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

The Policy Committee of the McMinn County Board of Education met at 4:30 p.m. immediately prior to the regular session meeting.

The McMinn County Board of Education met in regular session on Thursday, March 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	Chairman Sharon Brown
Rob Shamblin	
Donna Cagle	
Denise Cunningham	
Mike Cochran	
Melinda King	
Joe Coleman	
Quinten Howard	

WELCOME

Vice Chairman, Quinten Howard, stated in the absence of Ms. Brown, he would like to welcome everyone to tonight's meeting.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Board Member, Donna Cagle, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA

Vice Chairman Quinten Howard asked for a motion to approve the agenda for tonight's meeting. A motion to approve was made by Donna Cagle, seconded by Mike Lowry. Vice Chairman Howard asked for any discussion. A voice vote was recorded. Motion carried by unanimous vote. V. Chairman Howard stated this sets the order for tonight's meeting.

1. GUESTS

a. Volunteer of the Month-McMinn County High School

Mr. Blevins informed the board this would be postponed until next month.

b. 2018 McMinn County Spelling Bee Winners

First Place: Amy Johnson, Mt. View Elementary School-
Second Place: Brandon Hoppe, Niota Elementary School
Third Place: Gracie Eisenhart, Mt. View Elementary School

Ms. Diane Vinson, Early Elementary School Supervisor, recognized each of the system level winners for the 2018 McMinn County Spelling Bee. Ms. Vinson recognized Miss Amy Johnson from Mountain View School as this year's first place winner and stated she will compete in the regional spelling bee contest on March 10, 2018 in Chattanooga. Ms. Vinson presented her with a certificate of recognition on behalf of the board and congratulated her for a job well done.

c. The Honorable John Forgety, Representative of the State of Tennessee

State of Tennessee House Representative, Dr. John Forgety said with his decision to retire as the State Representative of the 23rd district, he would be disposing of his re-election campaign account. He

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further shared with the board and the audience of his decision to make a donation to each of the high schools in his district. Dr. Forgety said there were many wonderful non-profit organizations out there but stated all students in his district had access to the three high schools: McMinn County High School, Central High School, and Tellico Plains High School. Dr. Forgety presented MCHS Principal, Mr. David McDonald, and CHS Principal, Dr. Lori Hutchinson, a check in the amount of \$5000 to use at their respective schools as they see fit.

V. Chairman Howard and Mr. Blevins conveyed their appreciation to Dr. Forgety for his generosity and support of not only our school district but to his devotion to public education.

2. REGULAR CONSENT AGENDA

a. Minutes- Regular Monthly Session Meeting- February 8, 2018

b. Salary Supplements

NAME	Date	ACCOUNT	TITLE	AMOUNT
Cobble, Kathy	2/1/2018	Spec. Ed.	Bus Driver	20.00
Donahoe, David	2/8/2018	MCBOE	Bus Driver	60.00
Ghorley, Betty	2/8/2018	MCBOE	Bus Driver	60.00
Huffman, Shirley	2/8/2018	MCBOE	Bus Driver	40.00
Jennings, Kathy	1/12/2018	Riceville	Bus Driver	60.00
Jennings, Kathy	2/8/2018	MCBOE	Bus Driver	40.00
Liner, Susan	1/26/2018	MCBOE	Bus Driver	60.00
Liner, Susan	2/8/2018	MCBOE	Bus Driver	40.00
Moss, Lisa	1/10-12,23-26,29-31/2/1,6-8,12-14,16,21-22/2018	Spec. Ed.	Bus Driver	400.00
Murray, Mary	1/29-31,2/6-9,12-16,20-23/2018	Spec. Ed.	Bus Driver	320.00
Murray, Mary	2/8/2018	Spec. Ed.	Bus Driver	40.00
Murray, Mary	1/9-11,22-26/18	Spec. Ed.	Bus Driver	160.00
Norwood, Marcy	1/22-26, 29-31, 2/1,6,8-9,12-16/2018	Spec. Ed.	Bus Driver	680.00
Nunley, Lynn	1/29-31,2/12-16,20-23,26-28/2018	Spec. Ed.	Bus Driver	300.00
Nunley, Lynn	12/4-7,14-15,18-19, 1/10-12,22-26,2018	Spec. Ed.	Bus Driver	320.00
Pierce, Ronald	2/8/2018	MCBOE	Bus Driver	60.00
Rutledge, Millie	1/12/2018	Riceville	Bus Driver	60.00
Rutledge, Millie	2/8/2018	MCBOE	Bus Driver	40.00
Sulzer, Kathy	2/8/2018	MCBOE	Bus Driver	60.00

c. Surplus Equipment

A list of equipment to be declared as surplus was submitted by Rogers Creek School. Items included: computer monitors, keyboards, printer, overhead projectors, record player, DVD player, VCR players, a TV, and cassette recorders. Items listed were purchased from GP Schools and were also donated by the school's PTO program. All items are valued under \$250 and will be disposed of.

d. Field Trip Requests

Central High School Dance Team- requests to attend the AmeriCheer Tournament- Walt Disney World Orlando, Florida- March 22-26, 2018.

TRIBE Rugby Team- requests to travel to Baltimore and Washington, DC to play a few of the country's top high school/U-18 girls Rugby clubs- April 4-9, 2018.

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e. Budget Amendments

FEDERAL PROJECTS #142, Read to Be Ready Summer Grant, #720
To Enter Budget for Read to be Ready Summer Grant for FY 17-18

f. 2018/19 Juvenile Services Contract

This contract is between McMinn county Schools and McMinn County Department of Juvenile Services. The contract amount is \$15,000 and includes the following services:

Youth Services Officer stationed at both high schools, individual and group counseling by professional mental health agencies, provision of tobacco education classes, anger management assessments, substance abuse classes, in-home services, law related education programs, coordinate Truancy Board hearings and juvenile courts hearings from school referrals, and provision of consultative service to school personnel and school resource officers along with the monitoring of student probation.

g. Fundraiser Requests

Tribe Rugby Team requests to sell bracelets during the months of March-April. Monies raised will go towards a student's medical expenses.

V. Chairman Howard 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. V. Chairman Howard asked for a motion to accept the regular consent agenda. A motion to accept was made by Joe Coleman, seconded by Mike Lowry. A voice vote was recorded. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

3. PERSONNEL

a. Personnel Actions

PROFESSIONALS

Last Name	First Name	Assignment	Action	Location	Effective
Blevins	Scotty	Teacher	Retire	EKB	end of SY
Hicks	James	Teacher	Retire	CHS	end of SY
McConkey	Jane	Teacher	Retire	MVS	end of SY
McConkey	Bill	Teacher	Retire	CHS	end of SY
Taylor	Melanie	Teacher	Resign	CHS	3/9/2018
Woody	Coley	Teacher	Retire	Niota	5/25/2018

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Burke	Katie	Music Teacher	Resign	Calhoun	3/1/2018
Burns	Marvin	Custodian	Resign	CHS	3/15/2018
Culberson	Nicole	Cafeteria Monitor	Hire	MVS	2/22/2018
Duggan	Pam	Cook	Retire	MVS	end of SY
Howard	Amanda	PT Cafeteria Worker	Hire	MVS	2/12/2018
Landers	Peggy	Aide	Retire	Calhoun	5/23/2018

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Davidson	Brittany	Teacher	LOA	ENG	5/1-5/24/18
Galloway	Kay	Teacher	LOA	CHS	3/29-4/20/18
Hester	Michael	Bus Driver	LOA		2/8-3/12/18
Smith	Kelly Ann	Teacher	LOA	CAL	3/5-5/25/18

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Mr. Blevins recognized the following employees who have submitted their intent to retire at the end of the school year:

Scotty Blevins, E.K. Baker with 30 years
James Hicks, Central H.S. with 33 years
Jane McConkey, Mt. View with 40 years
Bill McConkey, Central H.S. with 39 years
Coley Woody, Niota with 30 years
Peggy Landers, Calhoun with 30 years

Mr. Blevins wished each of them nothing but the best with their upcoming retirements. He said a lot of experience will be going out the door this year as these individuals begin a new part of their lives.

V. Chairman Howard stated the list of personnel actions was provided for the board's information and required no action from the board.

4. COMMUNICATIONS

a. 2018 "Heart of Our Program" Winners

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Calhoun School	Linda Brady	Angie Thompson
E.K. Baker School	Kristy McDonald	Lequita Stansberry
Englewood School	Sharon Harris	Adam Baxter
Mt. View School	Sandra Nolen	Robin Arms
Niota School	Bonnie Hennessee	Dawn Phillips
Riceville School	Donald Brown	Bridget Arnett
Rogers Creek School	Brandy Brady	Courtney Plumley
Central High School	Randy Givens	Maxine Roberts
McMinn County High School	Robin Dake	Melodye Irons
Career & Technical Education	Tammie Murphy	
Maintenance & Transportation	Mickey McInturff	Steven Raper
Central Office	Sandy Hodges	Krissi Smith
Pupil Transportation	Kathie Givens	Carolyn Carmley

Mr. Blevins asked the board to allow him to publically recognize each of this year's winners by reading their names aloud. Mr. Blevins read the names and stated the employees attended and were recognized at the recent "Heart of Our Program" banquet. He thanked each of them for the work they do and stated they were a very valuable part of our support system.

b. Donation Request- Central High School Dance Team

Mr. Blevins said the donation request comes from the dance team. Mr. Blevins stated the board approved their field trip request at last month's meeting and the group has tendered a request to assist with their travel expenses. Mr. Blevins recommended the board honor this request with a donation of \$500.

c. Donation Request- Combined High School Band Trip

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Mr. Blevins said the board has already approved this combined trip from both band departments from our high school and a donation request has been submitted to assist with expenses. Mr. Blevins stated to his knowledge, this is the first combined trip submitted by our band departments. Mr. Blevins recommended the board honor this request with a donation of \$500.

Vice Chairman Howard asked the board for a motion to approve both requests with a \$500 donation to each group. A motion to approve was made by Mike Lowry, seconded by Joe Coleman. Vice Chairman Howard asked for further discussion. A voice vote was recorded. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

5. REPORTS

a. Committee Reports

V. Chairman Howard asked for any committee reports. Rob Shamblin reported on behalf of the policy committee. Mr. Shamblin stated the policy committee met immediately prior to tonight's regular session meeting to review and discuss several policies. Mr. Shamblin said the policy committee approved recommended changes to the following policies and recommends each of them for first reading:

- 6.310- Dress Code
- 4.600- Grading System
- 3.500- Food Service Management
- 2.601- Fundraising Activities (policy re-titled and renumbered from 6.701)
- 2.806- Bids and Quotation (410,000-\$25,000)
- 4.502- Parent and Family Engagement
- 4.700- Testing Programs
- 5.2021- Support Personnel Retirement Incentive
- 6.319- Alternative School Programs
- 4.606- Graduation Activities

Mr. Shamblin said the policy committee also voted to delete policy 6.701 which is being replaced and renumbered by 2.601.

Vice Chairman Howard stated this recommendation comes from the policy committee and asked for a second to the motion to approve the policies as presented for first reading and to delete policy 6.701. Donna Cagle seconded the motion. V. Chairman Howard asked for further discussion. A voice vote was recorded. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Vice Chairman Howard asked for any other committee reports. There were none.

b. Review Policy Section 5.4-5.903

Vice Chairman Howard reminded the board to review the next section of their policy manuals and to report any suggestions to Ms. Morgan or Mr. Shamblin.

6. DIRECTOR OF SCHOOL'S REPORT

Mr. Blevins thanked Dr. Forgety for the contributions made tonight and for his many contributions to our school system. Mr. Blevins stated his integrity is a reflection of the person he truly was and that he is always supportive of public education. Mr. Blevins stated he was such a great individual to be around.

Mr. Blevins reminded the board of the upcoming Spring Break, March 30-April 6, with all schools and the central office being closed.

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Mr. Blevins introduced Officer Jason Bautch, the SRO at McMinn County High School and his new companion K-9 dog, Zeke. Mr. Blevins said Zeke would be making rounds occasionally with Officer Bautch at the high school and said he was highly trained but retired from active duty. Officer Bautch said Zeke worked as a patrol dog for three years. Mr. Blevins said he would be a great addition to our current team of officers.

7. PRAISES AND COMPLIMENTS

Denise Cunningham thanked MCHS Principal David McDonald and SRO Jason Bautch for their assistance with the new traffic flow at the high school and said she appreciated all of their efforts.

Melinda King said she recently attended Ms. Shannon Goodin-Beaty's "Living Wax Museum" at Central High School the other day. She said there were around 20 students that participated in the event and she really enjoyed it. Mr. Blevins said he also attended the event and was very enjoyable.

Mike Cochran expressed his appreciation to Mr. Blevins as it has been a rough month dealing with various issues and that he appreciates his professionalism.

8. CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

a. Next regular session meeting- Thursday, April 12, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.

Vice Chairman Howard reminded the board of the next regular meeting to be held and said that concluded our agenda for the meeting and asked for a motion to adjourn. A motion to adjourn 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