

May 9, 2011

The Marshall County Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, May 9, 2011, at 6:30 p.m. in the Board Conference Room at Jones School.

Members present were Curt Denton, Kristen Gold, Harvey Jones, Mike Keny, Donnie Moses, Randy Perryman, Sam Smith, and Ann Tears. Barbara Kennedy was absent.

Prayer/Pledge

Mr. Perryman made a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Jones seconded the motion, and the motion passed 7-0 (Ms. Gold was not present for the vote).

High school guidance counselor Jennifer Harris addressed the board to request they allow the option of dropping, in 2013, the Tennessee Chamber of Commerce Tennessee Scholars Program. She explained that with the Tennessee Diploma Project, the Scholars Program has become obsolete and redundant in many ways. Mr. Denton made a motion, with a second by Mr. Jones, to remove the Tennessee Scholars Program. The motion passed 7-0.

Ms. Gold arrived at this point.

Mr. Denton made a motion, with a second by Mr. Moses, to approve the minutes of the April 11, 2011, regular session. The motion passed 8-0.

In the MCEA report, MCEA president Patty Hill invited the board to the MCEA's end-of-the-year luncheon on Thursday, May 26 at noon in the Church Street Annex; she reminded the board about using the Jobs Funds money for teacher bonuses.

Michelle Ashley, Coordinated School Health Coordinator, and Deana Martin, CSH Assistant, gave an overview of the function of CSH in the school system and the state.

On the consent agenda, Mr. Keny requested to pull the FBLA request for discussion. Mr. Perryman made a motion to approve Cornersville Middle School Cheerleaders' request to attend Cheer Camp at TN Tech. University in Cookeville June 14-17. Mr. Moses seconded the motion and the motion passed 8-0.

Vicky Carlton, Cornersville High School FBLA sponsor, spoke about the importance of her three students attending the FBLA National Leadership Conference June 26-July 1 in Orlando, FL. Mr. Denton made a motion, with a second by Ms. Tears to approve the FBLA's request (see attached). The motion passed 8-0.

Ms. Tears made a motion, with a second by Mr. Denton, to approve change on policy #4.600 Grading System (see attached). The motion passed 8-0. The policy will be on the June agenda for a second reading.

Mr. Denton made a motion to approve the bus specs (see attached). Mr. Perryman seconded the motion, and the motion passed 8-0. Mr. Dukes reminded the board that the specs cannot be released for bid until July 1, the beginning of the fiscal year.

On the topic of structural engineers and rates, Mr. Dukes told the board that Maintenance Supervisor Sheldon Davis recommends Warren Engineering, Inc., even though the bid was not the lowest, because the company had previously worked for the county; therefore, he's familiar with their work and they do a good job. Mr. Perryman made a motion, based on Mr. Davis's recommendation, to accept Warren Engineering's proposal. Mr. Jones seconded the motion. Mr. Denton explained that he would abstain from the vote because the board was not following suit in awarding the bid to the lowest bidder; Ms. Gold reminded everyone that if the board has reasonable justification, they can accept a bid other than the lowest. After looking more closely at the proposals, Ms. Gold amended the motion, with a second by Mr. Moses, for Mr. Davis to clarify that the Warren bid is complete as shown and does not have reimbursables, and if it does, to bring the proposals back to the board. Following discussions, both Ms. Gold and Mr. Perryman withdrew their motions. The topic was tabled until the June meeting to allow Mr. Davis time to gather more information.

Mr. Smith made a motion to approve Part B, Carryover Budget #10.21, Amendment 1 (see attached). Ms. Gold seconded the motion, and the motion passed 8-0.

Ms. Tears made a motion to approve Part B, ARRA C/O Budget #10.21, Amendment 2 (see attached). Mr. Smith seconded the motion, and the motion passed 8-0.

Mr. Denton made a motion, with a second by Mr. Moses, to approve payment to Siemens (see attached). The motion passed 8-0. The board requested before and after pictures as the energy improvements progress.

The preliminary Federal Budget was not ready for presentation at the board meeting, but Ms. Linda Williams-Lee, Federal Programs supervisor, said the budget is ready but needs to first be reviewed by her state person, who will be in Marshall County on Wednesday. The Federal Budget will be ready for review by the board during the Monday night, May 16<sup>th</sup> Budget Committee meeting.

The Maintenance Committee met on April 19 to discuss the structural damage at Forrest School and maintenance needs; Mr. Davis will provide the committee with a prioritized list of needs. Mr. Dukes stated that County Mayor Joe Liggett indicated that within the next year or two the

library will be enlarged and would like to use part of the hill behind the Central Office (across the drive from the library) as a parking lot. Mr. Dukes also mentioned that the soccer lights project is moving forward.

In the Budget Committee report, Mr. Moses stated the committee met on April 25 during which the Jobs Bill money was discussed; a portion will be drawn down the first quarter, and the balance will be drawn down the second quarter. The board needs to determine how to use the money (academic needs, teacher bonuses, etc.). Other items discussed were the organization chart and the preliminary budget for 2011-2012. A budget committee meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 16 at 6:30 p.m.

In the Policy Committee report, Ms. Tears stated the committee met April 28 during which they discussed two policies: 4.603 Promotion and Retention, and 6.411 Student Wellness. Both policies will be brought back to the committee after receiving more information. The next policy committee meeting will be Tuesday, May 24 at 6:00 p.m.

Mr. Dukes informed the board that there is a possibility a bill will come out of the legislature that will create an employee handbook should collective bargaining be eliminated. TOSS and TSBA will design an employee manual that boards can use as a template to create their own.

There was no Teacher Recruitment report; however, Mr. Jones asked if a date has been set to have a countywide event during which recruitment can be held. Mr. Dukes will check.

Since Ms. Kennedy requested work session minutes be on the evening's agenda and she was unable to attend, the topic was tabled until the June meeting.

There was no New Business.

During the Director's Report: Mr. Smith made a motion, with a second by Ms. Tears, to accept the Metro Medical Supply bid (see attached) for Health Screening Equipment. While Metro Medical Supply was not the low bid, they met all specifications. The motion passed 8-0. Grant writer Nancy Aldridge, in speaking on defibrillator bids, stated she had spoken with local EMTs regarding recommendations, and they recommended the Zoll brand, because of their ease of use. She recommended the Innocare Health Corporation bid (see attached) based on the EMTs' recommendation, and because Innocare not only met the specifications, they exceeded them. Mr. Denton made a motion to accept the Innocare Health Corporation bid, with a second by Ms. Tears. During discussions, Ms. Aldridge said one defibrillator will be placed at each school and will be taken to athletic events. The motion passed 8-0. Mr. Denton made a motion, with a second by Ms. Tears, to purchase as many additional defibrillators as the grant allows for the athletic departments at each middle and high school. The motion passed 8-0.

Continuing the Director's Report, Mr. Dukes announced he attended the 2011 Value Added ceremony in Nashville during which Cornersville School Principal Bob Edens was honored for being number 1 in Middle Tennessee, grades K-8; Cornersville School's TVAAS scores showed gains over a period of three years. Mr. Edens received \$3,000, which will be given to the teachers to purchase needed items for their classrooms. Tennessee will transition to the Common Core State Standards effective SY2014-15 for all grades; in-service has been scheduled this June for K-2<sup>nd</sup> grade teachers. Mr. Dukes displayed the yearbook presented by CHES and a card of appreciation from Randy Perryman; explained that the mowing crew has been notified that trimming must be done.

Mr. Keny reminded the board about upcoming graduations: Cornersville High School, May 19 at 7:00 p.m.; Marshall County High School, May 20 at 7:00 p.m.; Forrest High School, May 21 at 9:00 a.m.

Ms. Gold told the board she saw Lewisburg Middle School featured on the previous night's news because of their efforts to accumulate relief items for tornado victims in Alabama. Mr. Dukes added the news item was also on Channel 4 News Sunday morning and on an Alabama radio station on Saturday. Mr. Denton encouraged everyone to volunteer in the relief effort, if at all possible.

The meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Mike Keny, Chairman

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Roy Dukes, Director