the policy committee for further consideration, with Mr. Patton to be present at that meeting.

**VOICE VOTE:**                   **Hale (mover-yes)**  
    **Chairman Parris (seconder-yes)**

**All ayes**

**MOTION:**                       **Carried unanimously**





**(My Commission expires 6/06/11)**