

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS  
DECEMBER 10, 2013 – 6:30 P.M.  
PATRIOT ACADEMY**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Anne Marie Potts who then asked everyone to stand for a moment of silence. Board members present were Chair Potts, Vice Chairman Bill Jarnigan, Judy Cavanah, Jim Vines and Randall Bradley. Board members Ralph Lowery and Jonathan Rogers were absent. Dr. Charles Edmonds, Director of Schools and Secretary to the Board, was also present.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chair Potts led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**SPECIAL RECOGNITION – Billie Yardley – Today Show’s National Teacher of the Year**

Dr. Edmonds read a proclamation from the school board recognizing Billie Yardley, JCHS drama teacher, in being named the winner of the Today Show’s National Teacher of the Year contest. As the winner, Mrs. Yardley received \$10,000 worth of school supplies for her classroom from the Today Show.

Dr. Edmonds read an e-mail from Dennis Finn stationed onboard the USS Harry S. Truman where he and the other sailors had received a holiday care package from Piedmont Elementary School’s second grade class. He wanted to let everyone know how much it meant to them. He thanked everyone involved for caring and wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Upon motion by Judy Cavanah and second by Jim Vines, the board unanimously approved the agenda as submitted. (see attached)

**CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

Upon motion by Vice Chairman Jarnigan and second by Randall Bradley, the board unanimously approved the consent agenda items as submitted. (see attached)

**ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

There were no items for discussion to come before the board.

**ITEMS FOR INFORMATION – DIRECTOR OF SCHOOLS**

1. Each board member received a copy of the current financial reports.
2. Each board member received a copy of the article printed in the Standard Banner regarding the 2013 Report Card.
3. Each board member received a copy of the student nutrition inspection reports for each school. Dr. Edmonds pointed out that 6 schools received a score of 100, 1 school received 99, 2 schools received 98 and 3 schools received a score of 97. Dr. Edmonds commended each school for receiving excellent ratings.
4. Michael Phagan passed out a progress report on the additions and renovations at Jefferson County High School.
5. Dr. Edmonds informed the board of the upcoming collaboration meeting scheduled for Monday, January 6, 2014 at 4:00 p.m. at the Patriot Academy.
6. Each board member received information regarding the 2014 Spooktacular Fall Festival to be sponsored by the City of Dandridge. Dr. Edmonds stated that the event could be a possible fund raising event for the schools with the board's approval. Dr. Edmonds asked that the board review the information for further discussion.

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. Approval – General Budget Amendment #7 and Federal Budget Amendment #7

Upon motion by Jim Vines and second Randall Bradley, the board unanimously approved General Budget Amendment #7 and Federal Budget Amendment #7 for the 2013-2014 school year as submitted. (see attached)

2. Declare Surplus Property – Technology – Resolution No. 2013-9

Upon motion by Vice Chairman Jarnigan and second by Randall Bradley, the board unanimously approved Resolution No. 2013-9 declaring technology equipment as surplus property.

**New Business - continued**

3. Director's Employment Contract

Chair Potts commented that in order to consider extending the Director's contract notice of the intent to act on the contract had to be advertised 30 days in advance. She stated that this was the 30 day notice that the board would or would not be extending the Director's Employment Contract at the January 23, 2014 meeting. Chair Potts pointed out that the current contract runs through June 30, 2015 therefore Dr. Edmonds would be eligible for a three year extension.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

1. Policy Changes for Review and Adoption (Second Reading) – **3.208 Capital Assets and Facilities Planning (New Policy), 6.309 Zero Tolerance Offenses**

Upon motion by Vice Chairman Jarnigan and second by Jim Vines, the board unanimously approved the above policies on second reading. (See attached)

2. Dr. Edmonds gave a brief update of the proposed salary schedule plan for teachers for the 2014-2015 school year based on the new guidelines approved and adopted by the state regarding the manner in which salary raises to teachers have to be paid in the future. He commented that he and his staff have been working on a plan which will be presented to the state in February. He pointed out that the plan will be on the January 2014 school board agenda for the board's approval.

3. Dr. Edmonds updated the board on the JCHS Building 8 insurance coverage through Tennessee Risk Management Trust. He informed the board that the board's attorney was working to try and clarify some issues in determining what the Risk Management Trust position was on the status of the collapsed roof on Building 8.

**ADJOURN**

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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Anne Marie Potts, Chair

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Dr. Charles Edmonds, Director of Schools &  
Secretary to the Board

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