

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD BUSINESS MEETING
COLLIERVILLE SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION
MARCH 10, 2015**

MR. MARK HANSEN, CHAIRMAN
MR. KEVIN VAUGHAN, VICE-CHAIRMAN
MS. WANDA CHISM
MR. WRIGHT COX
MRS. CATHY MESSERLY

I. CALL TO ORDER: The Collierville Schools Board Business meeting was called to order by Chairman Mark Hansen at 6:00 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL: Roll call was taken by Chairman Mark Hansen and all five of the school board members were present, representing a quorum.

III. MOMENT OF SILENCE: A moment of silence was observed.

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Board Member Wanda Chism.

V. PUBLIC COMMENTS:
There were no public comments.

VI. RECOGNITIONS:

- Bailey Station Chorus groups were recognized as our Spotlight School. Wendy Hill led the Cub Chorus singing “Brave” by Sara Bareilles. The students in Mrs. Hill’s choir were: Payton Boyer, Abbie Burke, Sunehri Choudannavar, Kaitlyn Cooper, Mya De Souza, Tinsley Evans, Sierra Gann, Ella Harris, Logan Hill, Kyrah Hudson, Emilee Kang, Bennett Linder, Mason Maxim, Brooke Miller, Frida Posada, Ava Proctor, Kylie Sinn, Kelsey Shore, Jaida Solomon, Elena Trendova and Audrey Wright.

Terry Henson led the Bear Chorus singing “Rubbernecking” by Elvis Presley. The students in Mr. Henson’s choir were: Alex Brock, Savannah Burke, Maya Collier, Madeline Gay, Abigail Gogel, Aniyah Green, Jack Green, Emery Haluska, Celia Heffernan, Daniel Hong, Ainsley Kelsey, Makenna Maxim, Lauren Moerbe, Caroline Moerbe, Dannon Olsen, Abby Perez, Emma Proctor, Ashby Self, Alex Thomas, Kacy Wiley and Emily Zhao.

- Mr. Don Hinkle, representative from Prudential, made a presentation to Iyonia Boyce, Collierville Middle 8th grade student who will receive \$1,000, an engraved silver medallion and all-expense paid trip in early May to Washington, D.C. for being elected as the 2015 Prudential Spirit of Community Awards for the state of Tennessee. The organization honors youth for outstanding service.

She founded a mentoring group that volunteers for a variety of charities and conducts numerous activities to combat bullying. In 2009 she formed “Little Divas in Training” to encourage other students to volunteer. Her group has raised funds and collected donated items worth more than \$20,000 for St. Jude and Girls, Inc.

- The last recognition we had was the presentation of the first cohort of the Collierville Schools STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) Scholars. We recognized 25 students from Collierville Middle and 25 students from Schilling Farms Middle.

Collierville Middle – Hank Aiken, Brent Allgyer, Briley Buffington, Ryleigh Davis, Thomas Ducey, Gavin Gilbert, Abigail Haider, Jihoon Kim, Amrutha Kosanam, Bhavesh Kotta, Shanna Lyle, Jack McCarthy, Wyatt Mutchler-Lee, Dale Nall, Will Porada, Joseph Pressler, Kai Rose, Jessica Ryan, Shiven Sasipalli, Cade Scallions, Grant Sholl, Angeline Siefring, Landon Smith, Pranathi Voora and Peyton White.

Schilling Farms Middle – Caden Collier, Kyle Dahl, Noah Emmert, Pavani Epparla, Ryan Finn, Gabriella Ganser, Heather Hudspeth, Pearson Hunter, Stefan Lane, Laura Lassiter, Benjamin Linder, Bridget Milligan, Sydney Milner, Caroline Moerbe, Andrew Mullin, Lauren Nichols, Vijval Nataraja, Minnathi Reddivari, Nathaniel Rhy, Joseph Salazar, Colton Seitz, Chris Sims, Eric Vande Linde, Grace Wang and Kehua Zhao.

VII. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Collierville Schools Board of Education approve the agenda for the March 10, 2015 Board Business Meeting with a modification of removing Item XI 1 “Approval of GASB 45 Trust Membership.”

Kevin Vaughan made motion to approve the agenda as amended by the Superintendent. The motion was seconded by Wright Cox and unanimously approved by the board.

Wanda Chism	Aye
Wright Cox	Aye
Mark Hansen	Aye
Cathy Messerly	Aye
Kevin Vaughan	Aye

VIII. BUSINESS AFFAIRS

• **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 10, 2015 BUSINESS MEETING**

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Collierville Schools Board of Education approve minutes of the February 10, 2015 Board Business Meeting.

Cathy Messerly made motion to approve the minutes as presented. The motion was seconded by Wanda Chism and unanimously approved by the board.

Wanda Chism	Aye
Wright Cox	Aye
Mark Hansen	Aye
Cathy Messerly	Aye
Kevin Vaughan	Aye

• **APPROVAL OF THE JANUARY 2015 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Collierville Schools Board of Education approve the January 2015 Financial Statements.

Wright Cox made motion to approve the January 2015 Financial Statements. The motion was seconded by Cathy Messerly and unanimously approved by the board.

Wanda Chism	Aye
Wright Cox	Aye
Mark Hansen	Aye
Cathy Messerly	Aye
Kevin Vaughan	Aye

IX. REPORTS:

Chairman’s Report

Chairman Hansen wanted to discuss some of the bills that were brought to their attention at the TSBA Webinar on March 2, 2105 which includes education legislation pending before the Tennessee General Assembly.

The following bills that have come up affecting education are:

- Funding issues – We are hoping that the State Legislator will fully fund the BEP this year – which they are required to do by law, but have never done in the past. So we will see what they will do and maybe they will at least fund a higher portion of it this year.
- School Voucher Bill (HB1049) (SB0999) – Introduced as the “The Tennessee Choice and Opportunity Scholarship Act.” The bill says that low-income students whose schools rank in the bottom 5 percent statewide for student achievement may use the scholarships. If it passes the bill would initially provide vouchers to 5,000 students in five school systems. Over three years, the number of eligible students rises to 20,000 with \$70 million leaving public schools for private ones. Creating this voucher program would divert money intended for public education to private schools. TSBA opposes this bill.
- Amending School Budgets (HB0267) (SB0340) – This would allow a board to amend its budget (across major categories) without having to seek the approval of the funding body. A notice of 10 days must be given to the funding body prior to a board voting to shift funds. There is a lot of opposition from TML, TCCA and County Mayors. TSBA supports this bill.
- Fees for Inspection of Records (HB0315) (SB0328) – This would enable governmental entities to charge fees for requests to inspect public records. The bill directs the Office of Open Records Counsel to develop the schedule of reasonable fees (like the schedule for copies). The language currently requires that at least the first hour of labor and the first 25 copies produced (in any) be free. TSBA supports this bill.
- Homeschoolers and Athletics (HB0545) (SB0458) - In 2013, legislation passed to require members of TSSAA to comply with the group’s regulation regarding homeschoolers. This regulation only applied to those students who register through the LEA for a homeschool program. This bill would prohibit a public school from being a member of TSSAA if its regulation for homeschoolers doesn’t include the other classifications of homeschool programs.
- Searching Electronic Devices (HB0680) (SB0785) – This bill prohibits governmental entities from obtaining stored or transmitted data from an electronic device without a warrant. This require notice to a person whose electronic device has been accessed pursuant to a warrant.
- Lobbying Expenses (HB0772) (SB1229) – This is a different approach from the legislation that was filed last year to enable a line item veto by funding body. This bill requires a board’s budget to have a line item for “professional associations and lobbying expenditures.” It also requires a board’s budget to include a form that outlines these expenses when presenting it to the funding body.
- Dismissal of Support Staff (HB0836) (SB0806) This is a TEA bill that has been brought up to legislation to undo the act or to require some level of due process for these employees. It requires that an LEA employee in a position for which no teaching license is required be given notice of charges and hearing prior to dismissal. TSBA opposes this bill.
- Electing Superintendents (HB0907) (SB0391) – This bill provides for reestablishment of elected office of school superintendent for county or city school systems upon 2/3 vote of governing body and approval in an election on the question by the voters; provides for qualifications of candidates; adjusts duties of the local board of education in county or city school systems electing superintendents. Will start with a 10 School System Pilot Program. TSBA opposes this bill.
- Authorizer Fees for Charter Schools (HB0947) (SB0879) – This bill increases the application fee from \$500 to \$5,000 for new charters and renewal application fee from \$500 to \$1,000. It allows LEAs to charge an authorizer fee to cover costs of up to 1.1% for current charters and up to 2.2% for new charters or renewed charters with cap of \$37,500 per school. (State Board 4%, ASD 3%). New authorizers may charge up to

4% for the first four years with the above provisions applying thereafter. It includes language prohibiting an LEA from charging rent to a charter who has been provided an LEA building.

- Parent Trigger Bill (HB0651) (SB0600) This is the third year that this bill has been filed. It is being pushed by Parent Revolution which was started by the founders of Green Dot Public Schools which is a charter school operator. It would allow parents of students in the bottom 10% of schools to petition the board to require the implementation of a transformation model or turnaround model. This bill also enables teachers or parents to petition the board to convert a school to a charter school and the petition outlines who the sponsor shall be. TSBA opposes this bill.

Mr. Hansen also noted we had a STEM Family night at Collierville Middle last week and was well represented by students and parents.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Aitken noted that he and Ms. Hays met via a conference call on March 6, 2015 with both Randy Gomez, our actuary and Mark Morgan, our health insurance consultant, regarding OPEB Analysis and information. They discussed various scenarios and their impact on our OPEB liability. All of the scenarios were based on a tiered model based on years of service and in some cases reduced our liability substantially. As a result, we asked our experts to model two other scenarios to determine the impact on our pre-65 and post 65 retirees. They will follow up with us after spring break and at that time we can present our recommendation to you and to our employees, as well as including the financial impact on our 2015-16 budget.

Mr. Aitken and several of his staff attended an all-day Assessment Training in Jackson, Tennessee on March 9, 2015. They received substantial information on the upcoming Tennessee Ready assessments which will begin next school year. They were able to join in some great discussion on test design, implementation schedule and effective communication regarding the upcoming assessment process. The state will begin its communication in April and we will forward all pertinent information to all of our stakeholders then.

There will be a public meeting held on Tuesday, March 31th at 6:00 pm at Harrell Theatre to gather input on the proposed new high school facility. Prior to that, a survey will be distributed to our community members in an effort to glean as much information as possible. The Town of Collierville has also posted information and video interviews on its website in an effort to answer any questions regarding plans for the future high school. The Town will also be mailing out a questionnaire to all residents to gather input on the proposed property tax increase.

X. BUSINESS ITEMS

- **APPROVAL OF THE PROPOSED REVISED POLICY #2.403, SURPLUS PROPERTY SALES**

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Collierville Schools Board of Education approve the Proposed Revised Policy #2.403, Surplus Property Sales as presented by the Superintendent.

Wright Cox made motion to approve the Proposed Policy #2.403, Surplus Property Sales as presented by the Superintendent. The motion was seconded by Cathy Messerly and unanimously approved by the board.

Wanda Chism	Aye
Wright Cox	Aye
Mark Hansen	Aye
Cathy Messerly	Aye
Kevin Vaughan	Aye

XI. RECOMMENDED ACTIONS

- **APPROVAL OF TEXTBOOK COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS AND SUBMIT WAIVER REQUEST**

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Collierville Schools Board of Education approve the Textbook Committee Recommendations to blanket adopt the K-12 Math Textbooks and submit Waivers for Bridge Math and Finite Math Textbooks as presented by the Superintendent.

Wanda Chism made motion to approve the Approval of the Textbook Committee Recommendations to blanket adopt the K-12 Math Textbooks and submit Waivers for Bridge Math and Finite Math Textbooks as presented by the Superintendent. The motion was seconded by Wright Cox and unanimously approved by the board.

Wanda Chism	Aye
Wright Cox	Aye
Mark Hansen	Aye
Cathy Messerly	Aye
Kevin Vaughan	Aye

- **APPROVAL OF FIVE (5) YEAR STRATEGIC PLAN**

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Collierville Schools Board of Education approve the Five (5) Year Strategic Plan as presented by the Superintendent.

Kevin Vaughan made motion to approve the Five (5) Year Strategic Plan as presented by the Superintendent. The motion was seconded by Cathy Messerly and unanimously approved by the board.

Wanda Chism	Aye
Wright Cox	Aye
Mark Hansen	Aye
Cathy Messerly	Aye
Kevin Vaughan	Aye

- **APPROVAL OF MIDDLE SCHOOL REZONING RECOMMENDATIONS**

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Collierville Schools Board of Education will not do any rezoning at the start of the 2015-16 school year as presented by the Superintendent. The middle school attendance zones will stay the same for the 2015-2016 school year.

Kevin Vaughan made motion to approve middle school rezoning recommendations as presented by the Superintendent. The motion was seconded by Wanda Chism and unanimously approved by the board.

Wanda Chism	Aye
Wright Cox	Aye
Mark Hansen	Aye
Cathy Messerly	Aye
Kevin Vaughan	Aye

- **APPROVAL OF SPECIAL COURSES**

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Collierville Schools Board of Education approve the Special Courses Plan and present to the State for their approval as presented by the Superintendent. The Special Courses are: Abnormal Psychology, ACT Prep Math, Etymology Honors, Calculus III, Facing History and Ourselves and ACT Prep English.

Cathy Messerly made motion to approve the Special Courses as presented by the Superintendent. The motion was seconded by Wright Cox and unanimously approved by the board.

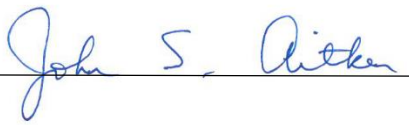
Wanda Chism	Aye
Wright Cox	Aye
Mark Hansen	Aye
Cathy Messerly	Aye
Kevin Vaughan	Aye

XII. ADJOURNMENT

With no further comments or objections, the meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m.



J. Mark Hansen, *Chairman*



John S. Aitken, *Superintendent*