

Regular School Board Meeting
Thursday, November 07, 2013 – 7:00 P.M.
Bill Kelley Criminal Justice Complex

Minutes

1. Call to order.

James Garrett, Board Chairman, called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M.

Robert Redditt moved to take 5 minutes to get the mikes turned on.

Second: Ronnie McCarty.

Mr. Garrett called the meeting back to order.

2. Roll Call.

Present: Tom Fleps, Ronnie McCarty, Dana Pittman, Robert Redditt, Evangeline Shaw, Sally Spencer, Wendell Wainwright, Marandy Wilkerson, and James Garrett.

Also present: James Teague, Superintendent and Tom Minor, Board Attorney

3. Pledge of Allegiance.

Tom Fleps led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. Approval of Agenda.

Ronnie McCarty moved to approve the Agenda.

Second: Sally Spencer

Changes and/or additions:

Marandy Wilkerson wanted Item 18C – Wheel Tax Report moved up to Item 15.a. under “Unfinished Business” for discussion.

Dana Pittman pulled 2 items from Item #6 – Consent Agenda, Mr. Fleps and Mr. Wainwright’s Travel Request and added them to Item #16.a and #16.b – New Business.

Mrs. Wilkerson pulled her Travel Request from the packet.

Dana Pittman added Policy 5.611 – Ethics for 2nd Reading – under Item #15 – Unfinished Business. It became Item #15.b.

James Garrett added Tom Minor, Board Attorney, to Item #8.b – Recognition/Reports – Students, Schools, Staff, and Consultants.

Ronnie McCarty moved to approve the Agenda as amended.

Second: Dana Pittman

Yes – 9 No – 0

Motion carries.

5. Approval of Minutes.

a. Regular School Board Meeting

October 03, 2013

Ronnie McCarty moved to approve the Minutes.

Second: Evangeline Shaw

Mrs. Wilkerson – 2nd page #11 – Ron Adelman – insert Interim to Business Office Manager.

Yes – 9 No – 0

Motion carries.

b. Called School Board Meeting

October 22, 2013

Wendell Wainwright moved to approve the Minutes.

Second: Evangeline Shaw

Mrs. Wilkerson had some concerns about Item #3 - the \$5,000 increase to the debt amount from \$490,000 to \$495,000. The statement of \$5,000 increase due to fees in loan issuance was added to the minutes.

Yes - 9 No - 0

Motion carries.

6. Consent Agenda.

James Garrett asked all those in favor of approving Melanie McGuire's travel.

Yes - 9 No - 0

Motion carries.

7. Public Comment (Total Time: 15 Minutes; Maximum: 3 Minutes per Speaker)

a. William Whitmore - need a bus monitor on Bus #46. He said a student was hurt with a rubber band on the bus.

b. Hattie Williams - concerns with the savings of incoming funds for 2013 - 2014 school year and posting of positions. Also concerned with the safety of our students with pick up and drop off with the buses.

c. Carla Jackson - concerned about corporal punishment at Somerville Elementary.

8. Recognition /Reports - Students, Schools, Staff, Consultants

a. Presentation of "The Patriot Award" - Mary Ann Epperson

Mrs. Mary Ann Epperson and Mr. Dan Callahan from the National Committee of Employers Support of the Guard Reserve presented Mr. James Teague and Dr. Lonnie Harris with the "Patriot Award".

b. Change Order Approval for Yates.

Tom Minor, Board Attorney, explained the Change Order Approval to the Yates Construction Contract, which is adding the Yancey Drive Project to the overall construction project. Mr. Minor stated that he had not received the AIA Form from Yates yet, but that he is asking the Board to approve the Change Order for the amount that is set forth in the email which is amount that was approved last month, which is \$85,945.06, with a \$14,054.94 contingency.

Robert Redditt moved to approve the Change Order for Yates Construction for Yancey Drive Construction for \$85,945.06 with an additional \$14,054.94 possible contingency.

Second: Evangeline Shaw

Dana Pittman spoke against the approval because the paperwork was not in hand.

Roll call vote:

Tom Fleps - No; Ronnie McCarty - Yes; Dana Pittman - No; Robert Redditt - Yes; Evangeline Shaw - Yes; Sally Spencer - No; Wendell Wainwright - Yes; Marandy Wilkerson - No; James Garrett - No.

Yes - 4 No - 5

Motion fails.

c. Extend Steve Shields Contract.

Mr. Minor asked the Board to approve an additional allocation of 15 hours at \$195.00 per hour for Mr. Steve Shields work on the contract with Yates Construction on the asbestos abatement cost.

Robert Redditt moved to approve Mr. Shield's for an additional 15 hours at \$195.00 per hour specific to the construction contract.

Second: Ronnie McCarty.

Yes - 9 No - 0

Motion Carries.

9. Director of Schools' Report

James Teague, Superintendent

- Programs in the schools on Monday, November 11th, for Veterans Day.
- Testing workshop for Board Members on Saturday, November 16th, from 10:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M. in the Central Office Board Room.
- Week of November 18th - hope to have our first three buses delivered.
- Next three buses will be delivered the first week in December.

Items included in the Board Members packets.

- List of personnel
- Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation Report
- Posting for a Financial Director
- Updated handout for the revenues for October.
- Copy of an email from the Principal at WJHS
- Footings and slabs have been poured at the site of the new Buckley-Carpenter Elementary School.
- Mrs. Wilkerson shared concerns about subs at West Jr. High for extensive times. She asked about the teacher layoffs due to the budget shortfall.

10. Comments by Board Members

- **Tom Fleps** - FWHS Band participating at 12:00 Noon in "The Battle of the Bands".
- **Wendell Wainwright** - Wanted to know if the teachers who were let go applied for any of the openings.
- **Dana Pittman** - Wants the Transportation Committee to take a look to see what it would cost for a 3rd party transportation.
- **Mrs. Wilkerson** - Asked Mr. Teague for a report on the child that was hurt on the bus and taken to the hospital.
- **Mrs. Wilkerson** - Stated that there is no reason or justification for subs to be in the classroom for extended periods of time.

11. Financial Report

The Financial Report was part of the Board Members packets. James Teague, Superintendent, went over the report with the Board Members.

12. Reports of Standing Committees

a. Planning Committee - Wendell Wainwright

i. Minutes

Included in the Board Members packets.

b. Policy Committee – Sally Spencer

i. Minutes

Included in the Board Members packets.

ii. Policy 2.804 – Expenses and Reimbursements – Information

No action was taken on this policy. This policy is already in effect.

iii. 2nd Reading - Policy 3.400 – Student Transportation Management

Sally Spencer moved to approve Policy 3.400 - Student Transportation Management on 2nd Reading.

Second: Dana Pittman

Yes – 8 No – 1 Mrs. Wilkerson voted No.

Motion carries.

c. Transportation Committee –Tom Fleps

i. Minutes

Included in the Board Members packets.

d. Budget Committee – Dana Pittman

i. Minutes

Were emailed to the Board Members and distributed at the Board meeting.

13. Reports of Special Committees

a. Building Committee – James Garrett

Did not meet.

James Garrett recommended the Building Committee be dissolved. No action was taken.

14. Announcement of Committee Meeting Schedule for Month

- a. Planning** Will not meet
- b. Budget** November 19, 2013 at 6:30 P.M. – Central Office Board Room.
- c. Policy** November 20, 2013 at 7:15 P.M. – Central Office Board Room.
- d. Transportation** November 20, 2013 at 6:30 P.M. – Central Office Board Room.
- e. Board Member Training** – Saturday, November 16, 2013 from 9:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.
Central Office Board Room

15. Unfinished Business

a. Policy 5.611 – Ethics – 2nd Reading.

Dana Pittman moved to accept Policy 5.611 – Ethics – on 2nd Reading.

Second: Sally Spencer

Motion was withdrawn and the policy was deferred to the December meeting because the policy was not available at the meeting.

16. New Business

a. Wheel Tax Report – Marandy Wilkerson

Mrs. Wilkerson wants a Wheel Tax Report on the Agenda under the Budget item and in the Board Members packets.

b. Tom Fleps Travel.

Dana Pittman moved to approve Mr. Fleps' travel with a \$50.00 reduction for a total of \$313.20.

Second: Sally Spencer

Roll call vote:

Tom Fleps – Pass; Ronnie McCarty – Yes; Dana Pittman – Yes; Robert Redditt – No; Evangeline Shaw – Yes; Sally Spencer – Yes; Wendell Wainwright – Pass; Marandy Wilkerson – No; James Garrett – Yes.

Yes - 5 No - 2 Pass - 2
Motion carries.

c. Wendell Wainwright's Travel.

Dana Pittman moved to approve Mr. Wainwright's travel with a \$46.00 reduction for a total of \$847.30.

Second: Sally Spencer

Yes - 7 No - 0 Pass - 2 Mr. Wainwright and Mr. Fleps passed.
Motion carries.

17. Adjournment

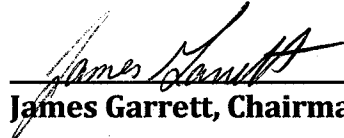
Wendell Wainwright moved to adjourn at 9:22 P.M.

Second: Robert Redditt

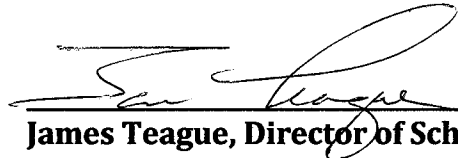
18. Information Only

- a. Sales Tax
- b. Personnel Changes
- c. Wheel Tax Report
- d. Chairman's response for Mr. Hailey's inquiry

Approved:



James Garrett, Chairman



James Teague, Director of Schools

Submitted by: Toni Pollet