

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETINGS

Regular

Conference Room

January 25, 2010

Kind of Meeting

Place

Time and Date
5:00 P.M.

MEMBERS

Present

Absent

Richard Riddle

Lorrie McKenzie

Ronnie Smith

Dawn Durm

Kandy Qualls

Chad Moorehead

Director of Schools

Chad Moorehead

Secretary - Board of Education

Chairman Riddle called the meeting to order.

Mark Montoye led those in attendance in prayer; Tanya Vann led the pledge of allegiance.

Riddle stated that all board members were present.

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

Item 1: Special Recognition

Danny Mooney recognized Christy Millsaps, bookkeeper at MCHS. Mooney said he had come to rely on Millsaps knowledge and efficiency. Mooney said Millsaps was an asset to MCHS and the school system.

Buddy Smith recognized Sue Waller, an educational assistant in the Special Education Preschool. Smith said Waller was a very compassionate and patient person, an attribute that is necessary when dealing with these challenging children.

Item 2: Public Input

None

Item 3: Unfinished Business

a) December Policy Review (Policies 5.003-5.500)
No suggested changes

Item 4: New Business

a) January Policy Review (Policies 5.600-5.902)
No discussion

b) Approval of Fund Raising Events

Riddle stated that the Director had one more fundraiser to add that was not in the packet.

McKenzie made motion to add fundraiser, Smith second. 5 yes 0 no

Smith made motion to approve all fundraisers, Durm second. 5 yes 0 no

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c) Approval to transport students

Riddle stated that there was an additional request to add.

Durm made motion to add additional request to transport students, Smith second.

5 yes 0 no

Durm made motion to approve all request to transport students if proper insurance information was on file, Smith second. 5 yes 0 no

d) Speech Pathologist Contract

Director stated that we had been without a Speech Pathologist for several months and have been looking for someone to serve in this capacity. Director also stated that we now have a teacher to fill this spot who has indicated that she is interested in going back to school and pursuing this degree.

Smith made motion to approve Speech Pathologist Contract, Durm second. 5 yes 0 no

e) Memorial Week

Danny Mooney asked for permission to set aside a week to honor Jenny Mason who passed away last February. Mooney said this Memorial Week would be publicized so that anyone wishing to make donations to MCHS could do so. Mooney said they would like to make this Memorial Week a positive time to honor Ms. Mason. Moorehead asked that the week of February 1 be set aside as Memorial Week honoring Jenny Mason. Riddle asked if this was something that would be done on a yearly basis. Mooney said it could be.

Smith made motion to make the week of February 1 Memorial Week honoring Jenny Mason, Durm second. 5 yes 0 no

f) Personnel Resignations

Director read letter of resignations of Steve Matthews and Derrick Crutchfield.

McKenzie made motion to accept resignations of Steve Matthews and Derrick Crutchfield, smith second. 5 yes 0 no

Item 5: Director's Report

a) Director stated that the board meeting was being recorded to be viewed on the school website at the request of the board.

b) School calendar survey

Director said he had recently done a phone survey about the 2010-2011 school calendar. The survey consisted of 6 questions. Results of five of the six questions were decisive. Director said the question regarding having separate parent/teacher conferences for the elementary and high school was pretty much split. Moorehead said he would prepare two calendars and put them on the website to be voted on.

c) Director stated that he would be attending a meeting this week that the Commissioner of Education was doing. Moorehead said Dr. Webb would be speaking on the Race To The Top Grand and on Budget Projections for the 2010-2011 school year.

Item 6: Other Business

a) Procedure for Tenure

Riddle said he would like to see a meeting set up with both principals and the Director to discuss teachers who are candidates for tenure. Durm asked if the board could possibly get paperwork on these teachers before the meeting. Moorehead said the deadline for letting teachers know if they would be rehired for the next school year is April 15. Moorehead said he had a scheduling conflict on March 22, 2010 which is the regular board meeting night. Moorehead suggested moving March meeting to March 29. Director said meeting with principals would possibly be set for March 25 or March 26.

Qualls made motion to change March board meeting to March 29, 2010, Durm second.

5 yes 0 no

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Smith made motion to set meeting with principals and board members to discuss teachers who are up for tenure on March 25 and March 26, Durm second. 5 yes 0 no

b) Directive regarding TCA 49-6-3112 (copy attached)

Riddle asked the board if they would permit Kim Jolley to address the board on the out of county policy. Riddle said Ms. Jolley had missed the deadline to be put on the agenda for public input. Board agreed that Ms. Jolley would speak. Jolley explained that her children had been attending Moore County Schools since 2008. Jolley stated that the Moore County line runs through her front yard and the law says her children can attend either Bedford or Moore County schools. Jolley said she and her husband own a business and most of their supplies are bought at the Moore County Co-op. Jolley said they also own additional land in Moore County. Jolley said she took a job this year at LES to be a cafeteria monitor. Jolley said she also helps her husband in their business and it was becoming impossible to do her part in the business. Jolley said she had resigned from the cafeteria monitor job last week and had found out that she would have to pay tuition for her children to attend Moore County.

Durm asked if Jolley's children had been grandfathered in before the out of county policy and tuition took effect. Director said he didn't think Ms. Jolley had applied for out of county exemption because she was home schooling her children at the time.

Director read the laws pertaining to out of county students. Director said he had contacted the State Department to interpret the law and was told they could not interpret it.

Director asked the board how they wanted him to handle the situation.

Durm asked if they allowed Ms. Jolley's children to attend and not charge tuition would his cause problems and would it be best to possibly change board policy.

Riddle asked if he was correct in saying that State money follows students if they are out of county but county money does not. Director said that was correct and that is the reason for charging tuition so that some of the expense will be made up.

Qualls asked if Jolley would have to start paying tuition immediately. Moorehead said that was what he wanted the board to decide.

Smith said if the house sits in Bedford County our policy clearly states that they have to pay tuition and he thought we should follow policy.

Riddle said he thought the Jolleys should be allowed to continue in Moore County Schools until the board reviews the policy and makes a decision. Board agreed policy should be reviewed.

Durm made motion to not act on Jolley situation until policy could be reviewed and possibly changed, McKenzie second. Riddle yes, Smith no, Durm yes, Qualls yes, McKenzie yes

Qualls asked if this would be reviewed before next board meeting. Riddle suggested setting a work session.

Director suggested a work session might be set at 5:00 P.M. on February 22nd the date of the February board meeting and the board meeting time be moved up to 6:00 P.M.>

McKenzie made motion to set work session at 5:00 P.M. on February 22, 2010 and regular board meeting moved to 6:00 P.M., Durm second. 5 yes 0 no

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