

February 9, 2012

The Marshall County Board of Education met in regular session on Thursday, February 9, 2012, at 6:30 p.m. in the Board Conference Room at Jones School.

Members present were Curt Denton, Kristen Gold, Harvey Jones, Barbara Kennedy, Mike Keny, Donnie Moses, Randy Perryman, Sam Smith, and Ann Tears. No members were absent.

Prayer/Pledge

Mr. Smith made a motion, with a second by Ms. Tears, to approve the agenda. The motion passed 9-0.

Lisa Cahill, the parent of a Chapel Hill Elementary School CDC student, requested funding for a CDC program at Forrest School be included in the budget for the coming school year.

Mr. Moses made a motion, with a second by Mr. Jones, to approve the minutes of the January 10 special called session, the January 12 regular session, and the January 31, 2012, special called session. The motion passed 9-0.

In the MCEA report, MCEA president Patty Hill stated: 48 students, including Ms. Kennedy's son and Mr. Moses' daughter, participated in the countywide spelling bee, in which Mr. Moses' daughter won; MCEA requests the Marshall County Board of Education continue a collaborative effort regarding recent legislative changes that could have a grave impact on student achievement.

The summary financial statement was reviewed; no action was taken.

Mr. Jones made a motion, with a second by Mr. Perryman, to approve the bonus pay breakdown (attached). The motion passed 8-1, with Ms. Kennedy voting no.

Mr. Moses made a motion, with a second by Mr. Jones, to approve Resolution 1 (attached), which moves Federal Jobs Bill money from undesignated fund balance into salaries. The motion passed 9-0.

Mr. Moses made a motion, with a second by Mr. Perryman, to approve Resolution 2 (attached), which moves excess local funds from salaries into undesignated fund balance. The motion passed 9-0.

Mr. Moses made a motion, with a second by Mr. Jones, to approve Resolution 3 (attached), which is the implementation of the bonuses just approved. The motion passed 8-1, with Ms. Kennedy voting no. The resolutions will now be taken to the county commission's education committee; if the resolutions pass the education committee, they will be taken to the budget committee, then on to the full commission.

In the Calendar Committee report, Ms. Kennedy stated that the board's committee met jointly with the Teachers' Calendar Committee; the board's calendar committee voted 3-1 to approve the calendar presented by the teacher committee. During discussions, Mr. Dukes stated he felt adding back a third Professional Development day is needed in order to address issues coming up since NCLB has been waived in Tennessee. Mr. Dukes recommended the board approve the teachers' calendar, with an additional Professional Development day. The board voted 9-0 to suspend the rules and allow Suzanne Ingram, Race To The Top coordinator, to address the board. Ms. Ingram asked the board to

add a third PD day, because it is crucial to have an opportunity to train teachers throughout the year, as well as the summer. After further discussions, Mr. Moses, with Mr. Dukes' recommendation, made a motion to accept the calendar with February 15 added as a third PD day. Ms. Gold seconded the motion. The board voted 9-0 to suspend the rules and allow Julie Thomas, 7-12 Supervisor of Curriculum and Instruction, to address the board. Mr. Perryman asked if the third PD day was discussed during the Teacher Calendar Committee meetings; she stated it had been discussed, and she continued to support the calendar as it appears without the additional PD day. The motion passed 5-4 with Mr. Jones, Mr. Keny, Mr. Perryman and Ms. Tears voting no.

In the Curriculum Committee report, Ms. Gold stated the committee met January 26 at Marshall Elementary School during which the board participated in a Daily Five presentation. During that meeting, members discussed a book drive to help support the Daily Five program. Board members brought age-appropriate books to this evening's board meeting; Suzanne Ingram, who is heading the Daily Five book drive, collected the books from the board members. Ms. Gold encouraged everyone to donate more books through the month of February. Ms. Ingram is currently working with Mike Whitehead at MCHS to have a program similar to the Daily Five presentation at MES. Mr. Perryman added that Chapel Hill Elementary School also hosted a Daily Five presentation.

In the Policy Committee report, Ms. Tears stated the committee met January 31 to review policies 6.310 Standard School Attire and 6.403 Student Communicable Diseases. Mr. Dukes was instructed to seek input from principals concerning the standard school attire and bring his findings back to the policy committee; no action was taken. The committee viewed a presentation by the Special Education department regarding head lice and nits; a question and answer session followed. The committee voted 7-1 in favor of the CDC's recommendation to add to our policy, "Students diagnosed with live head lice do not need to be sent home early from school; they can go home at the end of the day, be treated, and return to class after appropriate treatment has begun." Ms. Tears emphasized that, even with adding the CDC's recommendation, no changes are being made to the policy; principals and nurses still have the authority to send students home. Mr. Denton made a motion, with a second by Mr. Jones, to leave policy 6.403 as it is. The motion passed 9-0.

Mr. Moses set a budget committee meeting for Tuesday, February 28 at 6:00 p.m. to have a fiscal review for the second quarter.

Ms. Gold made a motion, with a second by Mr. Jones, to approve MCHS tennis request to conduct the following fundraisers: donation dots in February and banner sponsors in March or April. After discussions, Ms. Gold amended her motion, with a second by Mr. Jones, to remove the donation dots fundraiser and approve the banner sponsorships. The motion passed 8-0-1, with Ms. Kennedy abstaining.

Ms. Kennedy made a motion, with a second by Mr. Denton, to approve talks between MCHS and Waste Management to possibly replace two existing scoreboards at Preston Hopkins/Joe George Field. The board voted 9-0 to suspend the rules and allow MCHS principal Keith Stacey to tell about the scoreboards. The motion passed 9-0.

Ms. Tears made a motion, with a second by Mr. Perryman, to approve the Dual Enrollment Agreement (attached) between the Marshall County School System and Columbia State Community College. The motion passed 9-0.

Ms. Kennedy made a motion, with a second by Mr. Jones to approve the surplus list (attached). During discussions, the board decided to put the items out for bid and place a \$1,800 floor on the buses, instead of the \$2,155 scrap estimate provided by the transportation supervisor. The motion passed 7-1-1, with Mr. Denton voting no and Ms. Tears abstaining.

Ms. Ingram addressed the board on Voice over Internet Protocol (VoIP). Mr. Denton made a motion, with a second by Mr. Jones, to transition to VoIP via ENA Dialtone Connect. During discussions, Ms. Ingram suggested four sites transition to Dialtone Connect in the first year (Spot Lowe, Central Office, Maintenance and Bus Garage); a study will then be conducted to learn the cost/effectiveness of the program before phasing in other sites. The motion passed 9-0. Ms. Gold made a motion, with a second by Ms. Kennedy, to follow Ms. Ingram's recommendation to transition the four sites mentioned earlier to ENA Dialtone Connect. The motion passed 8-1, with Ms. Tears voting no.

Ms. Kennedy made a motion, with a second by Mr. Jones, to allow board attorney Sam Jackson to work with incoming Director of Schools Jackie Abernathy on developing her contract. The contract will then come back to the board for finalizing. The motion passed 9-0.

There was no New Business.

During Director's Report, Mr. Dukes discussed: the U.S. Department of Education's waiver of NCLB for Tennessee: Common Core assessments; Gov. Haslam's 2012-13 BEP budget: includes Coordinated School Health and Safe Schools; adds five extra students in each classroom; the system will formulate its own salary schedule.

Mr. Denton made a motion, with a second by Ms. Tears, to proceed with the process of allowing the Chapel Hill Lions Club to construct a pavilion at Forrest School. The Lions Club will build the structure on Forrest School property, and will use it during Lions Club events. Sam Jackson will be contacted about preparing a yearly lease between the school system and Chapel Hill Lions Club. The motion passed 9-0.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mike Keny, Chairman

Roy Dukes, Director