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McMinn County Board of Education
Regular Session Meeting
Tuesday, April 11, 2017
5:30 p.m.

The McMinn County Board of Education met in regular session on Tuesday, April 11, 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

Mike Cochran
Denise Cunningham
Tony Allman
Joe Coleman
Melinda King
Rob Shamblin
Sharon Brown
Mike Lowry

ABSENT

Chairman Howard
Donna Cagle

WELCOME

Sharon Brown, Vice Chairman, welcomed everyone to the meeting tonight and stated we have eight (8) members present which was enough for a quorum.

Ms. Brown asked for a moment of silence in remembrance of two individuals that were very special to our school system. Ms. Brown shared with the audience of the recent passing of Englewood School secretary, Ms. Judy Breeden, who had been employed with the school system for over 15 years and Mr. Joe Gaston, Federal Programs Supervisor, which passed away most recently, with over 39 years of service. Ms. Brown said both of these individuals would be greatly missed.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Ms. Brown asked board member Mike Cochran to lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVE AGENDA

1. GUESTS

- a. Volunteer of the Month- Englewood Elementary School
- b. STEM Fair Winners
- c. 2017 SCOPE Delegates

2. REGULAR CONSENT AGENDA

- a. Minutes- Regular Monthly Session Meeting-March 9, 2017
- b. Salary Supplements
- c. 2017/18 Textbook Adoption
- d. Customer Marketing Agreement (CCBCC Operations)-Central High School
- e. Field Trip Request

3. PERSONNEL

- a. Personnel Actions

4. COMMUNICATIONS

- a. Donation Request- McMinn Career Technical Center- DECA
- b. Donation Request- Central High School- DECA
- c. CHS Field Trip Request to Costa Rica- *(Summer of 2018)*

5. REPORTS

- a. Review Policy Section 6.1-6.405

6. DIRECTOR OF SCHOOL'S REPORT

7. PRAISES & COMPLIMENTS

8. CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

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a. Regular session meeting-Thursdays, May 11, 2017 at the Center for Educational Excellence at 5:30 p.m.

ADJOURN

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

1. GUESTS

a. Volunteer of the Month- Englewood Elementary School

Principal Kristi Darnell recognized Ms. Whitney Nichols as the recipient of this month's Volunteer award. Ms. Darnell said Ms. Nichols was Vice President of the PTO and was constantly being involved at the school. Ms. Darnell said most recently, Ms. Nichols gave up a Saturday to come to the school to paint the school bleachers. Ms. Darnell complimented her involvement with the distribution of the annual cookie dough fundraiser event and how vital her volunteering is to the school. Ms. Darnell presented Ms. Nichols with a certificate of appreciation.

b. STEM Fair Winners

Mr. Blevins said he is very proud of this group of students. Mr. Blevins said we began several years ago with an emphasis in our STEM program and project based learning program. He stated our schools have competed with private schools in the regional STEM fairs and have done very well. Mr. Blevins introduced Ms. Cindy Studdard Moses, Teacher at McMinn County High School, and asked her to present and recognize this group of students.

Ms. Moses thanked the board for their support along with the parents and students for being here this evening. Ms. Moses stated this year's STEM fair began in December with the individual school level winners going on to compete at the county level. Ms. Moses said the students that are here this evening competed at the regional STEM fair level with several students going on to compete past this level. Ms. Moses recognized the following students and their achievements.

County Level STEM Fair Winners:

9th/10th grade:

3rd place: "Geodesic Structures"- Rebekah Burke and Anna Brown

2nd place: "Does the Quality of Feed Matter?"- Samantha Roberts and Lindsey Dennis

1st place: "Better Biodiesels: Converting Autumn Olive Oil into Winterized Fuel", Maria Tirado and Kelli Buckaloo

11th/12th grade:

3rd place: "Shin Guards: The Good, the Bad, and the Spongy", Kirk Lockmiller and Jackson Goins

2nd place: "Auto CPR Machine", Hunter Jaynes and Jared Rucker

1st place: "Carputer", Adrian Frausto and Jorge Medina-Castellanos

Also advancing to the regional competition were:

Wild Card Winner: "Symmetric Studies", Caleb Hughes and Zack Smith

Continued Research Winners: "Cold Water for Soldiers", Blake Thompson and Cass Turner and "Quick Heating Water Heater", Bailey Witt and Justin Pritchett

Overall Reserve Champions: Jared Rucker and Hunter Jaynes, with "Auto CPR Machine"

Grand Champions: Adrian Frausto and Jorge Medina-Castellanos, with "Carputer"

Chattanooga Regional Science and Engineering Fair.

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Arnold Air Force Base ATA Hap Arnold Award:

- Rebekah Burke and Anna Brown
- Jared Rucker and Hunter Jaynes
- Adrian Frausto and Jorge Medina-Castellanos

ASM Materials Education Foundation Award:

- Rebekah Burke and Anna Brown

Stockholm Junior Water Prize:

- Justin Pritchett and Bailey Witt
- Blake Thompson and Cass Turner

Yale Science and Engineering Award:

- Jared Rucker and Hunter Jaynes

1st Place in Biomedical Engineering:

- Jared Rucker and Hunter Jaynes

1st Place in Embedded Systems:

- Adrian Frausto and Jorge Medina-Castellanos

1st Place in Chemical Energy:

- Maria Tirado and Kelli Buckaloo

1st Place in Electrical and Mechanical Engineering:

- Anna Brown and Rebekah Burke

\$1,000 UTC Scholarship:

- Adrian Frausto

Winners of a trip to compete at ISWEEEP (International Sustainable World Energy Engineering Environment Project) competition in Houston, Texas:

- Blake Thompson and Cass Turner
- Jared Rucker and Hunter Jaynes were chosen as ISWEEEP alternates

Winners of a trip to compete at ISEF (the International Science and Engineering Fair) in Los Angeles, California:

- Maria Tirado and Kelli Buckaloo

Winners of a trip to ISEF in Los Angeles as observers:

- Rebekah Burke and Anna Brown

Senior High Overall Award: MCMINN COUNTY!!!

Ms. Moses said she is very proud of our students as they competed with several private schools and you can see, they did an outstanding job.

Ms. Brown congratulated all of the students and parents and said this was a fabulous recognition.

c. TSBA SCOPE Delegates

Mr. Blevins said each year, we have two students from each high school to represent our school system at this event sponsored by Tennessee School Boards Association (TSBA). Mr. Blevins stated this year, the students were asked to debate and vote on four different issues:

1. The ACT should be substituted for end of course examinations.
2. High schools shall offer at least twenty percent (20%) of classroom instruction online.
3. Students shall have an Individual Education Program (IEP).
4. Student discipline council shall be organized to handle minor student offenses.

Mr. Blevins introduced the students and chaperones that attended this event.

McMinn County High School: Katherin Goodin, Hunter Jaynes and Chaperone David Stoika
Central High School: Haden Blair, Callie Stewart and Chaperone Stephanie Smith

(Haden Blair and Katherin Goodin were unable to be present.)

Mr. Blevins asked the students their opinions of several of the topics of debate. Callie Stewart, a student from Central High School, said they did not get to choose their arguments and

subjects to debate and that she was given the topic of the ACT being substituted for end of course examinations with the results being 31% voting yes and 69% voting no.

Hunter Jaynes from McMinn County High School said his topic of debate was should every student have an individual education program. He said the vote was 50-50 and that he personally, did not see how the school system would benefit from this.

Mr. Blevins asked their personal arguments in regards to the ACT being substituted for end of course examinations. Callie said her personal argument would have been that she didn't believe the ACT was comparable to the end of course examinations. Hunter said he felt the ACT didn't cover all the material involved in the class and that in an essence, you are not getting the whole curriculum in that one test.

Mr. Blevins thanked the chaperones, Mr. Stoika and Ms. Smith, for their involvement in the program for the past several years.

2. REGULAR CONSENT AGENDA

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

b. Salary Supplements

NAME	Date	ACCOUNT	TITLE	AMOUNT
Baines, Tabitha	1/30-31,2/1-3,6-7,13-15,21-24/2017	Spec. Ed.	Bus Driver	280.00
Baines, Tabitha	2/27-28, 3/2-3,6,8-10,13-14,16-17/2017	Spec. Ed.	Bus Driver	240.00
Buck, Sue	3/16/2017	ENG	Bus Driver	40.00
Carmley, Carolyn	3/14/2017	Spec. Ed.	Bus Driver	20.00
Carter, Brent	3/17/2017	Rog Crk	Bus Driver	60.00
Givens, Kathie	2/27-28, 3/2-3,6-10,13-14,16/2017	Spec. Ed.	Bus Driver	480.00
Mason, Sam	3/16/2017	STEM	Mechanic	75.00
McConkey, Stan	3/17/2017	ENG	Bus Driver	100.00
McPhail, Tim	3/3/2017	MCHS	Bus Driver	150.00
	2/27-28, 3/2,6-10,13-14,16-17,27-28,30-31/2017			
Moss, Lisa	31/2017	Spec. Ed.	Bus Driver	320.00
Moss, Lisa	2/27-28, 3/3, 8-10,13-14,16-17,27-31/2017	Spec. Ed.	Bus Driver	300.00
Murray, Mary	2/27-28, 3/2-3,6-10,13,16-17/2017	Spec. Ed.	Bus Driver	240.00
Niane, Mary	1/23-27,31, 2/1-3,6-8,13-17,21/2017	Spec. Ed.	Bus Driver	360.00*
Niane, Mary	2/21-24,27-28, 3/2-3,6-10,13-14,17/2017	Spec. Ed.	Bus Driver	320.00
Niane, Mary	2/22-24,27-28, 3/2-3,6-8,10,13-14,17/2017	Spec. Ed.	Bus Driver	280.00
Niane, Mary	2/21-24,27-28, 3/2-3,6-10,13-14,16-17/2017	Spec. Ed.	Bus Driver	340.00
Norwood, Marcy	2/27-28, 3/2-3,6-8,10,13-14,16-17/2017	Spec. Ed.	Bus Driver	480.00
Sisk, Julie	3/25/2017	Spec. Ed.	Bus Driver	100.00

* previously approved but corrected amount

c. 2017/18 Textbook Adoption

The textbook adoption for the period of June 1, 2017-June 30, 2023 is for Career and Technical Education B: Agriculture, Food & Natural Resources: STEM : Health Science (no change), Transportation, Distribution and Logistics, Architecture & Construction. (Blanket Adoption)

d. Customer Marketing Agreement (CCBCC Operations) - Central High School

This agreement is between McMinn Central High School and CCBCC Operations, LLC. This customer marketing agreement is for the purchase and resale of drink products in concession and in vending machines located at the school. This agreement is for the period of January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2021.

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e. Field Trip Request

FIELD TRIP REQUESTS

McMinn Career Technical Center
DECA State winners request permission to compete in the DECA International Career Development Conference in Anaheim, CA- April 26-May 1, 2017

McMinn County High School
ISEF Trip for STEM students to participate in the National Intel International Science and Engineering Fair-Los Angeles, CA- May 14-20, 2017

ISweep Conference for regional Science/STEM Fair winners-Houston, TX-May 3-8, 2017

Central High School
CHS Lightning Dance Team requests permission to participate in Dance Contest in Pensacola, Florida- April 6-9, 2017

DECA State winners request permission to compete in the DECA International Career and Development Conference in Anaheim, CA- April 26-30, 2017

E.K. Baker Elementary School
7th-8th grade student Educational Trip to Washington, DC- June 1-5, 2017

Riceville Elementary School
8th grade student trip to Atlanta, GA- May 11-13, 2017

Ms. Brown asked for any items to be pulled from the regular consent agenda for approval. Mr. Blevins recommended the regular consent agenda for approval. A motion to approve was made by Rob Shamblin, seconded by Melinda King. A voice vote was recorded. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

3. PERSONNEL

a. Personnel Actions

PROFESSIONALS					
Last Name	First Name	Assignment	Action	Location	Effective
Mack	Linda	Sped. Coord. Teacher	Transfer	MCHS	3/31/2017
Pierce	Jonathan	CTE Supervisor	Retirement	Central Office	6/30/2017
Stewart	Johnny	Teacher	Retirement	EKB	5/26/2017
Shugart	Alice	Teacher	Retirement	MVS	5/26/2017
Stiles	Vicki	Teacher	Retirement	MVS	5/26/2017
Stoika	David	Teacher	Retirement	MCHS	5/26/2017
Sorah	Kay	Teacher	Retirement	MVS	5/26/2017
Swanson	Phillip	Sec. Supervisor	Retirement	Central Office	6/30/2017
Williams	Janice	Teacher	Retirement	Rog. Crk	1/16/2017
ESP					
Stiles	Brooke	Pre-K Aide	Resign	MVS	3/14/2017
Mooney	Anna	Aide	Resign	MCHS	6/30/2017
Cantrell	Missy	PT Secretary	Resign	Center	end of SY
Hicks	Sharon	Café monitor	Resign	Calhoun	end of SY
Holt	Dean	Bus Driver	Resign		3/31/2017
Jones	Naamah	Music Teacher	Resign	Calhoun	end of SY
McKinnon	Sarah	Spec. Ed. Aide	Resign	MCHS	end of SY
Mooney	Anna	Spec. Ed. Aide	Retirement	MCHS	end of SY
LEAVE OF ABSENCE					

Last Name	First Name	ASSIGNMENT	Location	Beginning	Ending Date
White	Beatriz	ELL Teacher	MCHS	Extended 3/27/2017	5/26/2017
Ferguson	Brandi	Aide	EKB	3/16/2017	5/26/2017
Frazier	Beth	Teacher	ENG	5/1/2017	5/26/2017
McDonald	Ashley	Teacher	CHS	3/13/17 Revised	5/19/2017

Mr. Blevins stated it was very hard personally, but professionally, wanted to recognize a couple of individuals. Mr. Blevins spoke of the recent passing of Englewood School secretary, Ms. Judy Breeden. Mr. Blevins said Ms. Breeden has worked at the school for over 15 years with 13 of them being in the current position.

Mr. Blevins also recognized the recent passing of Federal Programs Supervisor, Mr. Joe Gaston. Mr. Blevins said Mr. Gaston began his career as a homebound teacher and then onto being a history teacher at Central High School. Mr. Blevins said Mr. Gaston went on to be principal of Central High School for almost five years before transferring to his current position at the Central Office. Mr. Blevins stated his total educational career expanded to over 39 years and that he will be greatly missed.

Mr. Blevins stated it is the time of year with our retirement incentive for employees who meet the qualifications. Mr. Blevins said to qualify, a teacher must have a total of thirty years of experience, the last ten of which must be in McMinn County Schools. Mr. Blevins acknowledged the notice of intent to retire from two of our central office supervisors; Mr. Jonathan Pierce, Career and Technical Education Supervisor, and Dr. Phillip Swanson, Secondary Supervisor.

Mr. Blevins said Mr. Pierce began his career as a vocational teacher in Polk County before coming to McMinn County in 1986 as a vocational teacher. After 17 years serving in this capacity, Mr. Pierce became the Vocational Supervisor in 2002 where he continues to serve today. Mr. Blevins said this was a total of 38 years of experience in the educational field.

Mr. Blevins then recognized Dr. Phillip Swanson on his 35 years of experience. Mr. Blevins stated Dr. Swanson worked as a teacher and principal in Monroe County for eight years prior to coming to McMinn County as an Assistant Principal at McMinn in 1992. He stated Dr. Swanson served in this capacity for seven years before assuming the principal position at the CTE in 1999. Mr. Blevins said Dr. Swanson moved to his current position at the central office as Secondary Supervisor in 2003.

Mr. Blevins said we have big shoes to fill with the amount of experience we are losing. Mr. Blevins said he anticipates it to be a long summer and that he may shift some job descriptions. Mr. Blevins wished Dr. Swanson and Mr. Pierce well on their retirement and with their next projects.

Mr. Blevins informed the board of the additional leave request of teacher, Beatriz White, who was requesting additional time beyond her approved FMLA to care for her newborn child. Mr. Blevins stated this request was through the end of the current school year. He stated we have done this on several occasions and he recommends the granting of this request.

Ms. Brown asked for a motion to approve. A motion to approve was made by Rob Shamblin, seconded by Joe Coleman. Ms. Brown asked for any discussion. A voice vote was recorded. Motion carried unanimously.

4. COMMUNICATION

a. Donation Request- McMinn Career Technical Center-DECA

b. Donation Request- Central High School-DECA

Mr. Blevins said with the board's permission, he would combine the two donation requests from the DECA clubs at both high schools. Mr. Blevins referred to the letters of requests included in the board packet of donations to assist with travel expenses to Anaheim, CA for their students who will be competing at DECA's International Career Development Conference April 26-29, 2017. Mr. Blevins stated it is tradition for the board to donate an amount of \$500 and this was his recommendation for each club. A motion to approve was made by Mike Cochran, seconded by Joe Coleman. Ms. Brown asked for any discussion. A voice vote was recorded. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

c. CHS Field Trip Request to Costa Rica- (Summer of 2018)

Mr. Blevins said this request was submitted by Ms. Stephanie Smith, a Spanish Teacher from Central High School. Mr. Blevins stated this trip is with the same touring group that coordinated the trips taken to Belize and Galapagos Islands at McMinn County High School. He said they have a very good track record. Mr. Blevins stated the proposal included twenty (20) students plus chaperones and would be scheduled for the summer of 2018. He also stated the trip would be an eleven (11) day trip. Mr. Blevins stated Ms. Smith was in attendance tonight as she was also a chaperone with the SCOPE Delegates recognized earlier this evening and was available for any questions. Mr. Blevins recommended the trip for approval.

Ms. Brown asked the board for any discussion. A motion to approve the field trip was made by Mike Cochran, seconded by Joe Coleman. A voice vote was recorded. Motion carried unanimously.

5. REPORTS

Ms. Brown stated as Policy Committee Chair and with the passing of Mr. Gaston, Mr. Blevins' staff are working to prepare several policies to present to the committee for recommendation. Ms. Brown said the committee would have a meeting in the near future to review these policies.

a. Review Policy Section 6.1-6.405

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.

6. DIRECTOR OF SCHOOL'S REPORT

Mr. Blevins reminded the board of schools being closed this Friday, April 14 for the Good Friday Holiday and of the closing of the central office, as well.

Mr. Blevins informed the board that he along with budget committee chairperson, Mike Lowry, would be attending the Spring Fiscal Workshop April 24-25, 2017 in Pigeon Forge. Mr. Blevins stated we will be receiving information regarding our TCRS contribution rates, insurance rates and other information to assist with budget preparations for the upcoming school year.

Mr. Blevins told board members they should have received in their folders tonight, a list of upcoming graduation and awards ceremonies. Mr. Blevins encouraged them to mark their calendars and encouraged their attendance.

Ms. Brown said she felt it is important for the board to show their support when they have an opportunity as everyone appreciates them being there. She encouraged board members to attempt to get to the ones in their respective districts and also encouraged them to attend the two high school graduations. Ms. Brown said we are the Board of Education for the entire school system and our students have worked 12-13 very hard years to get to this time in their lives. She said we need to let them know we are proud of them with our attendance.

7. PRAISES AND COMPLIMENTS

(There were no praises or compliments.)

8. CHAIRMAN’S COMMENTS

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

Ms. Brown reminded the board of the next regular scheduled meeting.

Ms. Brown asked for a motion to adjourn. A motion was made by Mike Lowry, seconded by Joe Coleman. A voice vote was recorded. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Meeting adjourned.

Vice Chairman’s Signature

Director of School’s Signature