

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

The Blount County Board of Education met in Regular Session on Thursday, April 7, 2016 at 5:00 p.m. in the John P. Davis, Jr. Boardroom at the Central Office

MOMENT OF SILENCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Olivia Campbell and Tyler McCormick, 3rd grade students at Middlesettlements Elementary School

Roll Call of the Board:

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

- SCOPE Participants-Emily Griffin, Sam Taylor, Callie Effler, Ryan Martinolich **Jane Morton**
- State Testing Program Report **Jane Morton**
- Transportation Report **Kevin Wilner**
- Classified Employee of the Month-Amanda Newman, Middlesettlements Custodian **David Murrell**
- Volunteer Recognitions-April Hounsshell and Joni Ferguson-Lanier Elementary **David Murrell**

SYSTEM HIGHLIGHTS

- Art Display: Middle School Art Show- Best of Show Winners

Trevis Gardner

DIRECTOR OF SCHOOLS REPORT

Rob Britt

- Commissioner of Education, Dr. Candice McQueen, will be at Carpenters Middle School on Thursday, April 28th. She will visit 4-5 classrooms between 1:45-2:45 and then will facilitate a roundtable discussion with our Teacher Advisory Council beginning at 3:00 p.m.
- The Human Resources Department conducted the 3rd Annual Teacher Recruiting Fair on Tuesday, April 5th
- The Human Resources Department will participate in the Blount County Job Fair later this month
- Work is continuing on the finalization of our new Strategic Plan

PERSONNEL REPORT

David Murrell

- The Personnel Report will stand as presented

TECHNOLOGY REPORT

John Herron

- In the process of installing IP phones in all schools

- E-Rate Purchasing Agreement with Metropolitan Nashville Public Schools

FACILITIES MAINTENANCE REPORT

Gary Farmer

- Roof repairs at William Blount and Heritage High Schools completed except for (4) four porches at Heritage
- The Maintenance Department received 237 work orders for March and had closed 249 work orders

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

Trevis Gardner

- Heritage High School HOSA students-HOSA State Conference in Nashville, TN on March 22-24, 2016
- Approval of Metropolitan Nashville Public Schools' Purchasing Agreement

Motion to Approve the Executive Committee Report by Mr. Finley

Seconded by Mrs. Sudhoff

Vote: 6/0 Passed

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of **AGENDA** for March 7, 2016, Regular Meeting
2. Approval of **MINUTES**
 - March 3, 2016-Special Called Meeting-Appeal
 - March 3, 2016-Regular Meeting
 - March 3, 2016-Special Called Meeting-DHA Appeal
 - March 22, 2016-Special Called Meeting-Budget
3. Approval of **TRIPS**
 - Heritage High School CTE students-CTE Skills USA State Championships in Chattanooga, TN on April 18-20, 2016
 - Union Grove Elementary School 5th grade students-Wesley Woods on September 19-21, 2016
 - Rockford Elementary School 5th grade students-Tremont on October 31-November 4, 2016
 - Heritage High School AFJROTC students-Space and Rocket Center in Huntsville, AL on May 7-8, 2016
 - William Blount High School AFJROTC students-JROTC Drill Competition in Johnson City, TN on April 22-23, 2016
 - William Blount High School FFA students-State Mechanics Contest at Tennessee State University on April 28-29, 2016
4. Approval of **NON-PAID, NON-FACULTY COACHES**
 - Chandler Tuck-William Blount High School-Baseball
 - Drew Bowers-Heritage High School-Baseball
5. Approval of **PAID, NON-FACULTY COACH**
 - Aaron Rummel-Eagleton Middle School-Soccer
6. Approval of **ATHLETIC CAMPS**
 - Heritage Middle School Boys' Basketball Camp to be held on July 11-13, 2016 at a cost of \$60 for early enrollee and \$65 for late enrollee
 - Heritage High School Baseball Kid's Camp to be held on June 20-23, 2016 at a cost of \$50 per camper
 - Heritage High School Volleyball Camp to be held June 6-8, 2016 at a cost of \$70 per camper

- Heritage High School Lady Mountaineer Softball Camp to be held on June 20-23, 2016 at a cost of \$50 per camper
- William Blount High School Baseball Camp to be held on June 7-9, 2016 at a cost of \$60 per camper if pre-registered; \$65 per camper on day of camp
- Heritage High School Camp of Champions to be held on May 23-26, 2016 at a cost of \$40 per camper
- Heritage High School Fundamentals Baseball Camp to be held on May 23,24,26; May 31-June 2; June 6,7,9, June 13,14,16; and July 11,12,14, 2016 at a cost of \$75 per camper

7. Approval of **SPECIAL COURSES** **Jane Morton**

8. Approval of **HONORS COURSES** **Jane Morton**

9. Approval of **INTERVENTION COURSES** for Program of Study/Elective Focus Grades 9-12 **Jane Morton**

10. Approval of **SCHOOL FEES** **Jane Morton**

Motion to Approve the Consent Agenda by Mrs. Sudhoff
Seconded by Mr. Padgett
Vote: 6/0 Passed

Motion to Set the Agenda by Mrs. Sudhoff
Seconded by Mr. Finley
Vote: 6/0 Passed

AGENDA:

1. Discussion and possible action regarding naming a structure on the Heritage High School campus in memory of former softball coach, Tony Murr **Jake Jones**

Motion to Approve by Mr. Finley
Seconded by Mrs. Sudhoff
Vote: 6/0 Passed

2. Discussion and possible action regarding naming the William Blount High School softball field after Chris Houser

Rob Clark

Motion to Approve by Mrs. Sudhoff
Seconded by Mr. Padgett
Vote: 6/0 Passed

3. Discussion and possible action regarding Budget Transfers **Troy Logan**

- Fund 141-71200 (Special Education) \$18,233.01
- Fund 141-72410 (GPSF) \$10,000
- Fund 141-71300 (CTE) \$500

Motion to Approve by Mr. Padgett

Seconded by Mr. Finley
Vote: 6/0 Passed

4. Discussion and possible action regarding Bid #2015-2383-Lawn Care Services
Farmer

Gary

Recommended Vendors:

- Eagleton Elementary-On-Time Lawn Care (Low Bid)
- Fairview Elementary-Great American Lawn Care (Low Bid)
- Middlesettlements Elementary-Southeast Lawn Service (Low Bid)
- Montvale Elementary-Great American Lawn Care (Low Bid)
- Porter Elementary-On-Time Lawn Care (Low Bid)
- Prospect Elementary-Great American Lawn Care (Low Bid)
- Rockford Elementary-Great American Lawn Care (Low Bid)

Motion to Approve by Mr. Padgett
Seconded by Mrs. Sudhoff
Vote: 6/0 Passed

5. Discussion and possible action regarding Bid #2014-2337-Lawn Care-Lanier Elementary
Recommendation: On-Time Lawn Care

Gary Farmer

Motion to Approve by Mrs. Sudhoff
Seconded by Mr. Finley
Vote: 6/0 Passed

6. Discussion and possible action regarding Engineering Services for stadium light at Heritage and William Blount High Schools
Recommendation: C2RL, Inc Engineers

Gary Farmer

Motion to Approve by Mrs. Sudhoff
Seconded by Mr. Helton
Vote: 6/0 Passed

7. Discussion and possible action regarding the schedule and process for the Evaluation of the Director of Schools

Trevis Gardner

Proposed Timeline: April 7th-Process/Existing Instrument approved by Board
April 22nd-Deadline for completing evaluation and returned to Ms. Tipton
May 5th-Called Meeting

Motion to Approve by Mrs. Sudhoff
Seconded by Mr. Padgett
Vote: 6/0 Passed

COMMENTS FROM THE BLOUNT COUNTY EDUCATION ASSOCIATION

- BCEA President Rebecca Dickenson stated the next Collaborative Conference Meeting is scheduled for April 21, 2016 at 4:30 p.m. They will address insurance and working conditions.

COMMENTS FROM STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES

- Brandon Hurst, HHS Representative stated The Student of Distinction Banquet was recently held; the baseball team defeated William Blount 7/2 in a recent in-school game, and the prom is scheduled for April 30th at the Hilton
- Sam Taylor, WB Representative stated FBLA State Conference is next week, opening night for Grease is tonight, and AP tests will be held in May

There were no **Committee Reports**

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

COMMENTS FROM THE BOARD

- Mr. Gardner stated unless there was any opposition, a DHA appeal would be held after the May meeting; the TSBA Summer Law Institute is being held in Gatlinburg on July 22-23, 2016; and the ribbon he and other Board members are wearing is in recognition of autism awareness month.
- Ms. Sudhoff stated she had attended and enjoyed a recent fundraising event for Mary Blount sponsored by Leadership Blount.
- Mr. Logan stated the Board would need to schedule a Special Called Meeting following the June 16th meeting of the County Commission. A tentative date of June 23rd at 4:00 was discussed.

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

Trevis Gardner, Chairman

Rob Britt, Secretary