

OFFICIAL
MINUTES OF THE BLOUNT COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

The Blount County Board of Education met in Regular Session on Thursday, February 7, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. in the John P. Davis, Jr. Boardroom at the Central Office.

Mr. Jake Jones, principal at Prospect Elementary School, opened the meeting with prayer. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Ella Young, Ally Webb, Rachel Carpenter, Kendall Brewer, and Ashlyn Perkins, 2nd grade students at Union Grove Elementary School.

Roll Call of the Board is as follows:

Mr. Chris Cantrell	Present
Mr. Jim Compton	Present
Mr. Charles Finley	Absent
Mr. Trevis Gardner	Present
Dr. Don McNelly	Present
Mr. Mike Treadway	Present
Mr. Rob Webb	Absent

The clerk declared a quorum and Chairman Treadway called the meeting to order.

COMMENTS FROM THE COMMUNITY ON AGENDA ITEMS

Mr. Buster Goodman addressed the Board regarding the Everett High School cannon.

RECOGNITIONS, REPORTS, and PRESENTATIONS

- Eagleton Middle School Choir Mrs. Kim Juday
- Excellence in Volunteerism - Ms. Peggy Jackson - Prospect Elementary School Mr. Jake Jones
- Excellence In Volunteerism - Dr. Lori Baxter & Ms. Kim Minutolo - Union Grove Middle School Mrs. Alicia Lail
- Mr. Erich Henry, Director, Blount County Soil Conservation District Mr. Gary Farmer

SYSTEM HIGHLIGHTS

- Art Gallery – students from Union Grove Elementary School

- Art Showcase – students from Eagleton Elementary School
- Boardroom – students from Union Grove Middle School

REPORTS

1. Report from the Director of Schools

Mr. Britt stated the Board would find at their place an Excellence in Education report on Blount County Schools. He stated this was a performance report which highlights some of the accomplishments that have been achieved over the past year. The report also includes goals and objectives for the school system as they relate to our strategic plan. Mr. Britt also stated he had recently attended a Statewide Safety Summit in Nashville where the governor and commission of education had spoken. He stated one of the main observations he made was that many school systems were asking for additional SRO's in their schools. He stated BCS has had SRO's since 1999. Mr. Britt stated he was thankful to the Blount County Sheriff's Office for their vision and for providing SRO's to our schools.

2. Personnel – Mr. David Murrell

There were no questions regarding the personnel report.

3. Report from the Executive Committee

- a) A request from Russell McCurdy, teacher at Heritage High School, to take student to ETSBOA Jazz Clinic in Cleveland, TN on January 25-26, 2013
- b) A request for Lt. Col. Keith Turner, teacher at Heritage High School, to take AFJROTC students to Space and Rocket Center in Huntsville, AL on January 26-27, 2013 (date change-trip previously approved by BOE on 9-6-12)

Mr. Cantrell made a motion to approve the Executive Committee Report. Mr. Gardner seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

1. Approval of Agenda for February 7, 2013, Regular Meeting
2. Approval of Minutes for January 3, 2013, Regular Meeting
3. Approval of TRIPS

- a) A request from Betsy Tillett, Angela Loria, and Susan Koehl, teachers at Carpenters Middle School, to take Student Council to Student Council Leadership Team in Washington, D.C. on May 8-10, 2013
- b) A request from Col. Tom Shaughnessy, teacher at William Blount High School, to take 10th-12th grade students to Regional Drill Meet at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, TN on April 5-6, 2013
- c) A request from Col. Tom Shaughnessy, teacher at William Blount High School, to take 10th-12th grade students to AFJROTC Drill Meet at Tusculum College in Greenville, TN on March 16, 2013
- d) A request from Col. Tom Shaughnessy, teacher at William Blount High School, to take 10th-12th grade students to Regional Drill Meet at East Ridge High School in Chattanooga, TN on February 16, 2013
- e) A request from Kristen Aistrop, teacher at William Blount High School, to take 9th grade Youth Leadership Blount students to Nashville, TN on February 27-28, 2013
- f) A request from Emily Capps, teacher at Heritage High School, to take 10th grade students to Youth Leadership Blount Legislative Session in Nashville, TN on February 27-28, 2013
- g) A request from John Gallagher, teacher at Heritage High School, to take 9th-12th grade band students to Color Guard Competition at Western Carolina University on April 6, 2013
- h) A request from John Gallagher, Clint Juday, and Russell McCurdy, teachers at Heritage High School, to take 9th-12th grade band students to All-State in Chattanooga, TN on April 10-13, 2013
- i) A request from John Gallagher, teacher at Heritage High School, to take 9th-12th grade band students to Atlanta, GA on May 3-5, 2013
- j) A request from Mary Cooper, teacher at Heritage High School, to take FBLA students to State Conference in Chattanooga, TN on April 8-10, 2013
- k) A request from Ron Rogers, teacher at William Blount High School, to take band students to All-State East Band and Orchestra Clinic in Gatlinburg, TN on February 7-9, 2013
- l) A request from Kendra Wilson, Tiffany Everett, and Jeff Wilson, teachers at Fairview Elementary School, to take 5th grade students to Tremont on April 3-5, 2013
- m) A request from William Coning and Michael Whitehead, teachers at William Blount High School, to take FFA students to Biltmore Estates in Asheville, NC on March 4, 2013

4. Approval of ATHLETIC CAMPS

a) A request from Robin Cross, teacher at Eagleton Middle School, to hold a volleyball camp on February 22-23, 2013 at a cost of \$45 per camper

5. Approval of BUS CONTRACT CHANGE

a) School Bus Contract Number 21 be changed from James Shope to Rick Blair effective February 8, 2013

6. Approval of NON-FACULTY, NON-PAID COACHES

a) Bill Guinn – Eagleton Middle School – baseball coach

Mr. Gardner made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda and Agenda. Dr. McNelly seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

AGENDA:

1. Discussion and possible action regarding the placement of the cannon at Heritage High School
Mr. Rob Britt

Mr. Britt stated following the advice of school board attorney, Rob Goddard, he does not recommend turning over possession of the cannon to the Cannonball Run Committee. However, his recommendation would be for the Cannonball Run Committee to work together with the officials at Heritage High School to restore the cannon. He stated the common goal for everyone was to see the cannon restored. The second part of his recommendation is upon completion of the restoration of the cannon, he would recommend the Board of Education determine its final placement. He stated he would be open to placing it 'on loan' to the Blount County Historical Museum should the Board choose to do that. Dr. McNelly made a motion the Board adopt Mr. Britt recommendation. Mr. Compton seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

2. Discussion and possible action regarding coaching supplements Mr. Chris Cantrell

Mr. Cantrell stated the athletics committee met in January to look at modifications to the current coaching supplement schedule. All supplements not pertaining to coaching (yearbook, dance, band, drama, choral, assistant band, head newspaper, assistant yearbook, Roane State coordinator, library journal, and assistant newspaper) will need to go through Collaborative Conferencing. Mr. Cantrell stated middle school athletic directors are requesting new coaching

positions (assistant baseball coach, assistant softball coach, JV volleyball coach), and as part of the middle school supplement schedule the following language was added: that middle school coaches will receive an additional 5% of their supplement per week for post-season play beyond the area level in any TMSAA sanctioned event. Middle school coaches will also receive a one-time bonus of 10% of their supplement for winning a TMSAA team sectional championship. At the high school level supplement schedule new positions were added (one assistant basketball coach, one per boy and one per girl's teams, assistant soccer coach). High school coaches will receive an additional 5% of their supplement per week for post season play beyond the district tournament level and receive a one-time bonus of 20% of their supplement for winning a TSSAA team state championship.

Mr. Cantrell stated this was the full recommendation of the athletic committee and he made a motion (with the non-coaching positions taken out) this recommendation be approved effective July 1, 2013 pending budget approval. Mr. Gardner seconded the motion.

Mr. Compton amended the motion to increase the head high school basketball coaches supplement to the same level as the high school football coaches, moving the basketball supplement from 19% to 24% up to 23% to 32%. Dr. McNelly seconded the amendment. Mr. Treadway reminded the Board the motion would require four votes, majority of the Board, to pass regardless of the number present. Yes vote by Mr. Compton and Dr. McNelly. No vote by Mr. Treadway, Mr. Cantrell, and Mr. Gardner. Motion failed.

Roll call vote on the main motion (to approve the coaching supplement schedule before them removing all the non-coaching items which will be discussed at Collaborative Conferencing):

Mr. Compton stated he felt basketball and football should be paid the same, but he would vote yes.

Mr. Compton	Yes
Mr. Gardner	Yes
Dr. McNelly	Yes
Mr. Treadway	Yes
Mr. Cantrell	Yes

Motion carried.

3. Discussion and possible regarding Eagleton Middle 9th Grade proposal
Dr. Jane Morton

Becky Stone, principal, Eagleton Middle is requesting permission to establish a 9th grade program "Eagleton Bridge Academy" on the Eagleton Middle campus. She stated the academy would house 25-30 students. An application process would be used to determine which students would be permitted to attend. Ms. Stone also stated existing surpluses could be used and the only thing needed would be one science teacher.

Mr. Cantrell made a motion to approve. Mr. Compton seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

4. Discussion and possible action regarding Bid #2012-2216-Science Lab Equipment Mr. Troy Logan

Mr. Compton made a motion to approve. Mr. Gardner seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

5. Discussion and possible action regarding Budget Transfer Mr. Troy Logan

Account Number	Account Name	Increase	Decrease
141-072510-500119	Accountants	10,000	
141-072510-500201	Social Security	620	
141-072510-500204	State Retirement	1,140	
141-072510-500206	Employee Insurance-Life	30	
141-072510-500207	Employee Insurance-Health	1,275	
141-072510-500208	Employee Insurance-Dental	75	
141-072510-500212	FICA Medicare	150	
141-072410-500205	Employee Insurance-Dependent		13,290

Mr. Gardner made a motion to approve. Mr. Compton seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

COMMENTS FROM THE BLOUNT COUNTY EDUCATION ASSOCIATION

Mr. Caskey, BCEA president, stated there were two standards in Blount County, one for teachers and one for others.

COMMENTS FROM STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES

WB-Psalm Brown stated second semester was going smoothly and tonight was the last basketball game.

HHS-Michaela Moyers thanked all school volunteers. She stated she is excited about the bridge academy at Eagleton Middle.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Policy Committee will meet on February 19, 2013 at 4:00 p.m. No date for the Public Relations Committee has of yet been set. A Called Meeting of the Board will be held on Tuesday, February 12, 2013 at 5:30 p.m. to approve a preliminary budget to submit to the Commission.

There were no Comments from the Community Regarding Items not on the Agenda.

There were no Comments from the Board.

Mr. Cantrell made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Compton seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion carried.

Mr. Mike Treadway, Chairman

Mr. Rob Britt, Secretary