

BRADLEY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Regular Meeting - Minutes

December 9, 2010

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Members Present

Troy Weathers, Chair, 4<sup>th</sup> District

Richard Baker, 1<sup>st</sup> District

Vicki Beaty, 2<sup>nd</sup> District

Christy Critchfield, 6<sup>th</sup> District

Rodney Dillard, 5<sup>th</sup> District

Charlie Rose, 7<sup>th</sup> District

Members Absent

David Kelley, 3<sup>rd</sup> District

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The Bradley County Board of Education held its regular monthly meeting on Thursday, December 9, 2010, at 5:30 p.m. in the William R. Walker Board Room at the Administrative Office Building in Cleveland, Tennessee. Chairman Weathers called the meeting to order, and the invocation was given by Rev. Debbie Stokes, Associate Pastor of Broad Street United Methodist Church. The Pledge of Allegiance was also conducted.

**4999** Upon motion duly made by Dr. Baker and seconded by Ms. Critchfield, it was unanimously **RESOLVED** to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

Mr. McDaniel presented the Director of Schools report. Highlights of the report included:

--**Black Fox Elementary School** students collected 25 large boxes of food to donate to the Bradley Baptist Association for distribution to needy families.

--**Blue Springs Elementary School** students have reached the 4000-point goal for Accelerated Reading and celebrated with "crazy hair day."

--The **Bradley Central High School** administration will award 121 freshmen for having all A's and B's in the first and second six weeks with no referrals and no more than two absences.

--**Charleston Elementary School** held *Cowboy Day* to celebrate an Accelerated Reading award.

--Third grade students at **Hopewell Elementary School** enjoyed a visit from a local Native American who shared about the food and festivities that would be enjoyed by Native Americans for Thanksgiving.

--**Lake Forest Middle School** Show Choir *Revolution* performed for the Kiwanis and Civitan Clubs.

--Over 70 Lee University students worked with **Michigan Avenue Elementary School** students to prepare for the delivery of 4-H speeches.

--The **North Lee Elementary School** PTO has hired an art teacher.

--**Oak Grove Elementary School** collected approximately 1000 cans of food for the Southern Heritage Bank food drive and another 1000 cans for Project Helping Hands.

--**Ocoee Middle School** students sent a total of 50 shoeboxes for *Operation Christmas Child*.

--**Park View Elementary School** hosted the Bradley County Commission Education Committee meeting with the Bradley County Board of Education. Technology Coach Teresa Scoggins demonstrated the use of interactive boards.

--**Prospect Elementary School** students celebrated Thanksgiving by inviting family members to lunch. Over 600 people were served. Trousdale students assisted with the day.

--**Taylor Elementary School** church partner, Thompson Springs Baptist Church, prepared dinner for faculty and staff as an expression of kindness and goodwill to the school.

--Mrs. Edward's kindergarten class at **Valley View Elementary School** "skyped" into Sweden. By connecting with a student's grandmother, the class was able to see the winter wonderland in Sweden.

--The **Walker Valley High School** National Honor Society collected \$3,000 and 700 canned foods for the Southern Heritage Community Food Drive. Several clubs and individuals also adopted 15 angels from the Salvation Army Angel Tree.

--The Discovery Museum partnered with fourth grade teachers at **Waterville Community Elementary School** to present a SmARt Night focusing on Science, Math, and Related Technology.

--Nine students are on track to earn a regular high school diploma and graduate in December from REACH Adult High School.

The Bradley Central High School Culinary Arts Department was recognized as a Hot 100 Culinary School in the nation for 2010-2011 from Sullivan University National Center for Hospitality Studies. This is the second Hot 100 award received by the Department under the direction of Chef Richmond Flowers.

Angie Lyon with Kaatz, Binkley, Jones and Morris Architects presented a certificate to Park View Elementary School for being selected as second in the elementary design contest sponsored by the Tennessee School Boards Association. Ms. Lyon reported that the Park View Elementary School project was completed under budget. Cason Conn, TriCon Construction, reported that masonry work will be completed in the next two weeks for the Bradley Central High School Fine Arts Building. The building will have climate control by the end of December. The project is slightly ahead of schedule with no budget concerns and no change orders to date.

Mr. Conn presented bids for sound and lighting for the Fine Arts Building. Mr. Conn recommended the low bid be accepted and assigned to TriCon Construction. Two bids were received for theatrical lighting and three bids for sound material and installation.

**5000** Upon motion duly made by Ms. Critchfield and seconded by Ms. Beaty, it was unanimously **RESOLVED** to award the bid for theatrical lighting materials for the Bradley Central High School Fine Arts Facility to Irby Electrical Supply in the amount of \$96,064 and the bid for theatrical sound materials

and installation to Lowrance Sound Company in the amount of \$29,000. Bids will be assigned to TriCon Construction.

Gary Austin, Transportation Supervisor, requested a transfer of bus route #9 to a different contractor. Mr. Austin noted that a previous request to transfer route #41 was being withdrawn.

**5001** Upon motion duly made by Dr. Baker and seconded by Mr. Dillard, it was unanimously **RESOLVED** to transfer bus route #9 from Sandra Baker to Nancy Creasman.

Sheena Newman, Supervisor of Elementary Instruction, and Terri Murray, Federal Projects Director, reported on the recent Math Facts in a Flash Night. Parents were solicited to help their students learn basic math facts. On November 30, each elementary school in the system held a parent night with approximately 1,800 parents throughout the county attending. This was considered very good attendance in light of weather conditions. Parents were shown fun ideas for working with their student. Each student was given a set of grade appropriate flash cards. Web sites and other on-line resources have been made available to parents. The math night is just one facet of the math initiative. Sixty minutes of math instruction is now in place for elementary students along with the 90 minutes of reading instruction.

Dan Glasscock, Supervisor of Secondary Instruction, reported that the Race to the Top – First to the Top Scope of Work is being fulfilled in Bradley County Schools. The PASS Data Warehouse Program has been purchased and training of teachers is underway. During early release days, teachers are being instructed in usage and analysis of the data that the program provides. Transition Coordinators are in place for 5<sup>th</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> grade and for 8<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> grade. Teachers are also receiving training in the many on-line programs available under the direction of the On-line Program Coordinator.

Mr. Glasscock also reported that the Smaller Learning Communities Grant is being implemented in the high schools. Ways to fill needs of Volkswagen and Wacker are being looked at through the grant. The International Baccalaureate and Cambridge programs will benefit current students as well as international students moving into the area. Mr. McDaniel and Mr. Glasscock are presenting to the state board of education seeking approval to implement the Cambridge Program at Bradley Central High School. Walker Valley High School will proceed with the IB Program.

Ms. Critchfield presented requests for policy revisions. The board reviewed Policy 1.106 Code of Ethics at a recent work session. Revisions were presented for approval. Policy 4.501 School Volunteers was presented for an additional statement to the policy at the recommendation of school board attorney.

- 5002** Upon motion duly made by Ms. Critchfield and seconded by Dr. Baker, it was unanimously **RESOLVED** to approve policy changes to Policy 1.106 Code of Ethics and Policy 4.501 School Volunteers as presented.

Mr. McDaniel presented the 2011-2012 school calendar for board approval. The proposed calendar is essentially the same calendar as 2010-2011. Mr. McDaniel reported that all stakeholder groups reviewed the calendar with no opposition. Ms. Beaty asked if there was any flexibility in the RTTT early dismissal schedule proposed in the new calendar should stakeholder groups return at the end of this year with a request for change. Response from Mr. McDaniel was that there was flexibility since “banked days” were being used to account for early dismissals. Mr. McDaniel further responded that time to work with teachers for understanding student data is critical. Student performance will be a part of future teacher evaluations. Much planning went into the proposal for early dismissal for teacher training. Mr. McDaniel reported that feedback has been very positive from principals and teachers.

- 5003** Upon motion duly made by Dr. Baker and seconded by Ms. Critchfield, it was unanimously **RESOLVED** to approve the 2011-2012 school calendar as presented.

Chairman Weathers asked the board to consider a special voting session for January 6, 2011, at 5 p.m. to consider a formal proposal for facility needs to present to the County Commission Education Committee. At the meeting of the Education Committee hosted by the board on December 2, the chairman of the committee asked when a proposal would be presented to the committee indicating that the committee was ready to consider a proposal from the board. The board will meet on January 6 to develop a capital project/ facility needs proposal.

Chairman Weathers reminded the board of breakfast at Central Office on Friday and Christmas Memories on Sunday, December 12 at Kmart sponsored by Lawson and Associates to provide Christmas gifts for numerous Bradley County students.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

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Troy Weathers, Chairman

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Johnny McDaniel, Director of Schools