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McMinn County Board of Education
Regular Session Meeting
Thursday, January 12, 2017
5:30 p.m.

The January 12, 2017 regular session meeting of the board was not conducted due to a lack of a quorum. The guest portion of the meeting took place prior to the cancelation of the meeting.

Vice Chairperson, Ms. Sharon Brown, informed those in attendance of not having the required number of board members present tonight to have a quorum. Ms. Brown said while awaiting, Mr. Tony Allman to arrive that we would begin with the "Guest" portion of the meeting.

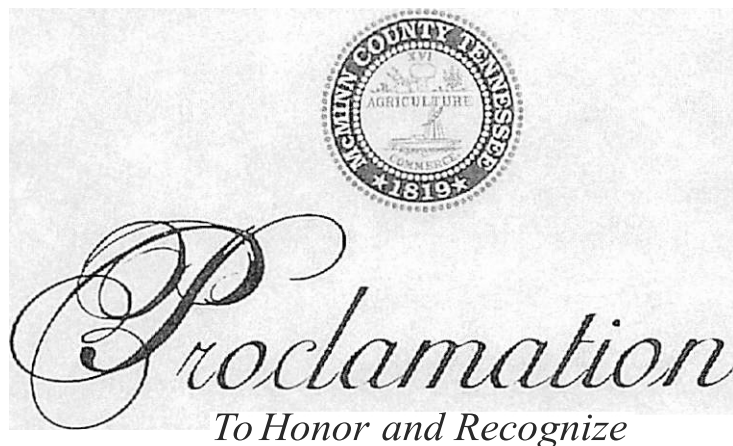
Ms. Brown welcomed everyone tonight and said she would like to begin with a moment of silence. Ms. Brown said the school system has had some very trying times with several teachers, principals, and the board dealing with health issues and asked that we have a moment of silence in honor of these. Ms. Brown also referred to the recent surgery of board chairman, Quinten Howard, and the recent passing of board member, Ms. Johnna Hampton.

Ms. Brown asked Mr. Blevins to introduce tonight's guests.

GUESTS

1. Proclamation- Mayor John Gentry

Mr. Blevins introduced Mayor John Gentry as tonight's first guest. Mayor Gentry presented to the board a Proclamation to honor and recognize the McMinn County School Board during the Tennessee School Boards Association annual School Board Appreciation Week. Mayor Gentry thanked the board for the invitation and for the work they do. Mayor Gentry stated the board represents the people of McMinn County and has been recognized across the State of Tennessee with their reputation and grace. Mayor Gentry further stated that 65% of the County Budget is addressed by our board and that he appreciates the board taking their jobs very seriously. Mayor Gentry presented and read the following proclamation:



THE MCMINN COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

WHEREAS, an excellent public education system is vital to the quality of life of our communities and to the economic development of our state; and

WHEREAS, school board members represent a tremendous resource as local decision makers, diligently working to meet the challenges of a dynamic world while ensuring our students receive the services needed for a quality education; and

WHEREAS, McMinn County recognizes the important role local school boards play in

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achieving academic excellence; and

WHEREAS, the men and women of our local school boards are elected by the people and deserve recognition and thanks for their countless hours of services to public education in Tennessee.

NOW, THEREFORE I, JOHN M. GENTRY, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of McMinn County, Tennessee, do hereby proclaim the week of January 22, 2017, as

SCHOOL BOARD APPRECIATION WEEK

In McMinn County, Tennessee, and by so doing do hereby ask the citizens of this great county to join me in this worthy cause.

"IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the County of McMinn to be affixed this 12th day of January in the year of our Lord Two Thousand Seventeen.

John M. Gentry

McMinn County Mayor



2. Joan Gray, TETA Executive Director

Mr. Blevins recognized Ms. Joan Gray, TETA Executive Director, as our next guest. Ms. Gray thanked the board for their support of technology in the school system. Ms. Gray said this is such a statement to this county. Ms. Gray presented the 2016 Howard Cisco Outstanding CTO Award to Ms. Jill Pierce, McMinn County's CTO. She stated Ms. Pierce has been recognized by Microsoft, Google, and Intel and has proven herself to be an outstanding presenter. Ms. Gray also recognized Ms. Pierce's technology department for the work they are doing in the school system.

3. Volunteer of the Month Award-Riceville Elementary School

Riceville Elementary School Principal, Mr. David McDonald recognized Ms. Amber Jones as this month's recipient of the Volunteer of the Month Award. Mr. McDonald said Ms. Jones volunteers at the school and looks out for all of the students. He said Ms. Jones works hard with their PTO and has increased the amount of support with the PTO program. Mr. McDonald presented Ms. Jones with a certificate of appreciation for her volunteer efforts.

4. Recognition of Teacher of the Year System-wide Winners

Mr. Blevins introduced the 2016 Teacher of the Year System Level Winners and asked them to stand in recognition:

Ms. Daris Burke-Rogers Creek Elementary Teacher Grades Pre K-4

Ms. Cathy Castor-Calhoun Elementary Teacher Grades 5-8

Ms. Kimberly Cantley-Central High School Teacher Grades 9-12 (and overall winner)

Mr. Larson Frerichs, Calhoun Elementary School Principal

Mr. Russ Barnett, Transportation Supervisor

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Mr. Blevins said Ms. Kim Cantley was the selected as the County's Overall Winner and was unable to be present tonight due to a family illness. Mr. Blevins congratulated each of them for their accomplishments and thanked them for the work they are doing.

Mr. Blevins said he would like to go ahead and recognize the individual school winners by reading their names and the grade level and school they represent.

Pre K - 4th Grades 2016 - 2017

Annette Ray

Pre K-4 Teacher of the Year
Calhoun Elementary School

Pam Hutsell

Pre K-4 Teacher of the Year
E.K. Baker Elementary School

Theresa Vaughn

Pre K-4 Teacher of the Year
Englewood Elementary School

Megan Wilson

Pre K-4 Teacher of the Year
Mountain View Elementary School

Mandy Falls

Pre K-4 Teacher of the Year
Niota Elementary School

Amanda Rollo

Pre K-4 Teacher of the Year
Riceville Elementary School

Daris Burke

Pre K-4 Teacher of the Year
Rogers Creek Elementary School

5th - 8th Grades 2016 - 2017

Cathy Castor

5-8 Teacher of the Year
Calhoun Elementary School

Karen Sliger

5-8 Teacher of the Year
E.K. Baker Elementary School

Heather Mahoney Houser

5-8 Teacher of the Year
Englewood Elementary School

Alice Shugart

5-8 Teacher of the Year
Mountain View Elementary School

Amber Garner

5-8 Teacher of the Year
Niota Elementary School

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Jessica Baker

5-8 Teacher of the Year
Riceville Elementary School

T.J. Roberts

5-8 Teacher of the Year
Rogers Creek Elementary School

9th - 12th Grades 2016 - 2017

Annette Bryant

9-12 Teacher of the Year
Central High School

Kimberly Cantley

9-12 Teacher of the Year
Central High School

Rodney Crase

9-12 Teacher of the Year
McMinn High School

David Stoika

9-12 Teacher of the Year
McMinn High School

Stacy Wilson

9-12 Teacher of the Year
McMinn Career & Technical Center

5. STARS Youth Volunteer Award Winner- Nicole Harris, CHS Student

Ms. Norma Barham, Coordinated School Health Supervisor, said she recognized the students receiving this award at last month's meeting, but Miss Harris was unable to be present. Ms. Barham said the student was unaware of the meeting and therefore, she asked her to return to be properly recognized. Ms. Barham said this award is given by the Governor's office for students who are exceling academically along with their volunteer work in the community. She read a list of the extracurricular activities of Miss Harris and said she also maintains a 4.0 GPA while volunteering in her community.

Mr. Blevins stated this concluded the "Guest" portion of the meeting.

Ms. Brown stated they had just received word that Mr. Allman was not going to be able to make the meeting tonight and therefore, we would not be able to conduct school board business.

Ms. Brown reminded the board of the required statement of interest that must be filed by all board members by January 31, 2017.

Ms. Brown reminded the board of the next regular session meeting to be held on Thursday, February 9, 2017 at the Center for Educational Excellence.

Mr. Blevins said he has heard from several board members regarding setting the date for the school board workshop. Mr. Blevins said the workshop would be scheduled for Thursday, February 16, 2017 here at the Center and would probably begin at 5 or 5:30 p.m. Mr. Blevins also said it is time for our system to host the annual Legislative Breakfast with this being

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scheduled for Friday, February 24, 2017 beginning at 7:30 a.m. here at the Center. He stated he has already confirmed this date with both Senator Mike Bell and Representative John Forgety.

Ms. Donna Cagle said she had a “praise”. Ms. Cagle said the McMinn High School bowlers had won the regional tournament and that they would be hosting the sub-state tournament next week in Athens.

Vice Chairperson, Sharon Brown, dismissed everyone.

Vice Chairperson’s Signature

Director of School’s Signature