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McMinn County Board of Education  
Regular Session Meeting  
Thursday, March 9, 2017  
5:30 p.m.

The McMinn County Board of Education met in regular session on Thursday, March 9, 2017 at the McMinn County Center for Educational Excellence at 5:30 p.m.

Chairman Howard called the meeting to order and asked for the roll call.

**ROLL CALL**

PRESENT	ABSENT
Mike Cochran	
Mike Lowry	
Sharon Brown	
Joe Coleman	
Quinten Howard	
Denise Cunningham	
Rob Shamblin	
Tony Allman	
Melinda King	
Donna Cagle	

**WELCOME**

Chairman Howard welcomed everyone to the meeting tonight and introduced new school board member, Denise Cunningham, and stated the board is now back to 100%.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Chairman Howard introduced Boy Scout Troop 616 from Calhoun with member Ian Smith leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

**APPROVE AGENDA**

1. GUESTS
  - a. Volunteer of the Month- Mountain View Elementary School
  - b. DAR State Essay Contest Winner- Miss Emily Hampton, Fifth Grade Student at E.K. Baker Elementary School
  - c. Recognition of 2015/16 Tenured Teachers
2. REGULAR CONSENT AGENDA
  - a. Minutes- Regular Monthly Session Meeting-February 9, 2017
  - b. Minutes- Called Board Meeting- February 16, 2017
  - c. Minutes-Executive Committee Meeting- March 1, 2017
  - d. Salary Supplements
  - e. Budget Amendments
  - f. Surplus Equipment
  - g. Field Trip Request
  - h. Juvenile Services Contract- 2017/18
3. PERSONNEL
  - a. Personnel Actions
4. COMMUNICATIONS
  - a. Recognition of our 2017 "Heart of our Program" Winners
  - b. Change Order- New Chiller for Englewood Elementary School
5. REPORTS
  - a. Review Policy Section 5.4-5.903
6. DIRECTOR OF SCHOOL'S REPORT
7. PRAISES & COMPLIMENTS
8. CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS
  - a. Regular session meeting: Tuesday, April 11, 2017 at 5:30 p.m.  
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*(Please note meeting date changed due to the Good Friday holiday.)*

ADJOURN

Chairman Howard asked for a motion to approve tonight's agenda. A motion to approve was made by Sharon Brown, seconded by Mike Lowry. A voice vote was recorded. Motion carried by unanimous vote. Chairman Howard stated this sets the order of tonight's meeting.

## **1. GUESTS**

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

Principal Angie Piercy introduced tonight's Volunteer of the Month recipient from Mountain View Elementary School. Ms. Piercy recognized Mr. Bill Corn, retired teacher from the school, for his volunteer efforts. Ms. Piercy stated Mr. Corn visits the school on a regular basis, checking on the students and the teachers. She said he volunteers countless hours by assisting and maintaining the softball facilities, working with students on their softball skills, working with the jail inmate program to build benches for the school, and most recently, he is volunteering his time to pour concrete and lay blocks for the new school sign. Ms. Piercy presented him with a certificate of appreciation and thanked him for his volunteer hours.

### **b. DAR State Essay Contest Winner- Miss Emily Hampton, Fifth grade student at E.K. Baker Elementary School**

Ms. Melinda Miller, Fifth Grade Teacher at E. K. Baker Elementary, recognized Emily on winning the local, district, and state DAR Essay Contest. Ms. Miller said Emily has a gift for writing and putting words on paper. She said the topic given for the essay was to write about our National Parks. Ms. Miller stated Emily chose to write about Yellowstone National Park. Ms. Miller said she has had several students to compete in this contest and win at local and regional levels, but Emily was her first state winner. Mr. Blevins presented her with a certificate of recognition and congratulated Emily for her accomplishments.

### **c. Recognition of 2015/16 Tenured Teachers**

Chairman Howard said at last month's regular session meeting of the Board, these teachers were approved as presented for tenure with our school system. Chairman Howard, along with Ms. Sharon Brown, recognized each teacher and presented them with a certificate of their tenure achievement. Those present and recognized were:

<b><u>SCHOOL</u></b>	<b><u>FIRST NAME</u></b>	<b><u>LAST NAME</u></b>
<b>CALHOUN ELEMENTARY</b>	Shelly Kim	Tullier White
<b>ENGLEWOOD ELEMENTARY</b>	Heather	Houser
<b>MCMINN CO. HIGH SCHOOL</b>	Ray	Brown
<b>MOUNTAIN VIEW ELEMENTARY</b>	Ashley Travis	Hardaway Vaughn
<b>NIOTA ELEMENTARY</b>	Brooke	McNelley
<b>RICEVILLE ELEMENTARY</b>	Amanda Megan	Rollo Sledge
<b>ROGERS CREEK ELEMENTARY</b>	Krista	Burns

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**2. REGULAR CONSENT AGENDA**

a. Minutes- Regular Monthly Session Meeting- February 9, 2017

b. Minutes –Called Board Meeting- February 16, 2017

c. Minutes- Executive Committee Meeting- March 1, 2017

d. Salary Supplements

Derrick, Kathy	2/3/2017	MVS	Bus Driver	40.00
Givens, Kathie	1/30-31,2/1-3,6-8,13-15,17,21-24/2017	Spec. Ed.	Bus Driver	640.00
Givens, Kathie	2/16/2017	Spec. Ed.	Bus Driver	60.00
Manders, Jerry	2/3/2017	MVS	Bus Driver	40.00
Miller, Dennis	2/3/2017	MVS	Bus Driver	40.00
Moss, Lisa	1/30-31, 2/1-2,6-8,13-17,21-24/2017	Spec. Ed.	Bus Driver	320.00
	1/4-6,17-19,24,26-27,30, 2/1-2,7-8,13-16/2017			
Moss, Lisa		Spec. Ed.	Bus Driver	380.00
Murray, Mary	1/30-31,2/1-3,6-8,13-17,21-24/2017	Spec. Ed.	Bus Driver	340.00
Niane, Mary	2/16-17/2017	Spec. Ed.	Bus Driver	40.00
Niane, Mary	1/23-27,30-31, 2/1-2,6-8,13-17/2017	Spec. Ed.	Bus Driver	340.00
Niane, Mary	1/23-27,31,2/1-3,6-8,13-17, 21/2017	Spec. Ed.	Bus Driver	340.00
Norwood, Marcy	1/30-31,2/1-3,7-8,13,15-17,21-24/2017	Spec. Ed.	Bus Driver	600.00
Passmore, William	2/7/2017	MCHS	Bus Driver	60.00
Tate, Jackie	2/3/2017	MVS	Bus Driver	40.00
Tate, Jackie	1/31/2017	MCBOE	Bus Driver	60.00

e. BUDGET AMENDMENTS

**GENERAL PURPOSE SCHOOL FUND #141**

To budget funds for Technology Plan approved by McMinn County School Board on 2/16/17.

f. SURPLUS EQUIPMENT

A request to surplus cafeteria equipment was submitted for approval. Items included were

Welder Power Mig

International Engine

2009-66 passenger bus (#18)

1998-66 passenger bus (#06)

Items are valued over \$250 and will be sold on Gov Deals Auction.

g. FIELD TRIP REQUEST

McMinn County High School has requested to participate in an Educational Tours trip to Australia and New Zealand (14 day trip) during the summer of 2018. Request submitted by McMinn County High School Teacher, Erick Innis.

h. Juvenile Services Contract 2017/18

This contract is between McMinn County Schools and the McMinn County Department of Juvenile Services. The contract includes a Youth Services Officer stationed at McMinn County High School and McMinn Central High School for the 2017/18 school year. It also provides for individual and group counseling, Tobacco Education classes, Anger Management assessments,

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Substance Abuse classes, in-home services and other programs as needed. The agreement states McMinn County Juvenile Services will coordinate Truancy Board hearings, Court hearing referrals, and will monitor students on probation in regards to school attendance and disciplines. They will also provide a summer academy for twenty high risk juveniles.

Chairman Howard asked for any item to be pulled from the regular consent agenda. Mike Cochran had a question with the field trip request, Item 2g. Mr. Cochran asked if this field trip was for the entire school or just one particular class. Mr. Blevins said it was open to anyone who wants to travel and would be during the summer of 2018 with a cost of \$4500 with an installment plan of around \$300 a month. Mr. Blevins said there is currently around 50 people interested in this trip.

Mr. Blevins recommended the regular consent agenda for approval. A motion to approve was made by Donna Cagle, seconded by Melinda King. Chairman Howard asked for further discussion. A voice vote was recorded. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

### 3. PERSONNEL

#### a. Personnel Actions

<b>PROFESSIONALS</b>					
<b>Last Name</b>	<b>First Name</b>	<b>Assignment</b>	<b>Action</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Effective</b>
Allen	Tarah	Teacher	Resign	Niota	2/17/2017
Allmon	Debbie	Teacher	Retire	MVS	5/26/2017
Bacon	Terry	Teacher	Retire	EK Baker	5/26/2017
Carpenter	Josh	Teacher	Resign	MCHS	3/17/2017
Derrick	Janice	Teacher	Retire	Calhoun	5/26/2017
Gaston	Sarah	Teacher	Retire	MCHS	5/26/2017
King	Yvonne	Teacher	Retire	Rog. Crk	5/26/2017
Garrison	Jordan	Interim Teacher	Hire	Niota	2/27/2017
Barnett	Emma	Interim Teacher	Hire	Rog. Crk	2/13/2017
<b>ESP</b>					
Hyde	Angela	Café Monitor	Hire	RCVLE	2/23/2017
<b>LEAVE OF ABSENCE</b>					
<b>Last Name</b>	<b>First Name</b>	<b>ASSIGNMENT</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Beginning</b>	<b>Ending Date</b>
Bailey	Helen	Bus Driver		1/4/2017	4/15/2017
Cook	Buck	Bus Driver		2/21/2017	5/23/2017
Jackson	James	Bus Driver		3/27/2017	5/17/2017
Thompson	Angie	Custodian	Rog. Crk.	2/24/2017	3/10/2017

Mr. Blevins recognized Ms. Debbie Allman, teacher at Mt. View Elementary School, who would be retiring at the end of this school year with over 31 years of service with the school system. Mr. Blevins also recognized Ms. Terry Bacon, Ms. Janice Derrick, Ms. Sarah Gaston, and Ms. Yvonne King for also retiring at the end of this school year with each of them having over 23 years of teaching experience. Mr. Blevins wished each of them well on their upcoming retirements and thanked them for their service to the profession.

Chairman Howard stated the list of personnel actions was provided for the board's information only.

### 4. COMMUNICATION

#### a. Recognition of "Heart of Our Program" Winners

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Mr. Blevins said he appreciated several of the board members for coming to the recognition program and stated he appreciates all of our para professionals for helping us run a successful program. Mr. Blevins read the list of the following winners:

<b>2017 Heart of Our Program</b>		
Calhoun School	Jan Jones	Kim Toomey
E.K. Baker School	Brenda Farris	Jeanie Lunn
Englewood School	Teresa Mason	Rhonda Shirk
Mt. View School	Rhonda Perdue	Janet Moorhouse
Niota School	Theresa Reed	Dawana Miller
Riceville School	Vicki Thornburg	Niala Harris
Rogers Creek School	Scott Standridge	Wendy Pitcock
Central High School	Debbie Newman	Cricket Snyder
McMinn County High School	Robin Anderson	Sid Dickey
Career & Technical Education	Danny Underdown	
Maintenance & Transportation	William Morgan	Sheila Oines
Central Office	Mike Clay	Angie Bryan
Pupil Transportation	Jackie Tate	Terry Pierce

b. Change Order-New Chiller for Englewood Elementary School

Mr. Blevins stated the board would be getting back the total contingency remaining for this project which would be \$7,000. Mr. Blevins recommended the change order for approval. Chairman Howard asked for a motion to approve. A motion to approve was made by Rob Shamblin, seconded by Sharon Brown. A voice vote was recorded. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

**5. REPORTS**

a. Review Policy Section 5.4-5.903

Sharon Brown asked the board to review this section in the policy manual and to report any questions or suggestions to either her or to Mr. Blevins.

Chairman Howard informed the budget committee that we will be moving forward fairly soon with the preparation of our budget for the upcoming school year.

**6. DIRECTOR OF SCHOOL'S REPORT**

Mr. Blevins stated he would like to recognize Mr. Jonathan Pierce on receiving the Education Award sponsored by Cleveland State Community College. Mr. Blevins said Mr. Pierce received this honor for the entire region. Mr. Blevins stated Mr. Pierce would be recognized at the college's annual Foundations Gala to be held on Thursday, March 30, 2017. He congratulated Mr. Pierce on receiving this honor.

Mr. Blevins reminded the board of the upcoming school closure for Spring Break which would be the week of March 20-24, 2017. Mr. Blevins stated the Center would also be closed during this time.

**7. PRAISES AND COMPLIMENTS**

Chairman Howard asked for any comments. There were none.

**8. CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS**

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a. Regular Session Meeting: Tuesday, April 11, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. at the McMinn County Center for Educational Excellence.

Chairman Howard asked the board to take note of the date of the next regular session meeting to be held on a Tuesday due to the Good Friday holiday weekend.

Chairman Howard recognized Boy Scout Group 616 from Calhoun who were in attendance at tonight's meeting. Their group leader stated they were working on merit badges that would lead to their Eagle Scout badge. She stated their attendance tonight sufficed the Citizenship in the Community badge and was required to become an Eagle Scout. Boy Scouts in attendance from Troop 616 were: Nick Dorman, Dutsch Dorman, Ian Smith, and Haden Dixon.

Chairman Howard said he and Ms. Brown would like to meet with new board members Ms. Cunningham, Mr. Shamblin, and Mr. Allman immediately after the meeting in regards to new school board member orientation.

Chairman Howard asked for a motion to adjourn. A motion was made by Mike Lowry, seconded by Sharon Brown. A voice vote was recorded. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Meeting adjourned.

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Chairman's Signature

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Director of School's Signature