

June 14, 2010

The Marshall County Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, June 14, 2010, 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, Craig Michael, Delinda Owens, and Ann Tears. Randy Perryman was absent.

Prayer/Pledge

The following addition was made to the agenda under New Business: Ms. Kennedy – organizational chart previously adopted by the board. Mr. Michael made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition. Ms. Tears seconded the motion, and the motion passed 8-0.

Donations were acknowledged: BDS Machine/Bill Spence donated time and secured donations to purchase sheet metal shear for the Spot Lowe welding program; Marshall Medical Center donated three hospital beds to Spot Lowe health sciences program; First Presbyterian Women's Group and Church will donate school supplies to a Marshall County school on an annual basis, beginning with Westhills Elementary School. Ms. Kennedy made a motion, with a second by Ms. Tears, to approve and accept the generous donations. The board recognized Karen Martin, Marshall Medical Center representative, who was present. The motion passed 8-0.

The citizen (Marshall County Youth Football League representative) scheduled to address the board was not present. Mr. Dukes explained the MCYFL's topic of discussion was to request any available surplus lighting; he also directed the board's attention to a letter received the morning of 6-14-10 from the Cornersville Lions Club, which also requests the donation of the field lights taken down from the Cornersville School football field. Mr. Dukes told the board that maintenance supervisor Sheldon Davis took a look at the lights (32 lights, 8 poles), and he recommended the school system not use them because of damage on the lights and deterioration of the poles. After discussion, Ms. Kennedy made a motion to declare the lights as surplus and open for bid. Mr. Michael seconded the motion and the motion passed 7-0-1, with Ms. Tears abstaining.

Mr. Denton made a motion, with a second by Mr. Jones, to approve the minutes of the May 10, 2010, regular session, and the May 17, 2010, special called session. Ms. Kennedy expressed concern in the May 10 minutes in which the statement "Ms. Tears urged Ms. Miller to make sure in the 'Tennessee History' there are no derogatory comments/issues

presented, and in 'Health' there are no inappropriate materials" appears prior to the vote instead of following the vote, as it occurred during the meeting. Ms. Kennedy made a motion to delete this comment, seconded by Mr. Michael. After discussion, Ms. Kennedy amended her motion, with a second by Mr. Michael, to move Ms. Tear's comment to after the vote in the minutes; the amended motion passed 8-0. The motion to approve both sets of minutes, with the amendment on the May 10 minutes, passed 8-0.

Patty Hill, MCEA president, presented the MCEA report.

The following were presented in the consent agenda: Cornersville varsity cheerleaders to summer camp in Gatlinburg 7/11-15/10; Marshall County High School cheerleaders to attend premier cheerleading camp in Franklin 7/6-9/10. Ms. Kennedy made a motion, seconded by Ms. Owens, to approve the consent agenda. The motion passed 8-0.

Ms. Owens made a motion to surplus three hospital beds at Spot Lowe Technology Center. Mr. Denton seconded the motion, and the motion passed 8-0.

Ms. Gold made a motion to approve a resolution (see attached). Mr. Jones seconded the motion and the motion passed 7-1, with Ms. Kennedy voting no.

Concerning the backup to resolutions (see attached), Ms. Gold explained she had given each board member two corrected resolutions that had been approved in May (see attached). Ms. Gold made a motion to approve the amended resolutions and the backup to the resolutions. Mr. Michael seconded the motion and the motion passed 8-0.

Ms. Gold made a motion to approve line item transfers (see attached). Ms. Owens seconded the motion and the motion passed 8-0.

Ms. Kennedy made a motion to approve the food service budget (see attached). Ms. Owens seconded the motion. Referencing the fund balance, question was asked if those monies could be used for indirect costs, which will assist with the general purpose budget; Mr. Dukes and food service supervisor Larissa Delk stated they would check. The motion passed 8-0.

Ms. Gold made a motion to approve the line item transfers for food service. Ms. Tears seconded the motion, and the motion passed 8-0.

In the budget update, Ms. Gold told the board she has updated the 2010-2011 budget revenues to include the BEP estimate for June; everything else remained the same from the last budget draft the board has reviewed. She explained this is not a final number and

the board still has work to be done to complete a budget. Mr. Dukes distributed the "General Purpose" figures updated by Malinda Stanford, Fiscal Consultant with the Department of Education; he explained that Ms. Stanford will be available to us over the next several days to close out the fiscal year. He then referred to documents which showed a list of prioritized budget cuts supplied by principals and supervisors. Mr. Dukes told the board that interviews for a budget director have been completed, and he is waiting on the person recommended to formally accept the position; should she accept, she will begin on July 1. Concern was expressed about using \$533,000 from the fund balance in order to make the budget work. Ms. Gold informed the board a budget needs to be to the county commission by July 1.

In new business, Ms. Kennedy distributed a letter from school board attorney Chuck Cagle regarding the organizational chart adopted by the board. Mr. Keny called for a recess in order to allow board members an opportunity to read the letter. The meeting recessed at 7:50 p.m., during which Mr. Dukes gave board members a job posting for the two Deputy Director positions. The meeting reconvened at 8:00 p.m. Ms. Kennedy stated that since there is a job description (on the posting), she feels the discussion needs to be put on hold. However, she felt the posting should be delayed (the vacancy indicated the positions would be posted June 15, 2010) until the board had a chance to review the job descriptions in the event of changes. Ms. Kennedy made a motion to table posting the positions until a Special Called meeting can be held to discuss and approve the job descriptions; Ms. Gold seconded the motion. Suggestion was made that Mr. Cagle or Mr. Jackson be invited to the Special Called meeting.

Ms. Kennedy requested that any pertinent documents placed on the boardroom table to be discussed during a board meeting be forwarded to Mr. Dukes and Ms. Poole as far in advance as possible (instead of holding until the night of the board meeting) to either be included in the board packet, be scanned and emailed to board members, or board members notified by phone regarding the documents to improve communication and give each person an opportunity to study the material before the meeting.

The motion to table posting the positions until a Special Called meeting can be held to discuss and approve the job descriptions passed 6-1-1, with Mr. Michael voting no and Ms. Tears abstaining.

In the transportation committee report, Mr. Denton stated the committee met to discuss cost cutting measures. The committee agreed the system should stop using Edulog. Ms. Kennedy made a motion to ask Mr. Frey (transportation supervisor) to discontinue all

efforts to utilize the Edulog system for transportation purposes; Mr. Michael seconded the motion. After discussion, Mr. Jones moved to amend the motion to allow Mr. Dukes an opportunity to investigate if there is a contract with Edulog and how much it would cost to get out of the contract. Ms. Tears seconded the motion, and the motion passed 7-1 with Ms. Kennedy voting no. The main motion, with the amendment, passed 7-1, with Ms. Owens voting no.

In the policy committee report, Ms. Tears stated the committee met June 3 to review policies 5.117 (Procedure for Granting Tenure), 5.200 (Separation Practices for Tenured Teachers), 6.406 (Student Psychological Services), and 6.500 (Education of Students [adopted TSBA suggested policy]). All passed the committee 3-0. The committee reviewed policy 6.2001 (Attendance [Middle & High School]); Mr. Dukes will be in contact with Judge Bowden about setting up a date with the principals to discuss truancy issues. The committee voted to contact Joel Moseley, TSBA Director of Policy & Staff Attorney, concerning policy 6.701 (Student Solicitations/Fund-Raising). Ms. Tears distributed copies of Mr. Moseley's response; therefore, she feels there is nothing more the policy committee can do concerning this policy.

In the director's report, Mr. Dukes discussed documents from Risk Management; questions regarding a 4-day school week; announced that Sheila Cook-Jones was selected as Finance Director and is awaiting her acceptance; announced that Kirk Whittington with Siemens is hoping to meet with the County Commission on June 17.

A Special Called meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, June 22 at 6:30 p.m. to discuss the budget, Deputy Director job descriptions, and the Deputy Director job posting.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Mike Keny, Chairman

Roy Dukes, Director