

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

The Blount County Board of Education met in Regular Session on Thursday, September 4, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. in the John P. Davis, Jr. Boardroom at the Central Office.

Mr. Jim Compton led in prayer. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by McKenna Boyd, a 5<sup>th</sup> grade student at Fairview Elementary School.

Roll Call of the Board is as follows:

- Mr. Chris Cantrell Present
- Mr. Jim Compton Present
- Mr. Charlie Finley Present
- Mr. Trevis Gardner Present
- Mr. Fred Goins Present
- Mr. Scott Helton Present
- Mrs. Debbie Sudhoff Present

The clerk declared a quorum and Vice-Chairman Finley called the meeting to order.

**INTRODUCTION OF NEW BOARD MEMBERS**

**Mr. Rob Britt**

- Mrs. Debbie Sudhoff-District 1
- Mr. Scott Helton-District 5
- Mr. Fred Goins-District 7

**INTRODUCTION OF STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES**

- Hope Buckner-12<sup>th</sup> grade-Heritage High School
- Foster Harris-12<sup>th</sup> grade-William Blount High School

**Mr. Earl McMahan**

**Mr. Rob Clark**

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Mr. Compton nominated Mr. Gardner for Chairman

There were no other nominations. Mr. Cantrell moved nominations cease and Mr. Gardner be elected by acclamation  
Seconded by Mr. Compton

**Passed**

Mr. Gardner assumed the chair

Mr. Cantrell nominated Mrs. Sudhoff for Vice-Chairman

There were no other nominations and Mr. Gardner asked that nominations cease and Mrs. Sudhoff be elected by acclamation

**Passed**

Mr. Goins nominated Mr. Compton for Parliamentarian

There were no other nominations and Mr. Gardner asked that nominations cease and Mr. Compton be elected by acclamation

**Passed**

Mr. Finley nominated Mr. Helton for Tennessee Legislative Network Representative  
There were no other nominations and Mr. Gardner asked that nominations cease and Mr. Helton be elected by acclamation

**Passed**

There were no **Comments from the Community on Agenda Items**

#### **RECOGNITIONS, REPORTS, and PRESENTATIONS**

- Presentation on Planet High School

**Mr. Tom Larson**

#### **SYSTEM HIGHLIGHTS**

- Art Gallery-students from Porter and Prospect Elementary Schools

#### **REPORTS:**

##### **DIRECTOR OF SCHOOLS**

- Mr. Britt complimented Tom Larson on the implementation of PlanetHS which is a very large and useful communication tool. He stated Mr. Larson is doing an excellent job training our staff and thinks this program addresses strategic goal #4.
- Mr. Britt stated we were in week five of our school year. He stated he had been in the schools and witnessed the planning and hard work of our teachers and staff. He stated the implementation of new Social Studies standards K-12 had begun. Mr. Britt also informed the Board of the implementation of Response to Intervention Squared at the K-5 level and a preparation year in 6-8 was in progress. He stated they were also implementing the Universal Screener Progress Monitoring tools at the K-5 level as part of the RTI Program. Mr. Britt stated we also have a new online tool called Classworks that goes along with the Response to Intervention in the middle schools. He stated teachers were working hard to make all of these new implementations work for the best of our students.

##### **PERSONNEL**

- Personnel Report will stand as submitted

##### **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

- Shane Snoderly-Paid, Non-Faculty Coach-Carpenters Middle School-Boys & Girls Cross Country

##### **Motion to approve Executive Committee Report by Mr. Finley**

**Seconded by Mr. Compton**

**Vote: 7/0 **Passed****

##### **CONSENT AGENDA**

1. Approval of Agenda for September 4, 2014-Regular Meeting
2. Approval of Minutes for August 14, 2014-Regular Meeting
3. Approval of **TRIPS**

- Heritage High School-State FFA Quality and Products CDE; State FFA Dairy Handling CDE; State FFA Horse Evaluation CDE-MTSU, Murfreesboro, TN-September 7-9, 2014
- Carpenters Middle School Student Council-Universal Studios-Orlando, FL-May 4-7, 2015

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

- Carl Braden-Heritage Middle School-Softball
- Danny Boling-Heritage Middle School-Football
- Zack Kee-Heritage High School-Girls' Soccer
- Keith Brewer-Union Grove Elementary School-Basketball

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

- Blake Overton-William Blount Feeder Schools-Football
- Timothy Bolden-Lanier Elementary School-Basketball

**6. Approval of SCHOOL BUS CAPACITY CHANGE**

- Bus #60-Rick Blair-increase to 84 passenger

**Motion to approve Consent Agenda by Mr. Compton**

**Seconded by Mr. Finley**

**Vote: 7/0 Passed**

**Motion to set Agenda by Mr. Compton**

**Seconded by Mr. Finley**

**Vote: 7/0 Passed**

**AGENDA:**

**1. Discussion and possible action regarding recognition for Blount County Schools alumni      Mr. Chris Cantrell**

**Motion by Mr. Cantrell to create a standing committee that will set the application and nomination process for an alumni recognition program**

**Seconded by Mr. Finley**

**Vote: 7/0 Passed**

The Recognition Committee is to bring back their recommendation to the full board for approval.

**2. Discussion and possible action regarding second reading Policy 4.700-Testing Programs      Mr. Trevis Gardner**

First reading of Policy 4.700 approved by BOE on August 14, 2014

**Motion to approve second reading by Mr. Gardner**

**No second required as this comes as recommendation from Policy Committee**

**Vote: 7/0 Passed**

**3. Discussion and possible action regarding second reading Policy 4.802-Student Equal Access-Limited Public Forum      Mr. Trevis Gardner**

First reading of Policy 4.802 approved by BOE on August 14, 2014

**Motion to approve second reading by Mr. Gardner**

**No second required as this comes as recommendation from Policy Committee**

**Vote: 7/0 Passed**

**4. Discussion and possible action regarding Bid# 2014-2294-Carbonated Beverages**

**Mr. Troy Logan**

Coca-Cola Refreshments was lowest bottom line bidder meeting all of the items as specified

**Motion to approve by Mr. Compton**

**Seconded by Mr. Finley**

**Vote: 7/0 Passed**

**5. Discussion and possible action regarding Collaboration Agreement between BCS and Douglas Cherokee Head Start Program beginning September 1, 2014-ending May 30, 2014**

**Mrs. Amanda Vance**

**Motion to approve by Mrs. Sudhoff**

**Seconded by Mr. Cantrell**

**Vote: 7/0 Passed**

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

**Mr. Troy Logan**

**(a) Fund 141-72810-\$34,000**

**(b) Fund 141-\$62,000 (Revenues Transfer)**

**Motion to approve a & b by Mr. Compton**

**Seconded by Mr. Finley**

**Vote: 7/0 Passed**

**Rebecca Dickenson addressed the Board on behalf of the Blount County Education Association**

**There were no Committee Reports**

**There were no Comments from the Community Regarding Items Not on the Agenda**

#### **COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD**

- Mr. Compton requested that on the next months' agenda discussion of using fund balance to fix the leaking problems at Middlesettlements, Montvale, and Heritage High School
- Mr. Goins stated he thinks like a principal and looks forward to the opportunity of helping the students of Blount County
- Mr. Gardner extended a warm welcome to the new Board members
- Mr. Cantrell stated in the ten years he had been on the Board, they had not funneled a lot of money to athletics nor is he asking to funnel a lot of money. He asked that people be patient when they look at the results of our athletic programs; when results are measured by wins and losses. He asked that everyone be patient because we have outstanding coaches in all of our sports. He stated there are a lot of people giving their time to our schools and athletic programs for little or no pay. Mr. Cantrell asked for everyone to 'jump in

and help'. He stated it is easy to criticize but we all need to be on the same page and on the same team with our athletics programs.

- Mrs. Sudhoff stated she wanted to personally encourage employees from the central office and every school to have your employees come and support these kids. Let them know their teachers, faculty, and everyone around them supports them. She stated on the field after the game Friday night, she left inspired by Coach Hammontree. Mrs. Sudhoff stated he is not just raising athletes; he is raising men and expects them to perform in the classroom before they perform on the field. She stated we needed to support our kids physically and emotionally every day of the week.
- Mr. Finley stated after being a coach for 45 years, he hoped we never put winning and losing as the main criteria for grading success in their programs.
- Mr. Compton congratulated Mr. England, Fairview Elementary, and Mr. Painter, Friendsville Elementary, on being named Reward Schools.

**Motion to Adjourn by Mr. Finley**  
**Seconded by Mr. Cantrell**  
**Meeting adjourned.**

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**Mr. Trevis Gardner, Chairman**

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**Mr. Rob Britt, Secretary**