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**CUMBERLAND COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING
Thursday, October 28, 2010**

The Cumberland County Board of Education met in regular session on Thursday, October 28, 2010 at the Central Office Board Room, where the meeting was called to order by Chairman Schlafer at the approximate hour of 6:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Chairman Schlafer, Blalock
Bowman, Davis, Hyder
Tollett, Janeway, Brewer
Tyler Janow, CCHS Rep
Jake Wallace, SMHS Rep
Douglas Phillips, Phoenix School Rep

ABSENT: Randolph

COUNSEL: Mr. Earl Patton

SPECIAL GUESTS: Chairman Schlafer recognized special guests: Mr. Mark Willoughby, Director of DeKalb County Schools; Mr. Charles Robinson, DeKalb County board member and a director of TSBA; Ms. Shirley Parris, former CCBOE chairman; and former board members – Mary Smith and Brian Houston.

INSPIRATIONAL MOMENT: (Beautiful video)

- 1 **Call to Order** – (See above)
- 2 **Welcome to Visitors:** (See above)
- 3 **Moment of Silence**
- 4 **Pledge to Flag:** Bowman led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 5 **Special Recognition: John Garland, CCHS - 3rd in Nation in Science for Beta Club:** Ms. Anna Pickard, Beta Club sponsor at introduced at CCHS, introduced John Garland who won 1st place in the April, 2010 Science for Beta Club competition in the State Convention. John then went to the National Science for Beta Club Convention in Louisville, where he placed 3rd in the Nation in the Science competition; he was awarded a beautiful trophy and a monetary gift for that accomplishment. John is the National Merit Scholarship semi-finalist; he has been accepted to Clemson; and he is in the process of applying at Calhoun Honors College at Clemson. He has been voted by his classmates as the person Most Likely to Succeed. He is the son of Dr. Russell and Noel Garland of Crossville, Tennessee. Other accomplishments of John were mentioned.

B. Marshall Pickard, CCHS - Upper Cumberland Region

Student Recognition Award Winner: Marshall Pickard, son of Ms. Anna Pickard, was recognized by the TSBA Board of Directors as being outstanding in all facets of his life – academics, athletics, arts, and community service. There are nine TSBA districts, and Marshall is the Upper Cumberland winner for the TSBA Student Recognition Award. Marshall is president of the Beta Club, secretary of the class of 2011, and Year Book Editor at CCHS. Marshall will be interviewed, along with the other eight contestants, by a select panel at the TSBA Convention and will be in the running for a \$2,000 scholarship. He was presented a Certificate of Appreciation by Ms. VanWinkle.

C. Board Member Dave Bowman: Mr. Bowman is a football coach with a recreational football team. His team won their league championship. For the season, they were 8-0; scored 184 points and gave up only 30 points. Chairman Schlafer congratulated Bowman; this is a good example of his leadership ability.

6 **Roll Call:** (See above)

7 **Approval of Minutes of September 23, 2010:** (See Exhibit #2) Davis made and Bowman seconded a motion to approve the September 23, 2010 minutes as presented.

VOICE VOTE: Davis (mover-yes)
Bowman (seconder-yes)
All ayes

MOTION: Carried unanimously

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

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

MOTION: Carried unanimously

9 ***Adoption of Code of Ethics:** (See Exhibit #3) Chairman Schlafer stated that the TSBA Code of Ethics, if followed, ensures that school boards across the state will operate at the highest level of integrity, accountability, transparency, and will do what is best for their students. He read the Code of Ethics, line by line, after which he asked that it be approved and signed by every board member. Janeway made and Davis seconded a motion to approve the Code of Ethics as per Exhibit #3. Blalock made and Bowman seconded an amendment to the motion to strike the words “seek to” in the second bullet, which will leave that item to read: “I will provide equal educational opportunities for all children regardless of ability, race, color, sex, creed or location of residence”. (Each board member signed the document after it was approved.) Chairman Schlafer asked any member of the

community to call it to his attention if the Code of Ethics is being violated by any board member and it will be corrected.

VOICE VOTE

ON AMENDMENT: Blalock (mover-yes)
Bowman (seconder-yes)
All ayes

AMENDMENT: **Carried unanimously**

VOICE VOTE ON

ORIGINAL MOTION: Janeway (mover-yes)
Davis (seconder-yes)
All ayes

MOTION: **Carried unanimously**

- 10 Recognition for Board of Distinction:** Mr. Charles Robinson, DeKalb County School Board member and a director of the TSBA, explained what a Board of Distinction entails. To achieve this distinction, a board must meet specific requirements in four areas – Planning, Policy, Promotion and Board Development. Cumberland County Board of Education has met all those requirements and is now a Board of Distinction. Chairman Schlafer asked former Chairperson, Shirley Parris, and former board members, Mary Smith and Brian Houston, to accept this award since they were on the board at the time all this work was done. Mr. Robinson presented the board with a beautiful plaque which will be hung in the hall with the other three Board of Distinction plaques that have been earned over the years.
- 11 Discussion of Chart of Parliamentary Motion:** (See Exhibit #4) Parliamentarian Tollett stated that the rules in Exhibit #4 are well-known and are a special set of rules for small boards of education that consists of 12 or fewer members. The purpose of the rules of order is to allow board members to express their wishes in order to transact the business of the board in an orderly manner. Chairman Schlafer commended Janeway for helping compile the document.
- 12 Community Comments:** (None)
- 13 School Board Reports**
- A. TLN Report:** TLN Rep Brewer stated that the only thing she has to report is that there is a new Commissioner of Education – Mr. Bruce Opie; he was appointed on October 11, 2010. He is a 34 year veteran of the State Board of Education.
- 14 Legal Report**
- A. Point of Information:** Mr. Patton stated that Ms. Kathy Hamby, Nutritional Director, has called to his attention the fact that a firm called E-Payment that we had employed to collect delinquent checks that have been written to the Nutrition Program can no longer be located, and their check to us for \$743.00 bounced. A new company has been hired to do this service. Mr. Patton will gather further information and bring it back to the board at a later date.

