

LIMESTONE COUNTY BOARD of EDUCATION
Board Meeting @ Courthouse Annex
March 5, 2013 @ 6:00 p.m.

- A. The meeting was called to order at 6:07 p.m. Notices for the meeting were properly posted and provided to those who requested direct notification.**
- B. Those Board members present were Mr. Adams, Mr. Glaze, Mr. McGill, Mr. Russell, Mr. Shannon, and Mr. Shoulders. Mr. Hilliard was not present. Superintendent Dr. Tom Sisk was present.**
- C. Mr. Russell led everyone in prayer.**
- D. Mr. McGill led everyone in reciting the pledge of allegiance.**

AGENDA

Dr. Sisk recommended the Board approve the following additions to the agenda.

Addition:

5. Use of Schools

A. Blue Springs Elementary School –

- 1. Bama Jama Volleyball (Limestone County Travel Volleyball) requests the use of the gymnasium for practices, play date games, and tournaments as fundraisers on April 1 – August 1, 2013.**

E. Piney Chapel Elementary * –

- 1. Elkmont 6 & 8 and Under Girls Softball requests the use of the South Ball Field for softball practice on March 6, 2013 – May 24, 2013 from 4:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday.**
- 2. Elkmont 6 and Under Girls Softball requests the use of the North Ball Field for softball practice on March 6, 2013 – May 24, 2013 from 4:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday.**

Deletion:

5. Use of Schools

B. Elkmont High School * –

- 3. Elkmont 6 & 8 and Under Girls Softball requests the use of the South Ball Field for softball practice on March 6, 2013 – May 24, 2013 from 4:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday.**
- 4. Elkmont 6 and Under Girls Softball requests the use of the North Ball Field for softball practice on March 6, 2013 – May 24, 2013 from 4:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday.**

* Use of Schools by Elkmont 6 & 8 and Under Girls Softball and Elkmont 6 and Under Girls Softball is actually for the ball fields at Piney Chapel not Elkmont as previously listed.

1. Approve Agenda

Mr. Shannon made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Mr. Russell. The vote was unanimous.

2. Superintendent's Report

A. Affirmation Certificate to be Signed during Meeting

Dr. Sisk asked Board members to turn in signed Affirmation Certificates by the end of the evening. The certificates are due by March 31.

B. Philip Russell (Volkert) – PowerPoint Presentation

C. One Time Music Enhancements for Band Instruments at High School Level

Dr. Sisk told the Board he plans to provide a one-time music enhancement of \$3000 for band instruments at the high school level and a one-time music enhancement of \$1000 for the music program at the elementary school level.

D. One Time Music Enhancements for Music program at Elementary School Level

Dr. Sisk told the Board he plans to provide a one-time music enhancement of \$1000 for the music program at the elementary school level.

E. Recognition of the 2013 Limestone County Schools Junior High Scholars' Bowl Competition High Scorer from West Limestone High School

Ms. Rhonda Stringham recognized Kaitlyn Abernathy from West Limestone High School as the 2013 Limestone County Schools Junior High Scholars' Bowl Competition High Scorer.

F. Recognition of the 2013 Limestone County Schools Junior High Scholars' Bowl Competition Winners – East Limestone High School

Ms. Rhonda Stringham presented a trophy and certificates to East Limestone High School Scholars' Bowl team members and coach as the 2013 Limestone County Schools Junior High Scholars' Bowl Competition Winners.

G. Recognition of the 2013 Limestone County Schools Senior High Scholars' Bowl Competition High Scorer from Elkmont High School

Ms. Rhonda Stringham presented a trophy and certificate to Michael Farris from Elkmont High School as the 2013 Limestone County Schools Senior High Scholars' Bowl Competition High Scorer.

H. Recognition of the 2013 Limestone County Schools Senior High Scholars' Bowl Competition Winners – Elkmont High School

Ms. Rhonda Stringham presented a trophy and certificates to Elkmont High School Scholars' Bowl team members and coach as the 2013 Limestone County Schools Senior High Scholars' Bowl Competition Winners.

3. Information Only

- A. Installation of Carpet in the Design Drafting Department at Career Technical School
- B. Change in Exam Dates for Senior Class Only

CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Glaze made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, seconded by Mr. Shoulders. The vote was unanimous.

4. Approval of Minutes

- February 7, 2013
- February 14, 2013

5. Use of Schools

A. Blue Springs Elementary School –

- 1. Bama Jama Volleyball (Limestone County Travel Volleyball) requests the use of the gymnasium for practices, play date games, and tournaments as fundraisers on April 1 – August 1, 2013.

B. Clements High School –

- 1. Comets Softball requests the use of the Clements Summer League fields for a pre-season tournament for recreational leagues/travel teams as a fundraiser on March 15-17, 2013.
- 2. Alabama Road Runners requests the use of the Clements Ezell Road gymnasium for a play date tournament for fundraiser for the league on April 12-14, 2013.

C. Elkmont High School –

- 1. Limestone County Girls Softball Association requests the use of the Elkmont lunchroom for a Board Meeting/County Softball Coach Meeting on March 10, 2013 from 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- 2. The Elkmont Class of 1968 requests the use of the lunchroom/building for a class reunion and tour for members of the classes of 1956-1968 on April 6, 2013 from 4:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.
- 3. Elkmont High School Alumni requests the use of the lunchroom for an Elkmont FFA retirement reception on April 7, 2013 from 1:00 pm. – 5:00 p.m.

D. Johnson Elementary School –

- 1. Johnson Booster Club requests the use of baseball and softball fields March 1, 2013 – October 30, 2013 for baseball and softball games.

E. Piney Chapel Elementary –

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- F. Tanner High School –
 - 1. Boys Varsity Basketball team requests the use of the cafeteria on March 16, 2013 for a team fundraiser.
 - 2. Boys Varsity Basketball team requests the use of both gyms and softball field on March 16, 2013 for a team fundraiser.

6. Overnight Trips

- A. Blue Springs Elementary School –
 - 1. 5th grade students to attend Bear Creek Education Center in Hodges, AL for hands-on environmental field trip on April 11-12, 2013
- B. Career Technical Center –
 - 1. Local Skills USA Winners and Teachers to participate in State Skills USA Competitions and attend conference in Birmingham, AL on April 23-25, 2013.
- C. Clements High School –
 - 1. Junior Student Council to attend State Student Council Convention in Birmingham, AL on March 17-18, 2013
- D. East Limestone High School –
 - 1. FCCLA 7th – 12th Grade students to attend FCCLA State Conference and STAR Events in Montgomery, AL on March 15-16, 2013
 - 2. Senior Beta Club members to attend Sr. Beta Club Convention in Birmingham, AL on April 17-19, 2013
 - 3. Boys/Girls Track Team to attend State Track Meet in Gulf Shores, AL on May 2-5, 2013
 - 4. 7th and 8th Grade students to attend Camp McDowell Environmental Educational Center in Nauvoo, AL to connect students to the environment, teach respect for the Earth and others, and promote lifelong learning on May 15-17, 2013
- E. Tanner High School –
 - 1. Boys Basketball Team and Pep Band to play in Final Four State Tournament on February 26, 2013 in Birmingham, AL
 - 2. Girls Basketball Team and Pep Band to play in Final Four State Tournament on February 26, 2013 in Birmingham, AL
 - 3. Boys Basketball Team and Pep Band to play in State Basketball Championship Game on March 1, 2013 in Birmingham, AL
- F. West Limestone High School –
 - 1. Boys Basketball Team to play in Regional Basketball Tournament on February 20-21, 2013 in Hanceville, AL
 - 2. Girls Basketball Team to play in Regional Basketball Tournament on February 20-21, 2013 in Hanceville, AL
- G. Ardmore, Clements, Elkmont, East Limestone, and West Limestone High Schools –
 - 1. Junior Civitan members at each school to attend the North Alabama District Convention on April 25-26, 2013 in Orange Beach, AL

7. Acceptance of Bid –

- A. Commercial Dishwasher – West Limestone Child Nutrition

8. Property No Longer Needed for Public School Purposes

NEW BUSINESS

Dr. Sisk recommended the Board approve the Personnel Action Items. Mr. Adams made a motion, seconded by Mr. Glaze. The vote was unanimous.

9. Discussion/Approval of Personnel Action Items

A. Professional Services Contracts

1. Cynthia Homer, Special Education Teacher/504, Homebound Instruction retroactive to February 12, 2013 for the remainder of the 2012-13 school year. Maximum compensation not to exceed \$2,750.00.

B. New Personnel

1. Emalee Austin, Utility Bus Driver effective March 6, 2013 replacing Paul Foreman.
2. David Reynolds, Special Education Instructional Assistant, Cedar Hill Elementary School effective March 5, 2013.

C. Resignations

1. Tracy Ball, Elementary Teacher, Tanner High School effective March 1, 2013.
2. Linda Pigg, Bus Driver, East Limestone High School effective February 5, 2013.
3. Derek Price, Assistant Baseball Coach, Clements High School effective February 12, 2013.

D. Leaves of Absence

1. Jennifer Carr, Teacher, Piney Chapel Elementary School effective March 4, 2013 – May 6, 2013 under FMLA.
2. Melanie S. Troxtel, Teacher, Tanner High School retroactive to February 18, 2013 – May 24, 2013 (February 18-May 17 under FMLA).
3. Linda Johnson, Media Specialist, Tanner High School extension through May 15, 2013.

E. Leave in Lieu of Sick Leave

1. Lorel Pope, CNP (on-the-job injury), Tanner High School retroactive to January 3, 2013 for one day.

F. Leave of Absence in Accordance with Board Policy GDB and GDBA

1. Danny Dorning, Bus Driver, Creekside Elementary School, retroactive to January 22, 2013 – March 11, 2013.

G. Supplements – effective the 2012-13 school year only

1. Dan Beavers, Clements High School, Varsity Football Supplement, \$750.00 per month (prorated) retroactive to February 18, 2013.
2. Mr. Garth Garris, Elkmont High School, Middle School Baseball supplement of \$1,500.00.
3. Daniel Garrett, Clements High School, Varsity Assistant Baseball supplement of \$1,500.00.

H. Volunteers – effective the 2012-13 season year only

1. Ronnie White, Clements High School, Varsity Baseball Volunteer Assistant.
2. Leslie Bailey, Clements High School, Middle School Baseball Volunteer Assistant.
3. Joel Gilbert, Clements High School, Middle School Baseball Volunteer Assistant.
4. David Vinson, Clements High School, Middle School Baseball Volunteer Assistant
5. John B. Cole, Clements High School, Varsity/Middle School Baseball Volunteer Assistant for Pitcher/Catcher.
6. Jimmy Walls, IV, Ardmore High School, Varsity Football, Volunteer Coach.

10. **Dr. Sisk recommended the Board approve the Student Lab Fee for AP Biology and AP Chemistry. Mr. Shoulders made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shannon. The vote was unanimous.**
11. **Dr. Sisk recommended the Board approve the Monthly Financial Statement and Bank Reconciliation for January 2013. Mr. Shannon made a motion, seconded by Mr. Adams. The vote was unanimous.**
12. **Dr. Sisk recommended the Board approve the paving at the Text Book Warehouse. Mr. Glaze made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shoulders. The vote was unanimous.**
13. **Dr. Sisk recommended the Board approve the engineering of new bleachers at Ardmore High School. Mr. Shannon made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shoulders. The vote was unanimous.**
14. **Dr. Sisk recommended the Board approve the tuition for out-of-state students. Mr. Glaze made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shoulders. A vote was taken. Mr. Adams, Mr. Glaze, Mr. McGill, Mr. Russell, and Mr. Shoulders were in favor. Mr. Shannon was opposed. The motion carried.**
15. **Dr. Sisk recommended the Board approve the lease of a utility vehicle at East Limestone High School. Mr. Shannon made a motion, seconded by Mr. McGill. The vote was unanimous.**
16. **Dr. Sisk recommended the Board approve the Capital Plan. Mr. Glaze made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shannon. The vote was unanimous.**
17. **Dr. Sisk recommended the Board approve the 2013-14 LCS Calendar. Mr. Russell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Shoulders. The vote was unanimous.**

Mr. McGill noted he had checked before the Board meeting to see if the LCS calendar matched Athens City Schools as to Spring Break dates and was pleased to learn that the dates are the same.

18. **Dr. Sisk recommended the Board approve the demolition of the condemned bleachers at Ardmore High School. Mr. Glaze made a motion, seconded by Mr. Russell. The vote was unanimous.**

19. Board Comments

Mr. Shoulders congratulated Mr. Whitt and his basketball team on the state championship. He said Tanner played teams rated higher than its team and still won the state championship. Mr. Shoulders also noted the Tanner Band program is really coming along and is producing some outstanding music.

Dr. Sisk reminded everyone Tanner will be presented a trophy at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, March 6th.

20. The meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

**The next Board Meeting
will be on April 2, 2013
@ 6:00 p.m.
Courthouse Annex**