

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETINGS

Regular

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November 23, 2009

Kind of Meeting

Place

Time and Date
5:00 P.M.

MEMBERS

Present

Absent

Lorrie McKenzie

Ronnie Smith

Richard Riddle

Kandy Qualls

Dawn Durm

Chad Moorehead

Director of Schools

Chad Moorehead

Secretary - Board of Education

Chairman McKenzie called the meeting to order.

Ronnie Smith led those in attendance in prayer; Patrick Stone, a student at MCHS led the pledge of allegiance.

McKenzie stated that all board members were present.

McKenzie stated that the first order of business would be election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman.

Smith nominated Lorrie McKenzie for Chairman. Motion died for lack of second.

Durm nominated Richard Riddle for Chairman, Qualls second. 5 yes 0 no

Durm nominated Lorrie McKenzie as Vice-Chairman, Smith second. 5 yes 0 no

Chairman Riddle asked for motion to approve minutes if there were no corrections or additions. Durm made motion to approve minutes as presented, Smith second. 5 yes 0 no

Item 1: Special Recognition

Danny Mooney recognized David Maddox who teaches drivers education and middle school science and is also a substitute bus driver. Maddox has also served as a coach in past years. Mooney said Maddox is always more than willing to do anything ask of him and is a great asset to the school system.

Item 2: Public Input

None

Item 3: Unfinished Business

a) October Policy Review (Policies 3.702-4.301)

Director said there were no changes to policies. Qualls asked if problems with facility use had been resolved. Moorehead said yes. Mooney said everything was going okay.

b) State Compliance Report

Smith made motion to approve State Compliance Report, Qualls second. 5 yes 0 no

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c) Policy on Agendas

Director said he had gotten policies from surrounding school systems on public input at meetings. Director said they were basically like ours and some were stricter. Director said having the 8 day notice gives him time to research what is going to be brought up at the meeting so he can inform the board members so they won't be caught off guard.

Director said Bedford County does set aside a period of time during the meeting for public input, but he hasn't spoken to them to see how they handle it. Qualls asked if public input were allowed could the board put restrictions on it. Director said yes but Chairman has to be willing to enforce restrictions. Durm said she thought it was best to leave the policy as is and review it at a later date.

Item 4: New Business

a) Approval of European Field Trip (Overnight/Oversees)

Haley Jamison spokesperson for the group explained this would be an 8 day trip to London and Paris. The group will hold fundraisers from January through October for the trip. If group cannot raise enough money to fund trip parents and students will pay for the remainder.

Smith asked how many students would be going. Jamison said they didn't know at this time.

Durm asked if trip was just open to juniors. Jamison said trip was open to juniors and seniors.

Smith asked why they wanted the trip to be school sponsored; trips have been taken before without school sponsorship. Jamison said if it is school sponsored the days absent would be excused and students would not have to make up work or tests.

Danny Mooney said he thought that since the state is holding schools accountable for tests scores he thought it would be a good idea to tie the trip in with fall break, that way students would not miss as many days.

Qualls asked how many school sponsored trips there are in the course of a year.

Mooney said there was the senior trip, AP Biology, FFA National Convention and there were numerous small trips.

Moorehead said the biggest concern is liability against the school system.

Moorehead also said it any student who is on free and reduced lunch qualifies for the trip they would not have to pay for the trip. Those students' fees would have to be paid for out of money raised or by the school.

Smith made motion to table European Field Trip until the board has more information, McKenzie second. 5 yes 0 no

b) Approval of bid for security camera system

Riddle asked if security cameras were for both schools. Moorehead said yes.

Director said the bid he went with was where Sequatchie County had done a bid document and the state allows other systems to use same bid. The bid was for 32 cameras at LES in the amount of \$32,350.00 and 32 cameras at MCHS in the amount of \$29,130.00. Director said this would be paid for from money that was freed up through reducing maintenance of effort with stimulus money. Security cameras were costing more that what was originally budgeted but the doors came in less than the original budget.

Qualls asked if this was the cheapest bid. Director said he was sure there were probably cheaper systems and he could bid the cameras out if the board wished.

Director stated this money has to be spent by June 30.

Smith made motion to accept bid for security cameras fro EduTech Inc. in the amount of \$61,480.00, McKenzie second. 5 yes 0 no

c) November Policy Review (4.302-5.002)

Director said there were several policies with changes. The TCAP security policy, sick leave policy for classified personnel and policy on corporal punishment.

d) Approval of Fundraising Activities

Director said the wording on the Sophomore Class 4 wheel raffle the way it is worded makes it illegal. Director said he had spoken to TSBA and has a call in to the DA for an opinion.

Durm made motion to approve all fundraisers with the exception of the Sophomore Class 4-wheeler raffle which will be removed at this time, Smith second. 5 yes 0 no

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e) Approval of ARRA Action Plans/Risk Assessments

Director said Monica Hardin and Jackie Sisk have worked together on these documents. Director said these were both documents we are required to have for the ARRA funds. Qualls made motion to approve ARRA Action Plans/Risk Assessments, Durm second. 5 yes 0 no

f) Resolution to Transfer Funds

Director said this resolution would move General Purpose funds into Federal Projects to serve as a fund balance. Director explained that Federal grants are on a reimbursement basis. Moorehead said this resolution would also have to be approved by the County Commission at the next meeting. Durm made motion to pass resolution to transfer funds, McKenzie second. 5 yes 0 no

Item 5: Director's Report

Director encouraged everyone to look at the work that has been done on the LES gym before leaving.

Leak in the middle school roof has been repaired.

High school gym has been painted. Half of the cost was donated by Jack Daniels.

Emergency exit doors are being installed.
Still items to be addressed on completion of LES>

Lightspeed anti-virus software system installed.

125 computers purchased at LES with ARRA funds and federal money. Also software for raising test scores at LES has been purchased.

New Special Education bus was delivered last week, but can't be used until inspected by the state, which will take place after Thanksgiving. The old bus will possibly be used as a maintenance vehicle.

As asset tracking system has been purchased to track inventory.

The parental notification system will change to a different company in December.

Item 6: Other business

Durm requested that progress on director's contract negotiations be posted on the school website. Durm said several first district voters had asked her about this. Also she would like to see the information that Mr. Riddle requested be on the web site also.

Director said he would not post the information on website unless the board voted on it. Qualls said she didn't want to put salary information on the website. Riddle agreed that salary information did not need to be posted.

Durm made motion to post directors contract and changes the director was asking for on new contract on school website, Qualls second. Riddle yes, Qualls yes, Durm yes, Smith no, McKenzie no

Director said he was looking at December 14 for the December board meeting.

Moorehead said he didn't know where the meeting would be at, he said he's been trying different locations to try and find which place is best. Director said he is looking at buying a portable sound system.

Qualls made motion to set December board meeting for December 14 at 5:00 P.M. at a location to be named later, Durm second. 5 yes 0 no

Durm made motion to adjourn, Smith second. 5 yes 0 no