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**MCMINN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR SESSION MEETING
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2019
5:30 P.M.**

The McMinn County Board of Education met in regular session on Thursday, February 14, 2019 at 5:30 p.m. at the Center for Educational Excellence. *(The policy committee met immediately prior to the regular session meeting at 4:45 p.m.)*

Chairman Sharon Brown called the meeting to order.

ROLL CALL

PRESENT

Rob Shamblin
Tony Allman
Mike Lowry
Donna Cagle
Quinten Howard
Sharon Brown
Denise Cunningham
Billy Manis
Donna Casteel
Mike Cochran

Chairman Brown welcomed everyone to tonight's meeting and asked board member, Denise Cunningham, to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA

1. GUESTS

- a. Volunteer of the Month- Mountain View Elementary School
- b. 2019 Spelling Bee Winners
 - 1st Lily Davis- Calhoun
 - 2nd Ali Heinrichy- Riceville
 - 3rd Gracie Eisenhart – Mountain View

2. REGULAR CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Minutes-Regular Session Meeting- January 17, 2019
- b. Salary Supplements
- c. Budget Amendments
- d. Surplus Equipment
- e. Fundraiser Requests
- f. Field Trip Requests
- g. Contract of Services- Arivett Law, PLLC
- h. MOU with TN Dept. of Education

3. PERSONNEL

- a. Personnel Actions

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4. COMMUNICATIONS

- a. Proposed Resolution of Support for Accountability in Public Education
- b. MCHS Field Trip Request- Iceland, 2019
- c. CHS Field Trip Request- Ireland, 2020
- d. MCBOE Feasibility Study

5. REPORTS

- a. Committee Reports
- b. Review Policy Section 5.1-5.4

6. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

7. PRAISES AND COMPLIMENTS

- a. Correspondence from Etowah Utilities

8. CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

- a. Next regular session meeting- Thursday, March 14, 2019 at 5:30 p.m.

Chairman Brown asked for a motion to approve tonight's agenda. A motion to approve was made by Mike Lowry, seconded by Quinten Howard. Chairman Brown asked for any discussion. A voice vote was recorded. Motion carried by unanimous.

1. GUESTS

a. Volunteer of the Month- Mountain View Elementary School-

Principal Angela Miller introduced Ms. Suzette Ewing as this month's recipient of the Volunteer Award. Ms. Miller stated every year Ms. Ewing pays for field trips and snacks for students who cannot afford them. She stated Ms. Ewing shops for the kids, buys teacher materials, and is very involved with the PTO. Ms. Miller presented her with a certificate of appreciation. Ms. Ewing said it is an honor to work with the teachers and staff there as they always have a positive attitude.

b. 2019 Spelling Bee Winners

Elementary Supervisor Diane Vinson introduced our county spelling bee winners and said each of them will advance to the regional spelling bee in March in Chattanooga.

1st Place Winner: Lily Davis- Calhoun

2nd Place Winner: Ali Heinrich- Riceville

3rd Gracie Eisenhart: Mountain View (unable to be present)

Chairman Brown wished each of them well in their upcoming competition.

2. REGULAR CONSENT AGENDA

a. Minutes-Regular Session Meeting- January 17, 2019

b. Salary Supplements

NAME	Date	ACCOU NT	TITLE	AMOUN T
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Givens, Kathie	2/5/2019	Spec. Ed.	Bus Driver	60.00
Givens, Kathie	1/7-11,14-18,22,24-25/23 (.5)/2019	Spec. Ed.	Bus Driver	540.00
Givens, Kathie	1/18/2019	Niota	Bus Driver	60.00
Jones, Regina	1/23/2019	Spec. Ed.	Bus Driver	20.00
Jones, Regina	1/11/2019	MCBOE	Bus Driver	60.00
Liner, Louise	2/5/2019	Spec. Ed.	Bus Driver	60.00
Liner, Susan	1/11/2019	MCBOE	Bus Driver	60.00
Liner, Susan	12/13/2018	Calhoun	Bus Driver	40.00
Liner, Susan	12/14/2018	Calhoun	Bus Driver	60.00
Mason, Sam	1/15/2019	Niota	Bus Driver	60.00
McConkey, Mary	1/7-11,14-17,22/2019 x 2	Spec. Ed.	Bus Driver	400.00
Mills, Pam	1/14,28/2019	Sch. Health	Bus Driver	80.00
Mills, Pam	2/5/2019	Sch. Health	Bus Driver	40.00
Morgan, William	12/18/2018	E.K. Baker	Mechanic	60.00
Moss, Lisa	1/7-11,14-15,17-18,22-25/2019	Spec. Ed.	Bus Driver	260.00
Norwood, Marcy	1/7-8,14-15/2019	Spec. Ed.	Bus Driver	160.00
Nunley, Lyn	12/3,5,10,12,17,19, 1/7,9,11,14,16,18/2019	Spec. Ed.	Bus Driver	240.00
Passmore, William	1/31/2019	MCHS	Bus Driver	60.00
Pierce, Ronald	1/15/2019	Niota	Bus Driver	60.00
Pierce, Ronald	1/18/2019	Niota	Bus Driver	60.00
Stephens, Connie	1/11/2019	MCBOE	Bus Driver	60.00
Sulzer, Kathy	1/11/2019	MCBOE	Bus Driver	60.00

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Vincent, Angie	12/12/2018	MCTC	Bus Driver	60.00
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c. Budget Amendments

General Purpose School Fund #141

To budget funds contributed by Geoffery Smith Campaign Fund earmarked for school repairs.

General Purpose School #141

To amend the budget for the Safe Schools Grant for FY 2018-2019

Federal Projects #142, Title 1, #109

To amend the current budget in order to be the same as the FY 2018-2019 ePlan document.

Federal Projects #142, Title II, #209

To amend the current budget in order to be the same as the FY 2018-2019 ePlan document.

Federal Projects #142, Title III, #309

To amend the current budget in order to be the same as the FY 2018-2019 ePlan document.

Federal Projects #142, IDEA, Part B, #909

To amend the current budget in order to be the same as the FY 2018-2019 ePlan document.

Federal Projects #142, IDEA, Pre-K #919

To amend the current budget in order to be the same as the FY 2018-2019 ePlan document.

Federal Projects #142, Title IV, #409

To enter the approved budget for the Title IV-Trauma Informed Schools grant for FY 2018-2019.

d. Surplus Equipment

Equipment to be declared surplus was submitted by the following schools/departments:

MVS- non-working/older computers, old printers

Technology Department sent a list of old smartboards, projectors, and promethium boards to be declared as surplus. All equipment was listed as being valued under \$250.

e. Fundraiser Requests

McMinn County High School Athletic Department requests to have Spring Sporting Event on 4/16/19. Monies raised will be used to offset graduation expenses.

McMinn County High School Softball Team requests to sell t-shirts, hoodies, crew shirts. Monies raised will be used for spikes, socks, pullovers.

MCTC requests to sell 3D printed keychains with printed logo. Monies raised will be used to offset CTSO activities for local, state, and national levels.

f. Field Trip Requests

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Rogers Creek Elementary School Student Council requests to travel to Washington, D.C. for the dates of 5/14-5/19/2019

Central High School FBLA requests to travel to Chattanooga & Atlanta for the dates of 2/27/19-2/28/19.

McMinn County High School TRIBE Rugby Team requests the following:

Travel to Charlotte, NC-3/1-3/3/2019

Travel to Charlotte, NC; 3/22-3/27/19

Travel to Glendale, CO- 5/16-20/2019

g. Contract of Services- Arivett Law, PLLC

This contract is between McMinn County Schools and Arivett law, PLLC for the representation of legal services on an as needed basis. Agreed fees for legal services will be \$225 per hour

h. MOU with TN Dept. of Education

This MOU is between McMinn County Schools and the Department of Education which outlines the requirements students need to ensure consistency in the development of industry supported TSIC for secondary CTE students in Tennessee.

Chairman Brown asked for any item to be pulled from the regular consent agenda for discussion. Mr. Parkison recommended the regular consent agenda for approval. A motion to approve was made by Quinten Howard, seconded by Mike Lowry. Chairman Brown asked for any discussion. A voice vote was recorded. Motion passed unanimously.

3. PERSONNEL

a. Personnel Actions

PROFESSIONALS

Last Name	First Name	Assignment	Action	Location	Effective
Casteel	Mindy	Teacher to V. Principal	promote	CHS	1/3/2019
ESP					
Arnwine	Julia	Cafeteria	Resign	EKB	1/15/2019
Hudson	Angie	Sped Aide	Hire	RCVLE	TBD
Maxwell	Collins	Custodian	Resign	MCHS	1/15/2019
Savoy	Daniell	Cafeteria Monitor	Resign	EKB	1/14/2019
Shundt	Sue	Cafeteria Monitor	Hire	EKB	1/21/2019

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Bateman	Vanessa	LOA	Niota	5/8-24/2019
Bethel	Karen	LOA	Niota	1/22- 2/11/2019
Brady	Linda	LOA	Calhoun	11/12- 1/31/2019

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Casteel	Cody	LOA	Englewood	1/21-2/1/19
Cook	Stephanie	LOA	Calhoun	12/3/18- 3/18/19
Davis	Brittanie	LOA	Niota	4/1-5/24/19
King	Molly	LOA	Niota	5/10-5/24/19
McClary	Cheryl	LOA	Calhoun	2/6-3/21/19
Tuggle	Brent	LOA	CHS	1/21-2/21/19

EXTENDED LEAVE OF ABSENCE

<i>Blevins</i>	<i>Katie</i>	<i>Extended LOA</i>	<i>MCHS</i>	<i>3/7- 4/19/2019</i>
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Mr. Parkison introduced Ms. Mindy Casteel as the new Assistant Principal at Central High School. Mr. Parkison said Ms. Cox has already hit the ground running and will do a great job there.

Mr. Parkison also recommended the request from teacher, Katie Brewster, to extend her leave of absence beyond her FMLA. A motion to approve was made by Mike Lowry, seconded by Quinten Howard. A voice vote was recorded. Motion carried unanimously.

4. COMMUNICATIONS

- a. Proposed Resolution of Support for Accountability in Public Education-

**RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR
ACCOUNTABILITY IN PUBLIC EDUCATION**

WHEREAS, the McMinn County Board of Education is responsible for providing a local system of public education; and

WHEREAS, there is pending legislation before the Tennessee General Assembly that would create a voucher program allowing students to use public education funds to pay for private school tuition; and

WHEREAS more than 50 years have passed since private school vouchers were first proposed, and during that time proponents have spent millions of dollars attempting to convince the public and lawmakers of the concept's efficacy, and yet, five decades later, vouchers still remain controversial, unproven and unpopular; and

WHEREAS, the Constitution of the State of Tennessee requires that the Tennessee General Assembly "provide for the maintenance, support and eligibility standards of a system of free public schools", with no mention of the maintenance or support of private schools; and

WHEREAS, the State of Tennessee, through work of the Tennessee General Assembly, the Tennessee Department of Education, the State Board of Education and local school boards, has established nationally recognized standards and measures for accountability in public education; and

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WHEREAS, vouchers eliminate public accountability by channeling tax dollars into private schools that do not face state-approved academic standards, do not make budgets public, do not adhere to open meetings and records laws, do not publicly report on student achievement, and do not face the public accountability requirements contained in major federal laws, including special education; and

WHEREAS, vouchers have not been effective at improving student achievement or closing the achievement gap, with the most credible research finding little or no difference in voucher and public-school students' performance; and

WHEREAS, vouchers leave many students behind, including those with the greatest needs, because vouchers channel tax dollars into private schools that are not required to accept all students, nor offer the special services they may need; and

WHEREAS, vouchers give choices to private schools, not students and parents, since private schools decide if they want to accept vouchers, how many and which students they want to admit, and the potentially arbitrary reasons for which they might later dismiss a student; and

WHEREAS, voucher programs divert critical dollars and commitment from public schools to pay private school tuition for a few students, including many who already attend private schools; and

WHEREAS, vouchers are an inefficient use of taxpayer money because they compel taxpayers to support two school systems: one public and one private, the latter of which is not accountable to all the taxpayers supporting it; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the McMinn County Board of Education opposes any legislation or other similar effort to create a voucher program in Tennessee that would divert money intended for public education to private schools.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution should be delivered to the Governor, the Lieutenant Governor, the Speaker of the House, and each member of the McMinn County legislative delegation, each member of the Senate Education Committee and to each member of the House Education Committee.

Approved and entered this 14th day of February 2019 by the

MCMINN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Sharon Brown, Chairman

Quinten Howard, Vice Chairman

Tony Allman

Donna Cagle

Donna Casteel

Mike Cochran

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Denise Cunningham

Mike Lowry

Billy Manis

Rob Shamblin

Chairman Brown said the board had been given a copy of the resolution for review prior to tonight's meeting and asked for a motion to approve and submitting this resolution to our legislators. A motion was made by Quinten Howard, seconded by Donna Cagle. Chairman Brown asked for any discussion. Mike Cochran said he was assuming the premise behind this is that we do not want to lose money due to school vouchers which Chairman Brown stated that was correct. Mr. Cochran said if a parent takes a student out of our program, the voucher would provide an avenue for the funding. He further stated that parents would be doing this if the school system is not doing its job. He said it is our job to provide our students a high quality of education. Mr. Cochran said he thought vouchers are destined to fail but it is hard for him to make an enemy out of the parent who is just wanting to get their kid educated. He stated he felt that if we would just do our job right, we would not need to worry about this. Morally, he stated he just doesn't feel good making this decision and therefore, stated he could not sign the proposed resolution.

Chairman Brown asked for a roll call vote to approve the proposed resolution. A roll call vote was taken.

Quinten Howard	Yes
Rob Shamblin	Yes
Sharon Brown	Yes
Mike Lowry	Yes
Donna Casteel	Yes
Donna Cagle	Yes
Billy Manis	Yes
Denise Cunningham	Yes
Tony Allman	Yes
Mike Cochran	No

Chairman Brown stated the vote was 9-1 with the majority in favor of approving the proposed resolution.

b. MCHS Field Trip Request- Iceland, 2019

Mr. Parkison stated this field trip request was submitted by MCHS teacher, Mr. Erick Innis, who is the trip coordinator and was present tonight for any questions. Mr. Parkison said we thought this trip had previously been approved but upon checking, it had not.

Mr. Innis stated this is his fourth trip with "McMinn County High School Goes International." He said the primary focus of this trip was on the country's usage of green energy. He said the country has 95% usage of green energy resources and this is a major push of the itinerary of how this is used including visiting several geothermal springs.

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Mike Lowry asked how many students have signed up to go. Mr. Innis said as of right now, there were approximately 40 students with 7 chaperones. Mr. Innis said the cost of the trip covers everything but a small number of meals with payment plans over a period to assist with the costs.

Donna Cagle asked if there were scholarships available for students who could not financially afford them. Mr. Innis said that we currently do not. He said he has spoken with EF tours regarding putting together fundraisers to help offset the cost of the trip, but he said with the \$4400 cost per student they have not had much success with any fundraising. Mr. Innis said with the monthly payments spread out over a period of 12-15 months, this does make the cost more affordable to our students. Ms. Cagle asked who was paying for the volunteers. Mr. Innis said for every six students attending, there is chaperone/volunteer ticket available. He said EF Tours requires to have a chaperone for every six students traveling. Ms. Cagle said she would like to see more community involvement to assist with student expenses for this trip which Mr. Innis stated he would welcome that.

Chairman Brown asked for a motion to approve the field trip. A motion to approve was made by Mike Cochran, seconded by Mike Lowry. Chairman Brown asked for any further discussion. A voice vote was recorded. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Parkison commended Mr. Innis for providing this opportunity to the students at McMinn County High School.

c. CHS Field Trip Request- Ireland, 2020

Mr. Parkison said the sponsor of this trip, Ms. Barbara Quintard, was unable to be present tonight. Mr. Parkison said the sponsors were making plans way ahead of the desired 2020 date and recommended the trip for approval. Chairman Brown asked for a motion to approve. A motion to approve was made by Rob Shamblin, seconded by Donna Casteel. Chairman Brown asked for any discussion. A voice vote was recorded. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

d. MCBOE Feasibility Study

Mr. Parkison said the proposed feasibility study was discussed in detail during the board workshop held earlier today. Mr. Parkison recommended moving forward with the study as we look at our building needs and progress with improvements, etc. Chairman Brown said we did have quite the discussion regarding this study during the board workshop earlier today and asked the board for a motion to proceed. A motion was made by Mike Lowry, seconded by Donna Cagle. Chairman Brown asked for any discussion. A voice vote was recorded. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

5. REPORTS

a. Committee Reports

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Mr. Rob Shamblin said the policy committee met prior to the meeting and recommended the following policies for approval:

- 1.901 Charter School Applications
- 1.900 Charter School authorizing Principles
- 1.902 Charter School Agreements
- 1.903 Charter School Oversight
- 1.904 Charter School Intervention
- 1.905 Charter School Renewal
- 1.906 Charter School Revocation
- 4.404 Use of Copyrighted Materials
- 4.701 Maintain Testing Data
- 5.106 Application and Employment
- 5.203 Recommendations and File Transfers
- 5.701 Substitute Teachers
- 5.802 Director of Schools
- 6.200 Attendance

Mr. Shamblin stated the policy committee recommends waiving the second reading and approving on first and final reading of all policies presented. Chairman Brown said the motion comes from the policy committee and asked for a second to the motion. Donna Casteel seconded the motion. A voice vote was taken. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

b. Review Policy Section 5.1-5.4

Chairman Brown reminded board members to review this section in their policy manuals before next month's board meeting.

6. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Parkison said McMinn County Schools received notice a couple of weeks ago of an intent to form a charter school here in McMinn County. Mr. Parkison said he is tasked by state statutes and board policy to form a task committee and notify the board of the administrative personnel serving on the committee. Mr. Parkison said members of our administrative staff serving on the committee would be Diane Vinson, Rebecca Morgan, Roger Freeman, Donna Casteel, and Sharon Brown. He said the committee must also consist of a community member and he would bring this back to the board at the March board meeting.

Mr. Parkison said we have received the architectural fees from Mainstream on the Niota HVAC Project. He said as the board knows, we have approved this and was awaiting this.

Mr. Parkison stated the MCHS Baseball team is doing some work at their facilities. He said they have added locker rooms and rest rooms and have asked us to help with finishing the remodeling of press box and concessions stand. Mr. Parkison said these conversations were had prior to Mr. Blevins leaving his position. He said the cost of the materials was approximately \$5300 as they were awaiting the labor costs as they did have volunteers working on this but

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there would be some additional labor costs involved. He said this was just for the board's information.

7. PRAISES AND COMPLIMENTS

a. Correspondence from Etowah Utilities

A letter was submitted by Mike Cheek, Etowah Wastewater Superintendent, complimenting Mike Lowry and Jill Pierce for their assistance and availability during the project which involved several weekends and holidays as they worked to resolve the sewer issue at Mountain View School.

8. CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

Chairman Brown reminded the board of the Legislative Breakfast at 8:00 a.m. at Michael's of Athens in the morning at 8:00 a.m. which is sponsored this year by Athens City Schools.

Chairman Brown reminded the board of those in favor of the resolution approved tonight to please make certain to sign this before leaving.

b. Next regular session meeting- Thursday, March 14, 2019 at 5:30 p.m.

Chairman Brown reminded the board of the next regular session meeting and asked for a motion to adjourn. A motion to adjourn was made by Mike Lowry, seconded by Quinten Howard. A voice vote was recorded. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned.

Chairman's Signature

Director's Signature

