

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

The Blount County Board of Education met in Regular Session on Thursday, December 4, 2014 at 5:00 p.m. in the John P. Davis, Jr. Boardroom at the Central Office.

Bethany Benson, an 11th grade student at Heritage High School, opened the meeting with a student led prayer. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Maddie Britt a first grade student at Montvale Elementary School.

Roll Call of the Board is as follows:

- Chris Cantrell Present
- Jim Compton Present
- Charlie Finley Present
- Trevis Gardner Present
- Fred Goins Present
- Scott Helton 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

- Pam Kirkland-Classified Employee of the Month-Montvale Elementary School

SYSTEM HIGHLIGHTS

- Art Gallery-students from Fairview Elementary
- Art Showcase-students from Rockford Elementary
- Boardroom-students from Heritage High School

DIRECTOR OF SCHOOLS REPORT

- Mr. Britt stated the Blount County Education Foundation Turkey Trot was a success. He also stated this past Tuesday the first Student Advisory Council Meeting was held and approximately 40 students were in attendance.

PERSONNEL REPORT

- The Personnel Report will stand as submitted

FACILITIES MAINTENANCE REPORT

- A number of restroom stall doors are missing throughout the system. A review by head custodians confirmed a couple of the facilities did in fact have several missing and/or damaged doors. The Maintenance Department is in the process of locating replacement doors and hardware. Most all replacements and parts have been located and ordered. Repairs should be completed by early January 2015.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

- None

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Agenda for December 4, 2014, Regular Meeting
2. Approval of Minutes for November 6, 2014, Regular Meeting
3. Approval of Minutes for November 6, 2014, Called Meeting
4. Approval of **TRIPS**
 - Eagleton Middle School 8th grade students-Washington, DC-May 6-9, 2015
 - Eagleton Middle School Singers-Walt Disney World Resort-March 12-18, 2015
 - K-8 TAG students-US Space & Rocket Center, Huntsville, AL-March 7, 2015
 - Heritage High School 6th-12th grade color guard camp-Walland Elementary-February 27-March 1, 2015
 - Heritage High School 6th-12th grade color guard camp-Walland Elementary-February 6-8, 2015
 - Heritage High School 6th-12th grade color guard camp-Walland Elementary-January 2-5, 2015
 - Heritage High School 6th-12th grade color guard camp-Walland Elementary-December 5-7, 2014
5. Approval of a request from Kristy Brewer, principal, Union Grove Elementary School to hold their annual Orange and Blue basketball game on December 18, 2014
6. Approval of Shay Coker as paid, non-faculty basketball coach-Prospect Elementary
7. Approval of the 2014 LEA Compliance Report
8. Approval of Leave of Absence for Brittany Pritchett & Robin Ross, teachers at Friendsville Elementary School, July 27, 2014-November 29, 2014

Motion to approve the consent agenda by Mr. Compton

Seconded by Mrs. Sudhoff

Passed

AGENDA:

Motion to approve agenda moving item numbers 8 and 9 to the front of agenda by Mr. Cantrell

Seconded by Mrs. Sudhoff

Passed

1. Discussion and possible action regarding adoption of the Alumni of the Year Policy

Chris Cantrell

Motion to approve the proposal by Mr. Cantrell

Seconded by Mr. Compton

Passed

2. Discussion and possible action regarding Alumni, Parents, and Friends of Heritage High School Association and their project at Heritage High School **Chris Cantrell**

Motion by Mr. Gardner to formally recognize the Alumni, Parents, and Friends of Heritage High School Association and authorize the staff to partner with this organization financially to the limits of their spending authority

Seconded by Mr. Cantrell

Passed

3. Discussion and possible action for rewarding school(s) earning the designation of “Reward School” for performance and/or progress, instructional resource funds **Fred Goins**

Motion by Mr. Goins that a school that has attained “Reward School” status for progress receives \$1,500 and a school that has received the recognition from the state for performance also receives \$1,500

Seconded by Mrs. Sudhoff

Passed

4. Discussion and possible action regarding Project Planning Proposal for capital, technology, and textbooks: a five year plan **Rob Britt**

Motion to approve by Mr. Compton

Seconded by Mrs. Sudhoff

Passed

5. Discussion and possible action on a resolution to ask the Blount County Legislative Delegation to write and pass legislation to require the State of Tennessee to fully fund health insurance premiums at twelve months through the BEP funding formula as opposed to ten months currently funded **Fred Goins**

Motion to approve by Mr. Goins

Seconded by Mrs. Sudhoff

Passed

6. Discussion and possible action regarding teachers recommended for tenure **David Murrell**

Motion to approve by Mr. Finley

Seconded by Mr. Helton

Passed

7. Discussion and possible action regarding 2015-2016 School Calendar **David Murrell**

Motion to approve by Mr. Compton

Seconded by Mrs. Sudhoff

Passed

8. Discussion and possible action regarding Bid #2014-2315-ice cream

Troy Logan

Motion to approve by Mrs. Sudhoff

Seconded by Mr. Finley

Passed

9. Discussion and possible action regarding approval of contracts for professional and architect services for Montvale and Middlesettlements Elementary Schools roofs

Gary Farmer

Motion to approve by Mr. Compton

Seconded by Mrs. Sudhoff

Passed

COMMENTS FROM THE BLOUNT COUNTY EDUCATION ASSOCIATION

- Rebecca Dickenson-BCEA President

COMMENTS FROM STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES

- Hope Buckner (HHS) The annual DECA fashion show was recently held and Little World was in the progress of opening. Hope also informed the Board a Veterans' Day program was recently held and two students had signed with Tusculum to play golf.
- Foster Harris (WB) The DATA Team was trying to get scores up for the upcoming EOCs and three students (Kaylin Bailey, Collin Bentley, and Foster Harris) are Questbridge Scholarship winners each receiving full scholarships.

There were no **Committee Reports**

COMMENTS FROM THE COMMUNITY REGARDING ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

- Steve Phillippy-Hour of Code

COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD

- Mr. Compton requested a budget summary be included in each month's board packet for review
- Mr. Goins expressed his appreciation to the Board for approving the monetary reward for schools named as Reward Schools
- Mr. Gardner stated the January board meeting would be held on the 8th, and board meetings for January and February would be starting at 5:00 p.m. instead of 6:00 p.m.

Motion to adjourn by Mr. Finley

Seconded by Mr. Goins

Meeting Adjourned

Trevis Gardner, Chairman

Rob Britt, Secretary