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**McMinn County Board of Education
Regular Session Meeting
Thursday, April 12, 2018**

The McMinn County Board of Education met in regular session on Thursday, April 12, 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
Tony Allman	
Mike Lowry	
Rob Shamblin	
Donna Cagle	
Denise Cunningham	
Mike Cochran	
Melinda King	
Joe Coleman	
Quinten Howard	
Chairman Brown	

WELCOME

Chairman Brown welcomed everyone to our meeting and especially welcomed all of the students who were present tonight.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice Chairman, Quinten Howard, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA

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b) 4.600 -Grading System

c) 3.500 -Food Service Management

d) 2.601 –Fundraising Activities

Omitting of Policy 6.701

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f) 4.502- -Parent and Family Engagement

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h) 5.2021 –Support Personnel Retirement Incentive

i) 6.319 –Alternative School Programs

j) 4.606 – Graduation Activities

b. Review Policy Section 6.1-6.405

6. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

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8. CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

a. Next regular session meeting- Thursday, May 10, 2018 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. Mike Cochran asked to include one item on tonight's agenda. Mr. Cochran said Mr. Blevins had sent out an email earlier in the week regarding legislation going on at this time on the issue of school paddling. Mr. Cochran said he had printed out one of the articles regarding this issue and would like to discuss this and hear the board's opinion on this.

Chairman Brown asked if this comes in the form of a motion. Mike Cochran made a motion to add this discussion to tonight's agenda. The motion was seconded by Rob Shamblin. Chairman Brown asked for further discussion. A voice vote was recorded. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Chairman Brown said this will be added to the agenda under Communications.

1. GUESTS

a. Volunteer of the Month-Englewood Elementary School

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Englewood School Principal Kristi Darnell introduced Ms. Stefanie Chrisman as the recipient of their Volunteer of the Month. Ms. Darnell said Ms. Chrisman has been their PTO President for several years and was considered the school's "welcome wagon" at school functions. Ms. Darnell complimented her for her dedication and involvement at the school and stated her daughter was graduating this year and they were going to be greatly missed. Ms. Darnell presented her volunteer with a certificate of appreciation.

b. Volunteer of the Month-McMinn County High School

McMinn County High School Principal Mr. David McDonald introduced his Volunteer of the Month as SRO Jason Bautsch. Mr. McDonald stated his job would be much harder without the presence of Officer Bautsch. Mr. McDonald expressed his appreciation for him and the time he spends outside of his normal job to help the school. He stated he has contacted Officer Bautsch in all hours of the night with school issues and that he has made the school so much safer for our students and our faculty. Mr. McDonald presented Officer Bautsch with a certificate of appreciation.

c. STEM Fair Winners (County and Regional Level)

Ms. Jill Pierce, Chief Technology Officer, thanked all of the students for coming early tonight and setting up their project displays for viewing prior to tonight's board meeting. Ms. Pierce said when she was hired with McMinn County Schools, her main goal was to begin a high school STEM fair. Ms. Pierce said she was very proud of our students and the progress we have made with this program over the past five years. She expressed her appreciation to Ms. Cindy Moses from McMinn County High School and Mr. Bill McConkey from Central High School for their assistance with coordinating our high school STEM Fairs. Ms. Pierce said the last two years, we have won several awards at the regional level as McMinn County students have outperformed other students competing which include larger private schools such as McCallie. Ms. Pierce introduced Ms. Cindy Moses as the backbone of this program and asked her to introduce and recognize our students.

Ms. Moses thanked the board for coming out early tonight and spending the time to review and discuss with the students of their projects. Ms. Moses said the process is within the student's individual classroom teachers who recommend them for the county level competition. She said we require our students to meet the National STEM standards with their projects at the county level and groom them for competition at the regional level and beyond so they have the requirements for further competition. Ms. Moses read all the names of our winners and recognized those students who were present tonight.

STEM COUNTY WIDE Winners:

Winners 9th & 10th Grade

1st Place – "Next Level Green Energy" by Samantha Pritchett & Mackenzie Newman (McMinn High School)

2nd Place – "Water Sticks" by Ember Barry & Aaron O'Donnell (McMinn High School)

3rd Place – "Solar Desalination" by Madison Hensley & Sarah Stansell (McMinn Central High School)

9th & 10th Grade Honorable Mention:

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“Electrolyte Challenge” by Natalie Hyde & Maya Daughtery (McMinn High School)

“Riot Shield Project” by Ethan Efaw & Jacob Efaw (McMinn High School)

“24K Magic” by Alay Mistry & Dylan Browder (McMinn High School)

Winners 11th & 12th Grade

1st Place – “Hurdles” by Spencer Hoffman (McMinn High School)

2nd Place – “Deployable Shield” by Hunter Jaynes & Jared Rucker (McMinn High School)

3rd Place – “Eye Spy Microorganisms” by George Sullins & Collin Robinson (McMinn High School)

11th & 12th Grade Honorable Mention:

“Adjusta-wiper” by Bryan Vasquez & Jorge Sevilla (McMinn High School)

“Fluidized Air Bed” by Austin Bouchard & Patrick McMinn (McMinn High School)

11th & 12th Continuation Project:

“Geodesic Structures” by Anna Brown & Rebekah Burke

REGIONAL WINNERS:

Our Winners from the County STEM Fair from McMinn Central & County High School competed at the Chattanooga Regional Science & Engineering Fair on March 14-15, 2018. The Students won the

Senior Division School Achievement Award (for highest percentage of winning projects) Second Year in a row.

George Sullins and Collin Robinson of McMinn High won the Society for In Vitro Biology Award and 1st Place in Microbiology Category

Patrick McMinn and Austin Bouchard of McMinn High won the NASA Earth Systems Science Award and 1st Place in Materials Science Category (Picture 183222)

Dylan Browder and Alay Mistry of McMinn High for winning the 1st Place in Chemistry Category (Picture 182154)

Engineering Mechanics: *Clean Sweep* (All from McMinn High)

3rd Place: Samantha Pritchett and Mackenzie Newman

2nd Place: Anna Brown and Rebekah Burke

1st Place: Spencer Hoffman

Chairman Brown said on behalf of the board, they were amazed at their projects and commended them for what they are doing. Chairman Brown said they have a very bright future and we are very proud to call them our students.

Mr. Blevins agreed with Chairman Brown’s statement and said these students excel in and out of the classroom and commended the parents and grandparents present tonight for their contributions to their success.

d. 2018 SCOPE Delegates/Chaperones

Mr. Blevins said every year, our board sends four delegates to the TSBA’s annual SCOPE (Students Congress on Policies in Education) event in Murfreesboro, TN. Mr. Blevins said at this event students

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have the opportunity to debate trending topics in education. He introduced Central High School Teacher, Ms. Stephanie Smith, and said she was one of the chaperones who attended this event along with McMinn County High School former teacher Mr. David Stoika.

Ms. Smith said these students are placed with other students from school districts across the state to debate and discuss pending education topics. She said the students enjoyed networking with other teams from larger school districts as they got to sit in the board's shoes. Ms. Smith stated the chaperones are not permitted to attend the event as it solely involves the students.

Those students attending and present were Zachary Thomas from Central High School and Sydney Crayne and Collin Robinson from McMinn County High School. Ms. Smith said Channa Chrisman from Central High School was unable to attend due to a tennis match.

Mr. Blevins reviewed with the board and the audience some of the topics of debate and the results. Those were:

- 1) Should student information be shared without parent permission? 53% voted yes with 47% voting no
- 2) Should corporal punishment be banned from all schools? 47% voted yes with 53% voting no
- 3) Should all students pass a civics exam to graduate? 69% voted yes with 32% voting no
- 4) Should cyberbullying be a zero-tolerance offense? 17% voted yes with 83% voting no

Mr. Blevins asked the students to share their opinions of the topic and their reasoning behind their debates. The students in conclusion of their remarks, thanked the board for their opportunity to attend and be a part of this event.

Chairman Brown said the students represented us very well and said it was very rewarding to hear their reports. She said recognizing our students and their achievement is what it is all about.

2. REGULAR CONSENT AGENDA

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

b. Salary Supplements

NAME	Date	ACCOUNT	TITLE	AMOUNT
Ghorley, Betty	3/17/2018	Spec. Ed.	Bus Driver	100.00
Givens, Kathie	2/27/2018	Spec. Ed.	Bus Driver	40.00
Huffman, Shirley	3/20/2018	CHS	Bus Driver	75.00
Liner, Louise	2/27/2018	Spec. Ed.	Bus Driver	60.00
Mason, Sam	3/13/2018	STEM	Mechanic	100.00
Mason, Sam	3/15/2018	STEM	Mechanic	100.00
Moss, Lisa	2/26,28, 3/2,6-9,12-13,16,19-23/2018	Spec. Ed.	Bus Driver	300.00
Murray, Mary	2/26-3/2, 3/5-9, 12-16, 19-23/2018	Spec. Ed.	Bus Driver	400.00

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Norwood, Marcy	2/16,20-23,26-28, 3/1-2,5-9,12-13,15-16,2018	Spec. Ed.	Bus Driver	760.00
Nunley, Lyn	3/1-2,5-9,13-16,19-23/2018	Spec. Ed.	Bus Driver	320.00
Nunley, Lyn	3/29,21/2018	Spec. Ed.	Bus Driver	40.00
Passmore, William	3/23/2018	MCHS	Bus Driver	60.00
Vincent, Angie	2/3/2018	MCTC	Bus Driver	100.00

c. Budget Amendments

General Purpose School Fund #141

To amend the budget for the Lottery for Education Afterschool Program (LEAPS) Grant award to Mountain View School for FY 2017-18

General Purpose School Fund #141

To edit budget for the Read to Be Ready Coaching Network Grant for FY 2017-18

d. Fundraiser Requests

McMinn Career Technical Center

Cosmetology requests to sell items designed and made by students such as necklaces, bracelets, and other accessories through the end of the school year. Monies raised will be used to help offset expenses with competitions.

Skills USA/MCTC Drafting departments request to sell Beef Jerky through the end of the school year. Monies raised will be used to support CTSO activities for local, state and national levels.

Skills USA/MCTC Drafting departments request to sell popcorn on Fridays for the remainder of the school year. Monies raised will be used to support CTSO activities for local, state, and national levels.

McMinn Central High School

CHS Track Team requests to have a donut sale April 16-20, 2018. Monies raised will be used for the purchase of new uniforms.

e. Bids and Purchases

Bids were opened on the MCHS Soccer Field House on April 3, 2018. The low bid was submitted by B&W Contractors (dba Cherokee Construction) in Cleveland, TN for \$550,576.00.

f. Surplus Equipment

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A list of equipment to be declared as surplus was submitted by several CTE classes. Equipment valued over \$250 to be sold on Gov Deals included a wheel balancer, brake lathe, pedestal grinder, and drill press. Equipment under \$250 to be disposed of included a washer and dryer and tripod stand.

g. Textbook Adoption Recommendation

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Textbook Adoption
June 1, 2018 - June 30, 2025

Science - Elementary

Houghton Mifflin Harcourt

Grade R/1 Tennessee Hybrid Edition
ISBN 9781328833945 58.55

Grade 1 Tennessee Hybrid Edition
ISBN 9781328822952 59.25

Grade 2 Tennessee Hybrid Edition
ISBN 9781328833969 59.25

Grade 3 Tennessee Hybrid Edition
ISBN 9781328833976 63.85

Grade 4 Tennessee Hybrid Edition
ISBN 9781328834102 69.45

Grade 5 Tennessee Student Edition
ISBN 9781328834119 69.45

McGraw Hill Science

Grade 6 Tennessee Student Edition
ISBN 9780079047366 96.99

Grade 7 Tennessee Student Edition
ISBN 9780079047403 96.99

Grade 8 Tennessee Student Edition
ISBN 9780079047427 96.99

9-12 Grades

Ecology.

Sustaining Your World – Student Edition (Basal)

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Cengage Learning
ISBN 9781305637429 83.75

Physical Science

Foundations of Physical Science (Basal)

Student Textbook

ISBN 9781604310146 80.95

ISBN 9781625718457 90.66

Biology

Pearson Miller Levine (Basal)

ISBN 9780328949298 99.97

AP Biology

Pearson Campbell

ISBN 9780134433691 162.97

ISBN 9780134278919 144.97

Chemistry

HMH Modern Chemistry

ISBN 9781328833044 80.85

AP Chemistry

Pearson – A Molecular Approach

ISBN 9780134429038 167.97

Physics

HMH Serway Faun (Basal)

ISBN 9781328833099 121.00

HMH Physics

ISBN 9781328833082 80.65

AP Physics

Cengage College Physics

ISBN 9781305965393 145.00

AP Environmental Science

Cengage

Living In the Environment ISBN 9781305335589 156.25

Anatomy and Physiology

Goodheart Wilcox ISBN 9781619604124 84.00

Chairman Brown asked for any items to be pulled from the regular consent agenda for discussion. Mr. Blevins asked to discuss item 2e, the soccer field house bid. Mr. Blevins said the bids for the MCHS soccer field house were opened on April 3, 2018, during spring break, and were forwarded to each board member upon our return to the office. Mr. Blevins said he was surprised at the bid price as it came in. Mr. Blevins said our softball field houses recently completed were \$350,000 each and that he could not in good faith recommend this project of similar size and dimensions for \$550,000. Mr. Blevins

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recommended to reject the bids and then sit down and look at the design again and re-evaluate the bid specs. Mr. Blevins stated he was very proud of our soccer complex as it is one of the best in the state.

Chairman Brown asked for a motion to approve Mr. Blevins' recommendation to reject the soccer bid, Item 2e, on the regular consent agenda. A motion to approve was made by Mike Lowry, seconded by Tony Allman. Chairman Brown asked for any discussion. A voice vote was recorded. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

Chairman Brown then asked for a motion to approve the regular consent agenda, with Mr. Blevins' recommendation, minus item 2e. A motion to approve was made by Quinten Howard, seconded by Joe Coleman. Chairman Brown asked for any discussion. A voice vote was recorded. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

3. PERSONNEL

a. Personnel Actions

PROFESSIONALS

Last Name	First Name	Assignment	Action	Location	Effective
Castor	Cathy	Teacher	Retire	Calhoun	5/24/2018
Frame-Wilson	Susan	Teacher	Retire	EKB	5/24/2018
Fulton	Chet	Teacher	Resign	MCHS	3/7/2018
Galloway	Kay	Music/Teacher	Retire	CHS	5/24/2018
Hart	Brittany	Teacher/Soccer Coach	Resign	MCHS	5/24/2018
Headrick	Andrew	Asst. Band Director	Resign	MCHS	5/24/2018
Taylor	Melanie	Interim Teacher	Hire	MCHS	3/26-5/24/2018

ESP

Cline	Joe	12 mos. Custodian	Hire	ENG	3/19/2018
Cook	Buck	Bus Driver	Deceased		3/17/2018
Davis	Shirley	Cook	Hire	RCVLE	
Hester	Parthenia	Cook	Retire	RCVLE	5/23/2018
				ENG to	
Manders	Brandon	Custodian	Transfer	CHS	3/19/2018
Nolen	Sandra	Teacher Aide	Retire	MVS	5/23/2018
Stephens	Connie	Bus Driver	Hire		
Wilcox	Arthenia	Cook	Retire	RCVLE	5/23/2018

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Brown	Terry	Teacher	LOA	CHS	3/26-4/20/18
Garrison	Cayci	Teacher	LOA	Calhoun	3/22-5/18/18
Moses	Rachel	Teacher	LOA	Niota	5/14-5/24/18
Runkles	Tammy	Cook	LOA	MVS	3/28-4/27/18

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EXTENDED LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Morgan	Wanda	Custodian	Extended LOA	MCHS	3/6-4/2/18
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Mr. Blevins recognized the following employees who have submitted their intent to retire at the end of the school year:

Cathy Castor, Teacher-Calhoun Elementary- 39 years

Mr. Blevins said Ms. Castor had spent all 39 years at Calhoun Elementary School and that he had the privilege of teaching in the room beside her for 17 years and that she was the glue that held Calhoun School together.

Mike Lowry, said Cathy Castor was his sister, and commended her for being at one school for all her years of teaching. Mr. Lowry said he was very proud of her and also wished her well.

Mr. Blevins acknowledged the other retirees:

Susan Frame-Wilson, Teacher-E.K. Baker Elementary- 16 years

Kay Galloway, Teacher-Central High School- 30 years

Parthenia Hester, Cook-Riceville School- 14 years

Arthenia Wilcox, Cook-Riceville School-22 years

Sandra Nolen, Aide-Mt. View School- 24 years

Mr. Blevins wished all employees nothing but the best with their upcoming retirements.

Mr. Blevins also recognized Mr. Buck Cook, Bus Driver with the school system, and stated Buck passed away a few weeks ago just shy of his 30 years of service. Mr. Blevins extended his condolences to the family.

Mr. Blevins said we also had an extended leave request requiring board action. Mr. Blevins said a request for an additional request of leave beyond her FMLA was submitted by Wanda Morgan and recommended the granting of these additional weeks. A motion to approve was made by Melinda King, seconded by Quinten Howard. Chairman Brown asked for further discussion. A voice vote was granted. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

4. COMMUNICATIONS

a. 2018 TSBA Scope Conference Re-cap

(A recap of TSBA's 2018 SCOPE conference was included in the board's packet for perusal.)

Mr. Blevins said this item under Communications was addressed earlier tonight in our "Guest" portion of the agenda.

b. MCTC Field Trip/Donation Request- DECA

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Mr. Blevins recognized several students and their sponsor who were also present at tonight's meeting. Mr. Blevins recognized Justin Alexander, Dylan Cothorn, and Hunter Stansberry along with their DECA Advisor, Ms. Denise Cito. He informed the board of these students recently placing at the state level with the Start-Up Business Plan Written Event Team and now qualified for the International competition to be held in Atlanta, Georgia, April 21-25. Mr. Blevins recommended to the board the approval of their out of state/overnight trip request and also a donation of \$500 to help with expenses. Mr. Blevins asked the board to vote on both requests at the same time.

Chairman Brown asked for a motion to approve the field trip and donation request. A motion to approve was made by Rob Shamblin, seconded by Donna Cagle. Chairman Brown asked for any discussion. A voice vote was recorded. Motion carried unanimously.

c. Corporal Punishment (added at the request of Mike Cochran)

Mike Cochran said the board received an email from Mr. Blevins last week and would like to discuss. Referenced an article he had from the Times News Free Press and said it might not be the same article Mr. Blevins was referencing in his email but thought it was pretty much the same information. Mr. Cochran said in the article they are wanting to require teachers and administrators to keep special records for every child they have to do corporal punishment on, spanking or paddling. He said when you read the article in the third paragraph it states, "in a report last week by State Comptroller's office that disabled students were getting disciplined at a higher rate than other children in recent years". Mr. Cochran said he had several problems with the idea of banning corporal punishment and they were also looking at another bill of legislation to completely banning for special education students. He said our principals and teachers have a really hard job and they cannot do that kind of work unless they have that kind of discipline. Mr. Cochran said he feels that it is unfair to ask our teachers and administrators to do that kind of job with their hands tied up. He said he has no problems with corporal punishment and said he doesn't think it is child abuse in any form or fashion but we cannot treat kids that they are made out of eggshells. His fear is that by asking our teachers to keep records, this is the first step in completely removing corporal punishment and said it is a big government overstep. Mr. Cochran said in a teacher's mind, if records are being kept, they may be thinking how this can be used against me in the future. Mr. Cochran said just because you are a special education student doesn't mean you have a physical handicap he thinks this is the wrong premise and that as the board, we need to take a stand and push back on this. He said he didn't know the board's thoughts on this but just wanted to bring this up for discussion. He said it is currently presented to the Governor and the quicker we get a letter to him of our opposition the better.

Donna Cagle asked if we aren't already keeping records as she said she was required to do this when she was teaching. Mr. Blevins replied that we do. Rob Shamblin asked if we report these to the state. Mr. Blevins said the reports stay with us and that we have to have a witness and that it was a last resort leading up to the corporal punishment. Mr. Blevins said our board policy still allows corporal punishment at this time. Mr. Cochran said right now it is local control but if

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this legislation is passed it will be out of our hands and goes to the State. Mike Lowry said he agreed with Mr. Cochran on this issue.

Rob Shamblin asked the significance of this bill would require us to submit all those records to the department of education that we are not having to do at this time. Mr. Blevins said yes, we would have to identify the student, the reason for the paddling, their special education status, and the type of impairment they have. Rob Shamblin agreed that we do not need to go any further that what we are doing right now with our current policies and procedures and if we need to take a stand with the department of education, then he would support that.

Donna Cagle asked the question of being disabled included students with ADD, ADHD, or are these children in inclusion classrooms, or students with a physical disability or learning disability, or were these students who had an IEP. Mr. Blevins said these are students that have an IEP for whatever reason as it could be for more than one reason. Donna Cagle said if they have an IEP this would include gifted students. Mr. Blevins said that was correct.

Melinda King said there are not as many instances now as there used to be but is there an estimate of the number of cases of corporal punishment we have. Mr. Blevins said last year, five of our schools did not practice corporal punishment but that it is less than it has ever been due to the fear of lawsuits.

Mr. Blevins said we didn't have the time tonight to put this in the form of a resolution due to time constraints, but we could draft a letter and could send it out to the board for review for any suggestions and corrections. Ms. Cagle said the disabled portion of the legislation needs to be identified as if this goes out to the public, they could think we are supporting the spanking of disabled students in wheelchairs as the public would not recognize the broad span of disabilities. Chairman Brown stated these requirements were for all children.

Rob Shamblin said he would like to clarify what was originally proposed and what he spoke to earlier was specifically only on the measure that has already passed legislators and awaiting the Governor to sign into law of the reporting requirements on any kid that is being spanked in our schools. Mr. Shamblin said this is the measure he would support the board taking action on right now of not reporting those specifics to the Department of Education and keep these in house. Mr. Blevins said we would draft a letter and phrase that we are against the reporting of any instances of corporal punishment. Mr. Shamblin said he would like Mr. Blevins to see this in a draft form.

Quinten Howard said to keep in mind the article Mr. Cochran was referencing was dated on April 5th and that Monday or Tuesday would be the 10 days of the waiting period and at that point, the governor will be eligible to sign. Mr. Blevins said it would be a fast turn around and would push this out tomorrow for the board's review and could get it in the mail by tomorrow afternoon.

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Mr. Cochran made a motion to allow Mr. Blevins to draft a letter and upon our approval tomorrow to send this out as the board's recommendation. Chairman Brown asked Mr. Cochran if this was in the form of a motion. Mr. Cochran said yes. The motion was seconded by Mike Lowry. Chairman Brown asked for any discussion.

Mr. Howard asked to re-state the motion of what we were going to vote on. Mr. Shamblin asked the board secretary to re-iterate his statement.

Ms. Bivens said Mr. Shamblin had recommended the board draft something of the nature that the board was against the reporting of our records and statistics to the state. Mr. Shamblin agreed that was his recommendation. Mr. Cochran said yes, basically that we are standing against this bill and that he was against the other one too, but we have the time to talk about the other bill later and get something more formal but definitely like to address this one. Mr. Shamblin said we don't need to go any further than we are already going. Ms. Cagle said we are doing all of this in house anyway. Mr. Cochran said basically it is local control not a state mandated issues.

Sharon Brown asked for a voice vote. A voice vote was recorded. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

5. REPORTS

a. Committee Reports

Chairman Brown asked for any committee reports. Rob Shamblin reported on behalf of the policy committee. Mr. Shamblin stated the policy committee recommended the second and final reading on the policies listed on tonight's agenda. Chairman Brown said this comes as a recommendation from the policy committee and asked for a second. Melinda King seconded the motion to approve the following policies on second and final 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)
- 6.701 Omitting of Policy*
- 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

Chairman Brown asked for any discussion on the proposed policies. A voice vote was recorded. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

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Melinda King asked if we were going to provide a way to begin implementing the new dress code changes. Mr. Blevins said he asked our principals to come up with a way for this year's seniors to take advantage of the new dress code by providing an incentive for them such as good grades, attendance, etc. by allowing them to adhere to the new policy for the remainder of the school year. Melinda King said she understood this would apply to all students not just our seniors which Mr. Blevins said that it would.

b. Review Policy Section 6.1-6.405

Mr. Shamblin reminded the board to review the next section of their policy manuals before their next meeting.

6. DIRECTOR OF SCHOOL'S REPORT

Mr. Blevins said he sent out an email to the board of the system beginning the District-Wide Employee Appreciation Lunch starting today at Niota School and encouraged the board if they would like to participate at any other schools to show their support to let Ms. Bivens know.

Mr. Blevins said on Monday of next week, we will start our TN Ready Testing and said by state law our high schools will be doing their testing online with our elementary schools grades 5-8 given the option to test online, as well. Mr. Blevins said in a principals meeting, he gave each elementary school the choice to do 7-8th grade testing online with three schools doing so: Calhoun, E.K. Baker and Rogers Creek. He said paper tests would be done on grades 2nd-6th.

Mr. Blevins said on April 23rd, he and Mr. Howard would be attending the Spring Fiscal Workshop in Pigeon Forge as we move into our budget season. He said we have already been informed of an increase in our TCRS contributions and awaiting to hear of insurance increases.

Mr. Blevins said we will need to have a policy committee meeting in May for several other policies needing to be discussed and then will probably need to have a budget workshop in June.

7. PRAISES AND COMPLIMENTS

Quinten Howard said when he came on the school board in 1981, Ms. Castor was beginning her career at Calhoun and this was the ties he had with her.

Mike Cochran said he survived the donkey ballgame held recently at Englewood School and was a lot of fun. He also said Mr. Buck Cook was a bus driver when he was at Englewood and sends his condolences to his family and appreciates all the work he did.

8. CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

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a. Next regular session meeting- Thursday, May 10, 2018 at 5:30 p.m.

Chairman Brown reminded the board of the next regular session meeting and stated there was a good possibility of a policy committee meeting held prior to that meeting.

Chairman Brown said this concludes our agenda for tonight's 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 by unanimous vote.

Meeting adjourned.

Chairman's Signature

Director of School's Signature