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**McMinn County Board of Education
Regular Session Meeting
Thursday, February 8, 2018**

The McMinn County Board of Education met in regular session on Thursday, February 8, 2018 at the McMinn County Center for Educational Excellence at 5:30 p.m.

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

ROLL CALL

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

WELCOME

Chairman Brown welcomed everyone to tonight's meeting.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Board Member, Rob Shamblin, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA

Chairman 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. Chairman Brown asked for any discussion. A voice vote was recorded. Motion carried by unanimous vote. Chairman Brown stated this sets the order for tonight's meeting.

1. GUESTS

a. Volunteer of the Month-E.K. Baker Elementary School

Principal Amy Bohannon said tonight's volunteers are part of a group of adult volunteers from the Tri-County Center who come to the school a couple of days a week and help out in the school cafeteria. Ms. Bohannon said these three adults were their most faithful workers as they work so hard and always come to work with a smile. Ms. Bohannon recognized David Holcombe, Teresa Smith and Chris Cheek presenting each of them with a certificate of appreciation.

Chairman Brown also expressed her appreciation to each of them on behalf of the board and thanked them for their service.

b. MCHS Student, Zack Price-State Bowling Tournament Finalist

McMinn County High School Bowling Coach, Mr. Preston Moser, said Zack was the best bowler on this year's team with an average scoring game of 215 and 85% winning percentage. Mr. Moser said Zack was named to both the All District and All Region teams and finished second in the top 54 bowlers qualifying for the state tournament. Mr. Moser stated Zack came in third place overall at the state level and congratulated him on his efforts. He said Zack is not only a great bowler but a fine young man.

Mr. Blevins presented Zack with a certificate of recognition and congratulated him on all his achievements.

c. Recognition of System Level Teacher of the Year Winners

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Mr. Blevins said it was his extreme honor to recognize this group of educators as this award is voted on by their peers. Mr. Blevins said these educators work so very hard and were very deserving of this recognition. Those present and recognized were:

Michelle Derrick, Pre-K-4 grades- K teacher at Riceville School
Krista Burns, 5-8 grades – LA teacher at Rogers Creek
Erick Innis, 9-12 grades- Science Dept. at MCHS

Mr. Blevins said all three of the grade level finalists were submitted to the regional level with Mr. Innis being named the system’s overall winner.

Mr. Blevins also recognized Mr. David McDonald as the Principal of the Year and Ms. Diane Vinson as the Supervisor of the Year.

Chairman Brown also thanked each of them for the work they are doing for our students.

2. REGULAR CONSENT AGENDA

a. Minutes- Regular Monthly Session Meeting- January 18, 2018

b. Salary Supplements

NAME	Date	ACCOUNT	TITLE	AMOUNT
Ghorley, Betty	1/26/2018	MCBOE	Bus Driver	60.00
Givens, Kathie	1/26/2018	MCBOE	Bus Driver	60.00
Liner, Susan	12/19/2017	Calhoun	Bus Driver	40.00
McConkey, Stan	12/15/2017	Englewood	Bus Driver	60.00
McDonald, Tommy	12/12/2017	EK Baker	Bus Driver	60.00
Mills, Pam	1/12/2018	Spec. Ed	Bus Driver	20.00
Morgan, James	12/12/2017	EK Baker	Bus Driver	60.00
Murray, Mary	1/12/2018	Spec. Ed	Bus Driver	60.00
Norwood, Marcy	12/6-8,11-12,14/2017, 1/9- 12/2018	Spec. Ed	Bus Driver	400.00
Tate, Jackie	1/26/2018	MCBOE	Bus Driver	60.00

c. Bids and Purchases

BID

Bleacher Repairs (system-wide)
Bid Recommendation: (sole source) **\$80,240.60**
Bleachers and Seats
Nashville, TN

d. Field Trip Requests

McMinn County High School Outdoor Club requests to travel to Sugar Mountain North Carolina February 23-25, 2018.

Mountain View 8th grade requests to travel to Washington, D.C. for the dates of May 22-26, 2018.

e. Fundraiser Requests

McMinn Career and Technical Center- Skills USA/MCTC Drafting requests to sell beef jerky to raise money for CTSO activities and local, state and national level expenses-March, 2018

Central High School- Student Council requests to offer the “Painting of the Spirit Rock”. Monies raised will be returned to the Student Council and for school administration needs.-February-June, 2018

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McMinn Career and Technical Center- Cosmetology requests to sell sugar scrubs and bath bombs and essential oils. Monies raised will be used to support CTSO activities- February, 2018

Mountain View School- 8th Grade requests to have the dances, car wash, donut sales, t-shirts bracelets, and have a cheerleading camp to raise money to fund their 8th grade student trip- February-May, 2018.

McMinn County High School CDC class requests to sell T-shirts for Autism Awareness and solicit community business donations. Monies raised will be used for their spring dance, field trips, replacement of old equipment.

McMinn County TRIBE Rugby Team requests to sell T-shirts to assist a student with medical needs.

f. Budget Amendments

FEDERAL PROJECTS #142, TITLE I, #108

To amend the current budget in order to be the same as the FY 2017/2018 ePlan document.

FEDERAL PROJECTS #142, TITLE II, #208

To amend the current budget in order to be the same as the FY 2017-18 ePlan document.

FEDERAL PROJECTS #142, IDEA, PRE-K, #918

To amend the current budget in order to be the same as the FY 2017-2018 ePlan document.

FEDERAL PROJECTS #142, CARL PERKINS 16.01, #808

To amend the current budget in order to be the same as the FFY 2017/18 ePlan document.

Chairman Brown asked if any board member would like to pull an item from the regular consent agenda. Mr. Blevins recommended the regular consent agenda for approval. Chairman Brown asked for a motion to accept the regular consent agenda. A motion to accept was made by Mike Cochran, 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
Taylor	Melanie	Teacher	Resign	CHS	3/9/2018
ESP					
Rhea	Rebecca	Spec. Ed. Teacher Assistant	hire	ENG	TBD
Stephens	Sarah	Teacher Assistant	resign	EKB	1/12/2018
Dobyns	Cory	Teacher Assistant	hire	EKB	1/16/2018
Smith	Wilma	Café Monitor	resign	Calhoun	1/26/2018
Hicks	Sharon	Café Monitor	Hire	Calhoun	1/29/2018
Russell	Margaret	Café Monitor	resign	Riceville	1/25/2018
Skinner	Janice	Café Monitor	Hire	Riceville	TBD
Saylor	Jennifer	PT Secretary	hire	CHS	
LEAVE OF ABSENCE					
Headrick	Abby	Teacher		MCHS	1/19/18-5/14/18
Lee	Jessica	Teacher		ENG	2/20-5/4/18
Shields	Gwendolyn	Cook			ext. to 5/23/18
EXTENDED LEAVE OF ABSENCE					
Cook	Buck	Bus Driver	LOA	4/9/2018	5/23/2018

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Chairman Brown stated this information was provided for the board's information. Mr. Blevins said there was one item of action required of the board. Mr. Blevins referenced the extended leave of absence request of Buck Cook, a school bus driver with the system. Mr. Blevins said a circumstance had arisen of the need to extend his medical leave of absence beyond his allotted FMLA. A motion to approve was made by Mike Lowry, seconded by Tony Allman. A voice vote was recorded. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

4. COMMUNICATIONS

a. McMinn County School Level Teachers of the Year Winners

Mr. Blevins asked the board to oblige him the courtesy to read and acknowledge the names of all of our school level winners for this year.

Pre K - 4th Grades 2017/18

Amy McConkey

Calhoun Elementary School

Brittany Ainsworth

E.K. Baker Elementary School

Jodi Glass

Englewood Elementary School

Sylvia Glenn

Mountain View Elementary School

Trish Millsaps

Niota Elementary School

Andrea Watson

Rogers Creek Elementary School

5th - 8th Grade-2017/18

Connie Guthrie

Calhoun Elementary School

Vickie Haile

E.K. Baker Elementary School

Missy Huskey

Englewood Elementary School

Kimberly Powers

Mountain View Elementary School

Jed McNelley

Niota Elementary School

Randall Bates

Riceville Elementary School

9th-12th Grades-2017-18

Jennifer Estes

McMinn Central High School

Timothy Womac

McMinn Central High School

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Jillian Ratti

McMinn County High School

b. "Heart of Our Program"- Wednesday, February 14, 2018 at 11:30 a.m.

Mr. Blevins reminded the board of this program in recognition of our support staff which is held in conjunct with Valentine's Day each year. Mr. Blevins said this was always an enjoyable event and that it was to be held at the Center for Excellence catered by Ms. Nancy Crisp.

d. Legislative Breakfast- Friday, February 16, 2018 at 8:00 a.m.

Mr. Blevins stated this event will be hosted by Etowah City School this year and would be held at Michael's Restaurant in Etowah. Mr. Blevins encouraged the board to attend this time visiting with our local legislators. Mr. Blevins said this will be Dr. Forgety's last legislative breakfast as our State Representative. He further shared that 40% of this year's proposed legislation involves education.

5. REPORTS

a. Committee Reports

Chairman Brown asked for any committee reports. There were no reports.

b. Review Policy Section 5.1-5.4

Policy Committee Chairman Rob Shamblin reminded the board to review this section of their policy manuals prior to the next meeting.

c. Second Reading of Policies

Chairman Brown said the following policies were approved on first reading at last month's meeting and were being recommended tonight from the Policy Committee for a second and final reading.

- 5.305- Family Medical Leave
- 6.4001-Student Surveys, Analyses, and Evaluations
- 1.901-Charter School Applications (Replacing 1.704)
- 6.2011-Voluntary Pre-K Attendance
- 5.117-Teacher Tenure

Chairman Brown asked for a voice vote to approve on second and final reading. A voice vote was recorded. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

6. DIRECTOR OF SCHOOL'S REPORT

Mr. Blevins said our attendance rate is hovering at 90% system wide and said this is the highest it has been in over two weeks. Mr. Blevins thanked our custodial staff and administration who came in and worked during our most recent school closing days of February 2nd and 5th. He said he appreciates their efforts with cleaning and sanitizing all the classrooms so students could return.

7. PRAISES AND COMPLIMENTS

There were no praises and/or compliments.

8. CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

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Chairman Brown said each board member received a letter tonight from our school board attorney, Ms. Sarah Kennedy.

Ms. Kennedy said this letter was a reminder of the training requirements of a school board member. She said in the letter, it refers each board member to TSBA's website which has the information of the state requirements and a list of the training and dates for the required board modules. Ms. Kennedy stated in order to keep our state funding, this was just a friendly reminder to the board.

Ms. Cagle asked if there was a time frame to securing the points. Ms. Kennedy said for experienced board members as Ms. Cagle, the 7 hours of training is required annually. Ms. Kennedy further stated that TSBA required at least one module to be completed by 6/30/18 of each year. Ms. Kennedy further stated that TSBA requires board members to attend the required basic core modules first.

Mr. Blevins said he received notification from TSBA of twelve more policies being recommended for review and that we will need to have another policy committee meeting in March. Mr. Blevins said he hoped by this meeting date to have a presentation of the revisions to the high school dress code policy.

Chairman Brown reminded the board of the next regular session meeting to be held on Thursday, March 8, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.

Chairman Brown stated this concludes our meeting for tonight and asked for a motion to adjourn. A motion to adjourn was made by Mike Lowry, seconded by Melinda King. A voice vote was taken. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Meeting adjourned.

Chairman's Signature

Director of School's Signature