

**OFFICIAL
MINUTES OF THE BLOUNT COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**

The Blount County Board of Education met in Regular Session on Thursday, November 5, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. in the John P. Davis, Jr. boardroom at the Central Office.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Willow Rutter, 5th grade student at Townsend Elementary School

Roll Call of the Board is as follows:

- Jim Compton Present
- Charles Finley Absent
- Trevis Gardner Present
- Fred Goins Present
- Scott Helton Absent
- Bill Padgett Present
- Debbie Sudhoff Present

The clerk declared a quorum and Chairman Gardner called the meeting to order.

There were no **COMMENTS FROM THE COMMUNITY ON AGENDA ITEMS**

RECOGNITIONS, REPORTS and PRESENTATIONS

- Employee of the Month - Kathy Owens, Everett Learning Opportunity Center **Danny Galyon**
- Eagleton Middle School-Smoky Mountain Middle School Association Football Championship **Stan Burnette**

SYSTEM HIGHLIGHTS

- Art Gallery-Fairview Elementary School
- Art Showcase-Heritage High School
- Boardroom-Heritage High School

DIRECTOR OF SCHOOLS REPORT

Rob Britt

- Mr. Britt congratulated the Eagleton Middle School football team and coaches on their undefeated season and on winning the Smoky Mountain Middle School Association Football Championship.
- Mr. Britt stated an unidentified person had tried to enter a locked door at Carpenters Elementary School earlier today. He stated the school went into lockdown, the SRO and Sheriff's department were immediately notified, and teachers and staff quickly followed procedures that are in place for this situation. Carpenters Middle School was also placed on lockdown as a precautionary measure. A search for the individual was conducted but could not be found. When it was concluded the students and staff were safe the school remained in a soft lockdown for the rest of the day. Mr. Britt thanked the teacher and students who reacted quickly to this situation and he also thanked the Sheriff's Department for their quick response.

The **PERSONNEL REPORT** will stand as submitted

David Murrell

TECHNOLOGY REPORT

John Herron

- This month 747 different devices were purchased; 298 of these devices were Chromebooks and 108 of these Chromebooks were purchased by schools using their individual funds
- The Tech Department received 58 calls for service all of which have been resolved

- Café machines are all in place
- Because we have been purchasing Lenove machines; Lenove they gave us a \$10,000 grant
- The Tech Department is in the process of buying a replacement server

FACILITIES MAINTENANCE REPORT

Gary Farmer

- Roof on intersection at Heritage High School is complete
- Bid is out on floor for intersection area at Heritage High School
- Bid packets (books) are nearing completion for: William Blount High School (main and auxiliary gyms) & Heritage High School (main and auxiliary gyms)
- Winterizing has begun at all schools in the Blount County system in preparation of freezing weather
- Parking lots at WBHS completed and striped over fall break
- Mary Blount Elementary parking lot sealed and striped over fall break (at no cost to BCS)

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

Trevis Gardner

- Approval of Heritage High School HOSA students attending Camp Clements in Doyle TN on October 16-28, 2015
- Approval of Eagleton Middle School CDC-2 students attending Special Olympics in Columbia, TN on November 1-2, 2015
- December 3rd School Board Meeting will begin at 4:00 p.m.
- Progress on the committee to review the Director's evaluation model. There are four out of five selections made for this committee with the one pending-a parent representative. This item should be ready for the December board meeting
- Collaborative Conference Meeting to be held on November 19, 2015 beginning at 4:00 p.m.
- Facilities and Maintenance Committee Meetings to be held on November 19 and November 23rd beginning at 4:30 p.m.

Executive Committee Report will stand as presented

CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Mr. Compton to approve the Consent Agenda

Seconded by Mrs. Sudhoff

Vote: 5/0 Passed

1. Approval of **AGENDA** for November 5, 2015, Regular Meeting
2. Approval of **MINUTES** for October 1, 2015, Regular Meeting
3. Approval of **TRIPS**
 - Heritage High School 10th-12th residential construction students-Biltmore House and Gardens in Ashville, NC-November 11, 2015
 - Heritage High School 9th-12th students-Cocoa Beach Expo Softball Spring Training in Cocoa Beach, FL-March 13-16, 2016
 - Heritage Middle School 7th-8th Mustang Singers-Trivoli Theatre in Chattanooga, TN-November 20-21, 2015
 - William Blount choral department students-All-East Honors Choirs in Chattanooga, TN-November 19-21, 2015

4. Approval of **SCHOOL BUS MILEAGE CHANGE**

Stan Burnette

- Bus #26-Rick Blair, owner-additional 7.2 miles to PM only

5. Approval of **SCHOOL BUS CONTRACT**

Stan Burnette

- Bus #105-Richard Pass, owner-2000/18/LIFT-to be placed on insurance 10/26/15

6. Approval of **2015 LEA COMPLIANCE REPORT**

7. Approval of **IN-SCHOOL GAMES**

- Request from Justin Ridge, Athletic Director at William Blount High School, to host an in-school wrestling match with Gibbs High School at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 24, 2015
- Request from Robbie Bennett, Athletic Director at Heritage High School, to host an in-school wrestling match with Seymour High School at 2:00 p.m. on January 7, 2016

8. Approval of **NON-FACULTY, NON-PAID COACHES**

- Cale Clemmer-Carpenters Middle School-Basketball

9. Approval of **CAMP INVENTION** at Carpenters Elementary School June 13-17, 2016

AGENDA:

Motion by Mrs. Sudhoff to set the agenda

Seconded by Mr. Padgett

Vote: 5/0 Passed

1. Discussion and possible action regarding **Employee Internet Postings and Social Media** (*second reading*)

Debbie Sudhoff

Motion to approve second reading by Mrs. Sudhoff

Seconded by Mr. Compton

Vote: 5/0 Passed

2. Discussion and possible action regarding **Budget Transfer**

Troy Logan

- Fund 146-73300 (Extended School Program-Friends)- \$5,700

Motion to approve by Mr. Compton

Seconded by Mrs. Sudhoff

Vote: 5/0 Passed

3. Discussion and possible action regarding **Budget Increase/Decrease**

Troy Logan

- Fund 141-xxxx(Schools-GPSF) \$10,000

Motion to approve by Mrs. Sudhoff

Seconded by Mr. Padgett

Vote: 5/0 Passed

4. Discussion and possible action to approve agreement between Blount County Schools and Doyle Jones, architect, for Heritage High School re-roofing project

Troy Logan

Motion to approve by Mrs. Sudhoff

Seconded by Mr. Padgett

Vote: 5/0 Passed

5. Discussion and possible action to approve agreement between Blount County Schools and Doyle Jones, architect, for William Blount High School re-roofing project

Troy Logan

Motion to approve by Mrs. Sudhoff

Seconded by Mr. Compton

Vote: 5/0 Passed

COMMENTS FROM THE BLOUNT COUNTY EDUCATION ASSOCIATION

Rebecca Dickenson, BCEA President, spoke on standardized testing

COMMENTS FROM STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES

Brandon Hurst (Heritage High School):

- Students are hoping for improvements to the bleachers in the intersection
- The bowling team is currently undefeated
- STEM project is moving along

Samuel Taylor (William Blount High School):

- Gov Run raised over \$10,000 for the school
- Football playoff game is tomorrow
- Veterans' Day Program is scheduled for 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, November 10th with a reception being held at 9:30 a.m.

There were no **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

COMMENTS FROM THE COMMUNITY REGARDING ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Sam Duck-Social Studies Curriculum

COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD

- Mrs. Sudhoff stated there had been several people pass away in our community recently and we don't do anything as a school system to recognize former employees, students, etc., who have passed away. She stated it would be nice if we could have a moment of silence at the beginning of our board meetings when we have had someone within our school system pass away to memorialize their connection to our system. Mr. Gardner stated this was not on the agenda but posed a query to the majority of the board if it would be o.k. to have this on future agendas. He stated we make that addition.
- Mr. Gardner stated he knew there were issues in the community regarding textbooks and the content in those textbooks. He stated for his own purposes he did a review, assisted by our Director of School, of the materials. He there are two policies 4.403 (Reconsideration of Instructional Materials and Textbooks) and 4.801 (Controversial Materials) available to parents to use in regards to their student. He stated opinions and comments abound and he has received zero phone calls on this issue and zero written messages on this issue.

There was no further action of the Board.

Motion to adjourn by Mrs. Sudhoff
Seconded by Mr. Padgett
Meeting Adjourned

Trevis Gardner, Chairman

Rob Britt, Secretary