

August 14, 2008

The Marshall County Board of Education met in regular session on Thursday, August 14, 2008 at 6:30 p.m. in the Board Conference Room at Jones School.

Members present were Jerry Campbell, Kristen Gold, Tim Harrison, John McCullough, Craig Michael, Randy Perryman, Ann Tears, Todd Tietgens and Todd Warner. No members were absent.

After the prayer, Ivey Donnelly, Chris Walker and Sophie Raffo, students at Westhills Elementary led the group in the pledge.

Westhills was the spotlighted school for the month. Marla Killian, teacher assistant at the school, reviewed the school's website with the Board.

Mr. Perryman made a motion to approve the July 10, 2008 minutes. Ms. Gold seconded the motion and the motion passed 9-0.

Ms. Laura Estes, a parent at Oak Grove Elementary, addressed the Board. She said she was representing parents who were disturbed that Lyn Stacey had been reassigned from Principal at Oak Grove to a position at the Central Office. Mr. Harrison responded that Dr. Curtis has the responsibility of hiring, firing and transferring personnel and that the Board would support his decision to transfer Mr. Stacey. Dr. Curtis added that he transferred Mr. Stacey in order that the entire district could benefit from his strengths.

The following athletic participants were recognized:

- Jenna Branaman and Lyssa Wiles, members of the MCHS tennis team for competing in the state tournament, along with coaches Dickie Adkins and Jason Donahue.
- Forrest softball team for winning the class A state tournament.
- Cornersville softball team/coaches for placing 3rd in the class A state tournament.
- Seth Lentz for his participation in the state golf tournament and for being selected in the 2nd round of the Major League Baseball draft, along with his golf coach, Gary Wells.

Mr. Michael made a motion that the following be designated management personnel pursuant to TCA 49-5-608: Roy Dukes, Lyn Stacey, Mitchell Byrd, Janet Wiles and Stan Curtis. Ms. Gold seconded the motion and the motion passed 9-0.

Mr. Warner made a motion to name Mitchell Byrd, Craig Michael and Janet Wiles as the negotiating team for the purpose of negotiations with the Marshall County Education Association. Mr. Perryman seconded the motion. During discussion it was noted that Mr. Dukes could not be a member of the negotiating team because he is a member of the MCEA. The motion passed 8-1 (Ms. Tears voted no). Mr. Warner then made a motion to name Craig Michael as the chief negotiator. Mr. McCullough seconded the motion and the motion passed 9-0.

Ms. Gold made a motion to approve IDEA Budget amendment #2 (see attached). Mr. Warner seconded the motion and the motion passed 9-0.

A schedule of coaching/sponsorship supplements for 2007-2008 was presented (see attached). Mr. Perryman made a motion, seconded by Mr. Campbell, to approve the list as presented. Ms. Gold pointed out that athletics/supplements were mentioned in an earlier Budget Committee meeting as possible budget cuts. Mr. Perryman amended the motion to read that the supplement, not the positions, be approved until the time of negotiations. The motion passed 6-3 with Ms. Tears, Mr. Michael and Ms. Gold voting no.

Fund Raising Requests for 2008-2009 were presented (see attached). Mr. Campbell made a motion that an earlier ban on cookie dough sales be lifted. Ms. Gold seconded the motion and the motion passed 9-0. Mr. Warner made a motion to approve the fund raising requests, but that any requests that were incomplete must be completed correctly. Mr. Campbell seconded the motion and the motion passed 8-1 with Mr. Michael voting no.

Several revisions to school health policies were presented (see attached). Mr. McCullough made a motion to approve the changes with the second by Mr. Warner. Mr. Michael made a motion to amend the original motion by adding to policy 6.4031, Pediculosis (Head Lice) the following: A student found with head lice or nits will be separated from the rest of the students and sent home with parents. Also replace the statement (1) proof of treatment with a pediculicide product (head lice shampoo) with (1) proof of purchase of head lice shampoo or release from health department. The motion to amend passed 9-0. The original motion as amended passed 9-0.

In the Budget Committee report, Ms. Gold reported that the committee had met at 5:00 prior to the Board meeting. The County Commission had asked that the Board trim \$1.0+ million from the budget but there was nothing to report from the Budget committee meeting. Another Budget Committee was set for August 18, 2008 at 6:30 p.m.

Under new business, Ms. Gold reported that the Board had met with Michael Jennings, School Board Attorney to discuss the recent court order. Ms. Gold made a motion that the Marshall County Board of Education instructs legal counsel to file a motion with the Court pursuant to Tennessee Rules of Civil Procedure 52 and 59. The Board will instruct Mike Jennings as to specific parts of the Court's findings it wishes to ask for either amendments or guidance regarding the findings. Ms. Tears seconded the motion and the motion passed 9-0.

Mr. Michael publicly thanked Dr. Curtis for his leadership.

In the Director's report, Dr. Curtis presented plaques for Mr. Campbell, Mr. McCullough and Mr. Warner in appreciation of their years of service as members of the Marshall County Board of Education.

Dr. Curtis informed the Board that there had been a good transition into the beginning of school.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Tim Harrison, Chairman

Stan Curtis, Director

