

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

The Blount County Board of Education met in Regular Session on Thursday, February 2, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. in the John P. David, Jr. Boardroom at the Central Office.

A **Moment of Silence** was held.

The **Pledge of Allegiance** was led by student representatives Chloe Barry, a 12th grade student at Heritage High School.

Roll Call of the Board

- Jim Compton Present
- Charlie Finley Present
- Fred Goins Present
- Scott Helton Absent
- Robbie Kirkland Present
- Bill Padgett Present
- 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

- Elementary (PK-5th) Curriculum Report
 - Secondary (6th-12th) Curriculum Report
- Moore**

**Mike Crabtree
Jennifer**

School Reports

- Friendsville Elementary School
- Heritage Middle School

**Stan Painter
Steve Moser**

System Highlights

- Art Gallery-Prospect and Rockford Elementary Schools
- Art Showcase-Prospect and Rockford Elementary Schools
- Boardroom-Heritage Middle School

Director of Schools' Report

Rob Britt

- Mr. Britt welcomed the 2017 Leadership Blount Class to the board meeting.
- Currently there are 40 tech teacher leaders within our schools who once they are trained return to their schools and 'teach' the teachers.
- Mr. Britt stated it has been a privilege to participate in the 'One Book Blitz' along with Maryville and Alcoa Schools. He stated students have had fun reading and thanked everyone involved.
- The 7th Annual Excellence in Education Banquet was held last week.
- Tennessee College of Applied Technology (TCAT) received a grant which they are going to use to work with Heritage and William Blount High Schools in advanced manufacturing classes.

- Last week was School Board Appreciation Week and Mr. Britt thanked the Board for their service to Blount County Schools

Personnel Report

David Murrell

- District Teachers of the Year: Elementary-Rachel Goins (Lanier); Middle-Oscar Osorio (Heritage Middle); High-Shonda Hensley (William Blount); Mathematics-Renea Lewis (William Blount); Reading-Karen Corum (Eagleton Elementary); Technology Innovators-Tom Loud (Middlesettlements); Suzanne Costner (Fairview), Lori Wilson (Heritage Middle), and Rebekah Steward (Heritage High)
- Source4Teachers (S4T) has continued to work in the area of recruiting substitute teachers and had a 99.6% fill rate in January.
- In partnership with S4T a floater substitute program has been established in three school with the lowest teacher fill rates for the first semester: Eagleton Middle, Heritage High, and Mary Blount Elementary. In this program the floater subs are reporting to the same school site each day and are either being used at that school or are being dispatched to a neighboring school with an opening.

Technology Report

John Herron

- Technology Department closed 334 work orders with 79 being closed in one day
- A total of 888 Chromebooks were processed in January making the total number of Chromebooks now being used in the schools 5,932.

Facilities Maintenance Report

Gary Farmer

- Maintenance Department received 213 work orders in January; 183 were completed; and 217 remain open

Executive Committee Report

- A request from William Blount High School band students to attend All-State East in Gatlinburg, TN on February 2-4, 2017

Motion by Mr. Finley to approve the Executive Committee Report

Seconded by Mr. Padgett

Vote: 6/0 Passed

Motion by Mr. Padgett to approve the Consent Agenda

Seconded by Mr. Goins

Vote: 6/0 Passed

Consent Agenda

1. Approval of **Agenda** for February 2, 2017, Regular Meeting
2. Approval of **Minutes** for January 5, 2017, Regular Meeting
3. Approval of **Trips**
 - William Blount High School FFA Students to National Farm Machinery Show in Louisville, KY on February 17, 2017
 - William Blount High School Band to Washington, D.C. on March 9-12, 2017
 - Heritage High School Varsity Baseball Team to Ft. Myers Beach, FL on March 12-17, 2017
 - William Blount High School FFA to Tennessee State FFA Convention in Gatlinburg, TN on March 19-22, 2017

- William Blount High School AFJROTC to Washington, D.C. on March 15-18, 2017
- William Blount High School Model United Nations Club to Pangea MUN at Lenoir Rhyne University in Hickory, NC on March 7-8, 2017
- Carpenters Middle School 7th Grade Future City Competition Team/Advanced Learners Program to Washington, D.C. for Future City National Competition on February 18-22, 2017
- Heritage High School Band to TMEA All-State in Nashville, TN on April 5-8, 2017

4. Approval of Camps

- Eagleton Middle School Volleyball Camp to be held on February 24-25, 2017 at a cost of \$50 per camper
- Heritage High Lady Mountaineer Softball Camp to be held on June 19-22, 2017 at a cost of \$50 per camper
- Heritage High Lady Mountaineer Pre-Season Softball Mini Camp to be held on February 18, 2017 at a cost of \$40 per camper
- Heritage High Baseball Fundamentals Camp to be held on the following dates: May 30, 31; June 1, 5, 6, 8, 12, 13, 15; and July 10, 11, 12, 2017 at a cost of \$75 per camper
- Heritage High Baseball Kids Camp to be held on June 19-22, 2017 at a cost of \$50 per camper
- Heritage High Lady Mountaineer Softball Camp to be held on May 24-26, 2017 at a cost of \$70 per camper

5. Approval of an **In-School Professional Wrestling Event** at William Blount High School to be held on Tuesday, March 7, 2017 at 2:00 p.m.

Mr. Goins requested Agenda Item #2 be removed from the Agenda

Motion by Mr. Finley to approve the agenda and addendum removing Item #2

Seconded by Mr. Padgett

Vote: 6/0 Passed

Agenda:

1. Discussion and possible action regarding **Tenure Recommendations**

David Murrell

Teachers recommended for tenure: Jason Andersen (Porter); Leah Barringer (Heritage Middle); Shane Belcher (Heritage Middle); Miri Blair (William Blount); Rhonda Gunter (Mary Blount); Rhonda Post (Heritage High); Jeana Rogers (Union Grove Middle); Nancy Rothery (Heritage High); Amanda Runyon (Montvale); Angela Sheihan (Heritage High); Brenda Shelton (Carpenters Elementary); Weldon Smith (Heritage High); Heather Widick (Mary Blount); Janetta Willis (Mary Blount); and Kevin Windle (William Blount)

Motion to approve by Mr. Compton

Seconded by Mr. Goins

Vote: 6/0 Passed

2. Discussion and possible action regarding **Refinishing Four of the Elementary Gym Floors:** Walland, Friendsville, Lanier, and Rockford (**Tabled 1/5/17**)

Fred

Goins

Removed from the Agenda

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

Troy Logan

- Fund 141-72620 (GPSF) \$7,000

Transfer available funds from gasoline expense account to other capital outlay for various capital items costing in excess of \$500

Motion to approve by Mr. Kirkland

Seconded by Mr. Finley

Vote: 6/0 Passed

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

Troy

Logan

- Fund 141-76100 (GPSF) \$21,450

Transfer estimated architect fees on Eagleton Middle School roofing project to correct account code

Motion to approve by Mr. Padgett

Seconded by Mr. Finley

Vote: 6/0 Passed

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

Troy Logan

- Fund 143-73100 (Food Service) \$40,000

Higher than expected repair of kitchen equipment

Motion to approve by Mr. Goins

Seconded by Mr. Finley

Vote: 6/0 Passed

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

Troy

Logan

- Fund 141-72410 (GPSF) \$41,500

Transfer funds to purchase school student registration software

Motion to approve by Mr. Compton

Seconded by Mr. Goins

Vote: 6/0 Passed

7. Discussion and possible action regarding **Budget Increase**

Troy

Logan

- Fund 141-72810 (GPSF) \$590,000

Through an operating lease, acquire 4,300 Chromebooks for students in grades 3,6, 9, 11, and 12 for school year 17-18. In addition, acquire management and filter software plus a carrying case for each device. These devices need to be acquired before July 1st so they can be processed and made ready prior to the first day of school for students in August 2017

Motion to approve by Mr. Compton
Seconded by Mr. Finley
Vote: 5/0 Passed - Mr. Goins abstained

8. Discussion and possible action regarding **Budget Increase** **Troy Logan**
- Fund 141-Various (GPSF) \$274,900
- It was requested agenda items 8-10 be taken together in one motion. All three items are to cover the increase in insurance medical premiums that went into effect January 1, 2017.

Motion to approve Agenda Items 8-10 by Mr. Padgett
Seconded by Mr. Finley
Vote: 6/0 Passed

9. Discussion and possible action regarding **Budget Increase** **Troy Logan**
- Fund 143-73100 (School Nutrition) \$4,500
10. Discussion and possible action regarding **Budget Increase** **Troy Logan**
- Fund 146-73300 (Extended School Friends) \$3,100
11. Discussion and possible action regarding **Transfer of Bus Route #17** from Richard Pass, owner of PB&T Transportation to Paul Tendle effective 2/3/17 **Kevin Wilner**

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

12. Discussion and possible action regarding **Permission to Use Doyle Jones, Architect**, to begin the bid process for the roof at Eagleton Middle School **Gary Farmer**

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

13. Discussion and possible action regarding **Bid #2016-2428-Mowing** at Townsend, Walland, Middlesettlements, Carpenters Elementary, Lanier, Eagleton Middle, and Central Office **Gary Farmer**

Low bids: B & D Lawn Care & Landscaping (Central Office); Great American Lawn Care (Carpenters Elementary); Great American Lawn Care (Eagleton Middle); OnTime Lawn, Inc (Lanier Elementary); Great American Lawn Care (Middlesettlements Elementary); B & D Lawn Care & Landscaping (Townsend Elementary); and B & D Lawn Care & Landscaping (Walland Elementary)

Motion to approve by Mr. Goins

Seconded by Mr. Finley

Vote: 6/0 Passed

ADDENDUM:

1. Discussion and possible action regarding Budget Transfer

Troy Logan

- Fund 143-73100 (School Nutrition) \$10,000

Transportation costs for commodities are higher than expected

Motion to approve by Mr. Padgett

Seconded by Mr. Finley

Vote: 6/0 Passed

Comments from the Blount County Education Association

- Rebecca Dickenson, BCEA President, stated Collaborative Conferencing teams had reached an agreement on salary. She also informed the Board the Voucher Bill has been filed again.

Comments from Student Representatives

- Chloe Barry, Heritage High School Representative, informed the Board: Basketball homecoming is tomorrow night; 'Pie to the Principal' fundraiser was held for Coats for the Cold; two students will be attending SCOPE conference next month; and 25 students were selected to attend Government Day at the Justice Center.
- Vance Davis, William Blount High School Representative, was unable to attend as he was participating in a swim meet.

There were no **Committee Reports**

Comments from the Community Regarding Items Not on the Agenda

- Ken Naumamn-Education/Business Partnerships

Comments from the Board

- Mr. Padgett thanked the students for the cards and pictures he received for Board Appreciation Week.
- Mrs. Sudhoff stated she appreciates all the schools, their students, teachers, staff and parents

Motion to Adjourn by Mr. Finley

Seconded by Mr. Compton

Meeting Adjourned

Debbie Sudhoff, Chairman

Rob Britt, Secretary