

ALCOA CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION
ALCOA, TENNESSEE
AUGUST 20, 2013
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

The Alcoa City Schools' Board of Education held its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, August 20, 2013, in the Alcoa High School Auditorium at Alcoa High School. On roll call, the following officials were present: Board Members: Steve Marsh, Chairman, presiding; Johnelle Jackson, Vice Chair; Harry B. McClurg, Julie Rochelle, Charles Cameron; Director of Schools and Secretary to Board, Brian Bell; Recorder, Gennie Cardwell, and sixty five (65) visitors, when the following proceedings were conducted.

Board Chairman Marsh called the meeting to order. The audience participated in a moment of silence and the pledge of allegiance.

Board Chairman Marsh asked for comments from the audience.

Dr. Brian Bell, Director of Schools, recommended that the Board approve the minutes of the July 16, 2013 Regular Board Meeting. Motion was made by Board Member Jackson and duly seconded by Board Member McClurg to approve the above named consent item. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Dr. Bell presented the Board with a Personnel Report of retirements, resignations, non-renewals, position status changes, new hires, and internal transfers.

Dr. Bell presented Mr. Barry Brooke, of Lawler-Wood, who updated the Board on the new high school project and presented them with a written copy of the monthly update.

Dr. Bell presented Elementary Principal Merna Schott, Middle School Principal Jim Kirk, and High School Principal Scott Porter, to share events from their schools and to introduce new employees to the Board of Education.

Dr. Bell recommended the approval of amendments to the 2013-14 budget to more accurately reflect the expected revenues. The overall budget will remain at \$17,545,000. Motion was made by Board Member Rochelle and duly seconded by Board Member Cameron to approve the amendments to the 2013-2014 budget. After general discussion the motion passed by unanimous vote.

Dr. Bell recommended the approval of an increase in the 2012-2013 General Purpose Budget in the amount of \$403,000 from \$16,667,000 to \$17,070,000. This is to cover unforeseen expenses that occurred during the 2012-2013 school year. Motion was made by Board Member Jackson and duly seconded by Board Member McClurg to approve the increase of the 2012-2013 General Purpose Budget by the amount of \$403,000. After general discussion the motion passed by unanimous vote.

Dr. Bell recommended the approval on first reading changes in Board Policy 5.201 (Separation Practices for Non-Tenured Teachers) and 5.203 (Nonrenewal). This is to update the date of written notice of non-renewal to non-tenured teachers from "prior to May 15th" to the

new date, as found in TCA 49-5-409, of “prior to June 15th.” Motion was made by Board Member Rochelle and duly seconded by Board Member McClurg to approve the date change on first reading in Board Policy 5.201 and 5.203. After general discussion the motion passed by unanimous vote.

Dr. Bell recommended the approval on first reading changes in Board Policy 6.200 (Attendance). To comply with state law our policy should read “unexcused” instead of “excused or unexcused” under the heading of Driver’s License Revocation. Motion was made by Board Member Cameron and duly seconded by Board Member McClurg to approve the change in wording in Board Policy 6.200 from “excused or unexcused” to “unexcused”. After general discussion the motion passed by unanimous vote.

Dr. Bell recommended the approval on first reading changes in Board Policy 1.407 (School Board Records). These recommended policy changes address numerous issues that may be faced when requests are made for open records. Motion was made by Board Member McClurg and duly seconded by Board Member Rochelle to approve the changes in Board Policy 1.407. After general discussion the motion passed by unanimous vote.

Dr. Bell recommended the approval of the renewal of 2012-13’s Extended Contract plan for use in the 2013-14 school year. The State Department of Education has not released final allocations for the 2013-14 Extended Contract Revenues. Any significant variation from the 2012-13 allocation or plan application will be returned to the Board of Education for additional action. Motion was made by Board Member Jackson and duly seconded by Board Member Cameron to approve the renewal of 2012-13 Extended Contract plan for use in 2013-14. After general discussion the motion passed by unanimous vote.

Dr. Bell recommended the approval of an Out-of-State Field Trip for the Alcoa High School German Classes for Friday, September 27, 2013, to Alpine Helen, Georgia. Mr. Ken Brown is the Alcoa High School teacher sponsoring this trip and it is during Fall Break. Motion was made by Board Member McClurg and duly seconded by Board Member Rochelle to approve this Out-of-State Field Trip. After general discussion the motion passed by unanimous vote.

Dr. Bell recommended the approval of an Out-of-State Field Trip by the Alcoa Middle School Tornado Club, supervised by Lon Fox and Mike DeLozier, to Orlando Florida. The students would depart on Thursday, May 8, 2014, and return Tuesday, May 13, 2014. Motion was made by Board Member Rochelle and duly seconded by Board Member McClurg to approve this Out-of-State Field Trip. After general discussion the motion passed by unanimous vote.

Dr. Bell updated the Board on upcoming events listed in the Board packet, as well as additions and changes to forms and procedures concerning purchasing authorization guidelines for Alcoa City Schools.

Board Chairman Marsh thanked everyone for attending the meeting. With no other business the meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Secretary to the Board
Approved September 17, 2013

Chairman to the Board
Approved September 17, 2013