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MINUTES OF THE BLOUNT COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

The Blount County Board of Education met in Regular Session on Thursday, November 3, 2016 at 5:00 p.m. in the theatre at Heritage High School, 3741 E. Lamar Alexander Pkwy. Maryville, TN 37803

A moment of silence was held prior to the start of the meeting.

The Heritage High School ROTC Color Guard presented the flag with the Pledge of Allegiance led by the 4th and 5th grade Beta Club students at Montvale Elementary School. The National Anthem was sung by the Heritage Singers.

Roll Call of the Board:

- Jim Compton Present
- Charlie Finley Present
- Fred Goins Present
- Scott Helton Present
- Robby Kirkland Present
- Bill Padgett Absent
- Debbie Sudhoff Present

The Clerk declared a quorum and Chairman Sudhoff called the meeting to order.

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

Recognitions, Reports and Presentations **Amanda Vance**

- Recognition of Wilson Level I & II Certified Teachers: Amanda Collins, Carolyn Dudek, Betsy Tillett, Felicia Hopkins, Jenny Kilgore, Heather Everett, Kaylee Christenberry, Kelley Haun, DeAnn Stallions, Rachel Goins, and Laurel Kievsz

System Highlights (on display at the Central Office) **Debbie Sudhoff**

- Art Gallery and Showcase-Lanier and Montvale Elementary Schools
- Boardroom-Porter and Walland Elementary Schools

Director of Schools' Report

- Mr. Britt thanked the faculty, staff and administration at Heritage High School for hosting the School Board Meeting and the 6:30 p.m. Special Called Meeting with the County Commission
- Heritage High School Principal, Jake Jones, welcomed the Board. He stated Heritage students are currently involved in several service projects. Students at Heritage just finished College Week and 84% of the seniors have signed up for Tennessee Promise (314 out of 370 seniors). Mr. Jones also stated students had averaged 1.3% growth in ACT scores across the board

Personnel Report **David Murrell**

- The Personnel Report will stand as presented

Technology Report **John Herron**

- E-Rate Category I (Internet) and Category II (Equipment)-School system has been approved for what was applied for in Category II

- New access points are being installed in the high schools

Facilities Maintenance Report **Gary Farmer**

- For the month of October: 286 work orders were received; 314 were completed; and 238 are still open
- Rockford and Everett roofs are complete

Motion to approve the Consent Agenda by Mr. Compton
Seconded by Mr. Goins
Vote: 6/0 Passed

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of **Agenda** for November 3, 2016, Regular Meeting

2. Approval of **Minutes** for October 13, 2016, Regular Meeting

3. Approval of **Trips**
   - Heritage High School 10th-12th grade students to Biltmore House and Gardens in Asheville, NC on November 9, 2016
   - Eagleton Middle School 6th grade students to Atlanta, GA on May 11-12, 2017 (change of date-previously approved by BOE on 9/1/16)
   - William Blount High School 9th-12th AFJROTC students to ROTC Drill Competition in Chattanooga, TN on December 3, 2016

4. Approval of **2016 LEA Compliance Report**

5. Approval of **Paid, Non-Faculty Coaches**
   - Trissie Foister-Eagleton Middle-Dance Team
   - Ashley Headrick-Heritage High School-Wrestling
   - Jason Ridge-William Blount High School-Wrestling
   - Jennifer McKenzie-Eagleton Middle School-Assistant Volleyball

6. Approval of **Non-Paid, Non-Faculty Coaches**
   - Michael Evans-Union Grove Middle School-Boys' Basketball

7. Approval of **In-School Games**
   - Heritage High School wrestling match with Seymour High School on January 9, 2017 at 2:00 p.m.
   - Heritage High School baseball game with William Blount on Wednesday, April 12, 2017 at 2:00 p.m.
   - Heritage Middle School faculty/student basketball game on Tuesday, November 22, 2016 at 1:00 p.m.
   - William Blount High School wrestling match with Maryville High School on Tuesday, November 22, 2016 at 2:00 p.m.

8. Approval of **FY 2016-17 School Activity Fund Budgets**

Motion to set the agenda by Mr. Finley
Seconded by Mr. Compton
Vote: 6/0 Passed

AGENDA:

1. Discussion and possible action regarding **Budget Increase** **Troy Logan**

- Fund 141-72810 (GPSF) $28,350

Motion to approve by Mr. Finley
Seconded by Mr. Goins
Vote: 6/0

2. Discussion and possible action regarding **Elimination of the Requirement All Bus Drivers Submit Two Physicals Per Year Once They Turn 65** **Kevin Wilner**

Mr. Wilner is requesting all drivers submit one physical per year as required by State Law but asks the school system retain the right to request a second physical if circumstances warrant it. He stated this is how surrounding school districts handle it. Mr. Wilner also stated no other surrounding school district requires two physicals per year at age 65.

Motion to approve by Mr. Helton
Seconded by Mr. Goins
Vote: 6/0 Passed

3. Discussion and possible action regarding **School Bus Changes** **Kevin Wilner**

- Bus #18-Increase bus capacity from 66 to 72 effective November 4, 2016
- Bus #34-Increase bus capacity from 78 to 84 effective November 4, 2016

Motion to approve both changes by Mr. Helton
Seconded by Mr. Finley
Vote: 6/0 Passed

4. Discussion and possible action regarding **Bid #2016-2425 Porter Re-Roofing** **Gary Farmer**

Low bid is Morristown Roofing Company at $216,812 and is the recommendation of Mr. Farmer

Motion to approve by Mr. Compton
Seconded by Mr. Helton
Vote: 6/0 Passed

5. Discussion and possible action regarding **Naming Main Campus Basketball Court at William Blount High School After Coach Bill Wallace** **Rob Clark**

Coach Wallace was the first basketball coach at William Blount High School. He coached at William Blount from 1979-1990 and previously coached at Friendsville High School from 1960-1978.

Motion to approve by Mr. Compton
Seconded by Mr. Goins
Vote: 6/0 Passed

6. Discussion only regarding **High School Testing Facilitator Positions** **Mike Crabtree**
Jennifer Moore

Currently all high school counselor services 421 students each with added responsibilities of state mandated tests. The primary job of the proposed high school testing facilitators will be to oversee and coordinate testing at William Blount and Heritage High Schools, which will include all state EOC testing with advisement and assistance on ACT, PSAT, and Advanced Placement testing.

This item will be placed on the December agenda for consideration and vote.

Comments from the Blount County Education Association

- Rebecca Dickenson stated teachers were excited about plans to remodel both high schools. She thanked the Board Members who are serving on the Collaborative Conferencing Team. Collaborative Conference teams will meet on Tuesday, November 10th at the Central Office.

Comments from Student Representatives

- Vance Davis (WB) Homecoming was recently held and $25,000 was raised. ROTC will be hosting a Veterans' Day Program next Thursday, November 10th beginning at 10:30 a.m. Senior night was held at the WB-Bradley Central game. The STEM classrooms are working on a project with Chilhowee Dam.
- Chloe Barry (HHS) Football team is in the playoffs. Students in government classes are currently doing a mock presidential trial and Student Council attended a conference last Friday

There were no **Committee Reports**

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

There were no **Comments from the Board**

Motion by Mr. Finley to Adjourn
Seconded by Mr. Goins
Meeting Adjourned

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Debbie Sudhoff, Chairman

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Rob Britt, Secretary