

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS
JANUARY 26, 2017 – 6:30 P.M.
PATRIOT ACADEMY**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman Bill Jarnigan who then asked everyone to stand for a moment of silence. Board members present were Vice Chairman Jarnigan, Maurice Solomon, Denise Fair, Randall Bradley, Anne Marie Potts and Dusty Cox. Chairman Jim Vines was absent from the meeting. Dr. Charles Edmonds, Director of Schools and Secretary to the Board, was also present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Paxton Walker, JCHS student and member of the Leadership Class, led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

SPECIAL FOCUS – 2016 Tennessee Civic Essay Contest Winner – Allie Boatman, Maury Middle

Allie Boatman, student from Maury Middle School, who placed third in her grade level in the Tennessee Civic Essay Contest, read her winning essay regarding the importance of voting.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION – SCHOOL BOARD APPRECIATION WEEK IN TENNESSEE

Dr. Edmonds thanked the board for their dedication and hard work as a member of the school board. Debbi Finchum, counselor from Mt. Horeb Elementary School, and some of her students presented the board with kindness cards to show their appreciation in honor of School Board Appreciation Week in Tennessee.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Upon motion by Dusty Cox and second by Maurice Solomon, the board voted 6-0 to approve the agenda with the addition of the January 18, 2017 minutes. (attached)

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Upon motion by Dusty Cox and second by Denise Fair, the board voted 6-0 to approve the consent agenda items making a correction in the date of the December 15th minutes changing the year to 2016 instead of 2017. (attached)

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

There were no items for discussion.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION – DIRECTOR OF SCHOOLS

1. Each board member received a current copy of the financial reports. Mr. Potts, County Finance Director, passed out the schedule for the 2017-2018 budget deadlines and meetings.
2. Sherry Finchum, Director of Federal Programs, Elementary Education and Accountability, went over information regarding sick leave exit options. Ms. Finchum also passed out information regarding differentiated pay which is to be distributed to teachers January 30, 2017. (attached)

Board member Potts commented that when the budget process starts for the 2017-2018 school year that hourly salaries for non-classified personnel be reviewed. She stated that some certified personnel assistant aides were being paid as a non-certified employee. She requested that it be reviewed as well.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Policy Changes for Review and Adoption (First Reading) – **1.203 New Member Orientation, 1.400 School Board Meetings, 2.601 Fundraising (new policy Recommended by TSBA), 3.206 Community Use of School Facilities, 4.207 English Learners (new policy recommended by TSBA), 4.302 Field Trips and Excursions, 4.600 Grading Systems, 4.700 Testing Programs (new policy recommended by TSBA), 5.1101 Differentiated Pay (new policy recommended by TSBA), 6.3071 Student Alcohol and Drug Testing, 6.313 Discipline Procedures, 6.414 Prevention and Treatment of Sudden Cardiac Arrest**

Upon motion by Maurice Solomon and second by Anne Marie Potts, the board voted 6-0 to accept the above board policies as submitted on first reading. (attached)

2. Budget Amendments

- (a) General Purpose Fund 141 Budget Amendment #10

Upon motion by Dusty Cox and second by Denise Fair, the board voted 6-0 to approve General Purpose Fund 141 Budget Amendment #10 as submitted. (attached)

New Business – Budget Amendments - continued

(b) Federal Purpose Fund 142 Budget Amendment #7

Upon motion by Maurice Solomon and second by Dusty Cox, the board voted 6-0 to approve Federal Purpose Fund 142 Budget Amendment #7 as submitted. (attached)

3. Approval – JCHS 2017-2018 Curriculum Guide – Kevin Cline

Kevin Cline, JCHS Assistant Principal, went over minor changes to the 2017-2018 Curriculum Guide and answered any questions from the board.

Upon motion by Maurice Solomon and second by Anne Marie Potts, the board voted 6-0 to approve the Jefferson County High School 2017-2018 Curriculum Guide as presented. (attached)

4. Resolution No. 2017-40 – Student Nutrition Surplus Equipment

Upon motion by Denise Fair and second by Dusty Cox, the board voted 6-0 to approve Resolution No. 2017-40 declaring kitchen equipment from the White Pine School renovation as surplus property. (attached)

5. Approval – Local Textbook Committee Members – Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources; STEM; Transportation

Upon motion by Dusty Cox and second by Maurice Solomon, the board voted 6-0 to approve the above local textbook committee members. (attached)

6. Chamber of Commerce Sponsorship

Upon motion by Maurice Solomon and second by Dusty Cox, the board voted 6-0 to approve a \$200 sponsorship to the Chamber of Commerce.

7. Approval – Tenure Eligibility for 2016-2017

Upon motion by Maurice Solomon and second by Anne Marie Potts, the board voted 6-0 to approve the list of teachers presented for tenure eligibility for 2016-2017. (attached)

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. White Pine School Project Update and Contracts

Each board member received a copy of pre-construction activities that have been completed on the White Pine School renovation and the estimated cost totaling \$128,314 spent on the activities. (attached)

Board member Potts asked if the funding had come out of the operating budget. Mr. Phagan, Facilities Supervisor, responded that it had.

Mr. Phagan passed out information regarding the contract execution progress. There was discussion regarding the motion made by board member Cox at the January 18, 2017 board meeting, "that the contracts be executed and signed no later than January 25, 2017 by the appropriate entities". Mr. Phagan stated BurWil had received two of the fourteen contracts executed by the contractors. He further stated they expected the others to follow within the next few days. He pointed out that all contractors had accepted the contracts.

Langdon Potts, County Finance Director, asked the board if they were going to amend the motion because at this time he could not sign the contracts due to the fact they had gone past the date of January 25, 2017.

Board member Solomon made the motion to rescind the motion made on January 18, 2017 that the contracts be executed and signed no later than January 25, 2017 by the appropriate entities. Board member Potts seconded the motion and the motion passed 6-0.

Board member Potts stated that she had talked to Tony Pettit, construction manager, regarding the cost to add the band room at White Pine totaling \$172,189. She pointed out the board had already allocated \$86,300 of the \$200,000 baseball stadium renovation in the capital projects fund to White Pine School. She stated by using the other \$113,800 the band room could be added to the base bid. Ms. Potts pointed out that Mr. Pettit had stated the band room would be difficult to come back and add at a later time because of the way it was laid out.

Board member Potts made the motion to allocate the remaining \$113,800 from the \$200,000 baseball stadium renovation to the White Pine renovation project for the band room alternative. Board member Cox seconded the motion.

Board member Bradley pointed out that County Commission had put a cap of \$2.8M for the project. He questioned how the board could handle that.

Unfinished Business – White Pine School – continued

Board member Potts responded the money had been approved by county commission for capital projects. She pointed out it was in the board’s operating budget and the board has the discretion to decide how to spend it.

Board member Bradley was in favor of the addition but had concerns on how they could designate the band room as a capital project. Dr. Edmonds stated that it was a new building and not a renovation. Board member Fair stated that it was not on the capital projects list. Board member Potts responded that the capital projects list was fund balance money which had been approved by the county commission for specific capital projects.

Dr. Edmonds commented there was a real problem with accessibility for students in the present band room. He recommended the band room be added if possible.

Board member Potts stated that Mr. Pettit had stated the bids would still be honored if the board voted to add the band room. Board member Bradley asked if the motion had to go to county commission. Ms. Potts responded that she did not think so.

After some discussion, the motion passed 6-0.

Vice Chairman Jarnigan commented that approximately \$568,000 was still needed to complete the project. He stated he would still like to see the entire project completed. Board member Potts suggested asking for no increase in spending in the 2017-2018 budget. She felt this would build good rapport with the county commission.

ADJOURN

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Jim Vines, Chairman

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

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