

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD BUSINESS MEETING
COLLIERVILLE SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION
JUNE 9, 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 6:03 p.m.
- II. ROLL CALL:** Roll call was taken by Chairman Mark Hansen and four of the five school board members were present, representing a quorum. Mr. Wright Cox was absent.
- 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:**
- Jack Eubank, 1356 Wolf Pack Cove, Collierville, TN 38017
Topic: Cost of fees for Music, Art and Athletics

VI. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:
Recommendation: It is recommended that the Collierville Schools Board of Education approve the agenda for the June 9, 2015 Board Business Meeting as presented by the Superintendent.

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

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

VII. BUSINESS AFFAIRS

- **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MAY 11, 2015 BUSINESS MEETING & MINUTES OF THE MAY 14, 2015 SPECIAL CALLED MEETING**

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Collierville Schools Board of Education approve minutes of the May 11, 2015 Board Business Meeting and minutes of the May 14, 2015 Special Called Meeting.

Cathy Messerly made motion to approve the minutes for the May 11, 2015 and May 14, 2015 as presented. The motion was seconded by Wanda Chism and unanimously approved by the board.

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

• **APPROVAL OF THE APRIL 2015 MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

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

Kevin Vaughan made motion to approve the April 2015 Monthly Financial Statements. The motion was seconded by Cathy Messerly and unanimously approved by the board.

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

VIII. REPORTS:

Chairman’s Report

First of all, Chairman Hansen would like to recognize Dr. Tammy Grissom, who is the Executive Director of the Tennessee School Board Association. Dr. Grissom is here tonight to give us the results of the Superintendent’s Evaluation. The Tennessee School Board Association is the association for all of the school boards in the state of Tennessee who provides a wide variety of services to us including continuing education classes for board members, new member orientations, seminars and webinars. Lee Harrell is the Director of Government Relations and Labor Relations, who represents the interest of the school board on Capitol Hill when legislature is in session.

Most of you were in attendance last night, with the meeting of the BMA regarding the concern of the funding of the new high school. As with most political issues, it is sometimes a one step forward and two steps back proposition. He thinks we are making some progress, but we need to be adamant about making a case for the high school, making a case for the facility in general and making a case for purchasing of the land and location of the high school. We have retained services of a Public Relations Firm who is helping to provide some material going out to the public. It is not going to be an easy process, the new high school is a \$100 million dollar building and facility and it is no wonder that members of the public have sticker shock. What we have to do is to counter some of the emotional reactions and quite frankly rational reactions with a good set of facts and a good logical case laid out for needing a new high school. We are moving along a path, it’s not an easy path but at the end of the day we will prevail.

Especially thank you to John Barrios and the Collierville Chamber of Commerce. The Chamber does not usually take a position on issues that are subject to politics or issues such that might involve a referendum. Two things the Chamber is interested in doing is:

- Partnering the business community with the school system. Working along a number of areas in that regard and to do some joint things with the school system and supporting the school system financially.
- Economic Development - the Chamber has come to the conclusion that a quality state of the arc educational system in Collierville is one of the primary keys to the long term economic health to the community.

The Collierville School Board of Education appreciates the Chamber for their support in the schools and we just want to let them know publicly how much we appreciate everything they are doing for us.

Superintendent’s Report

Mr. Aitken noted that while we may be out for the summer, we are definitely not closed. Summer is full of events in many of our schools, and this summer is no exception. Summer School is in full swing at Collierville Middle School (due to re-roofing at Collierville High School). We have Extended School Year in its second week at Collierville Elementary School, a STEM camp at Tara Oaks and we have already had camps at Crosswind and Bailey Station. Sycamore will be hosting a theatre camp later this summer – so you can see that our facilities are full of activity.

Mr. Aitken would also like to thank all of those who attended the recent meetings regarding the construction of the new high school. He would like to offer some of his thoughts regarding the discussions last night and some of the concerns that were expressed. He was pleased to hear that the BMA is committed to the project of one comprehensive high

school campus for the Town of Collierville – One Town, One School. The BMA is concerned about the cost of the project and so are we. We also agree with the BMA that we need to be responsible with funds and we have already taken steps to look at costs reductions in the project. We have already reduced the proposed number of square feet in the facility from the original program. We are ready to issue a Request for Proposal for a Construction Manager to help manage and possible reduce costs. We have explored many options to address the capacity issues, and this Board approved Option 3 C. This is the most economical and effective of the options. We strongly feel that being responsible with funds also means building a school that meets the needs of both our current and future students. We also heard from the BMA at last Friday’s meeting that we should move forward with the site acquisition. We are doing so and our goal is to conclude that purchase in 60 days. We understand that is a large project – in fact it will be one of the largest projects in this region. We understand that planning a project of the magnitude results in a lot of misinformation. We have scheduled a community meeting to further educate the public with facts and once the public understands those facts, we are confident that they will arrive at the same conclusions we have. The meeting will be held at Collierville United Methodist Church on Tuesday, June 16th, beginning at 6:00 p.m. In closing, we are extremely grateful to the BMA and we appreciate their efforts in finding a way to fund this important project.

IX. RECOMMENDED ITEMS

• **APPROVAL OF THE SUPERINTENDENT EVALUATION REPORT**

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Collierville Schools Board of Education approve the Superintendent Evaluation Report as presented by Dr. Tammy Grissom, Executive Director of Tennessee School Board Association.

Kevin Vaughan made motion to approve the Superintendent Evaluation Report as presented by Dr. Tammy Grissom, therefore Mr. Aitken qualifies for his performance bonus for this past year. The motion was seconded by Cathy Messerly and unanimously approved by the board.

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

• **APPROVAL OF THE REVISED POLICY #1.106, CODE OF ETHICS**

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Collierville Schools Board of Education approve the revised policy #1.106, Code of Ethics as presented by the Superintendent.

Cathy Messerly made motion to approve the revised Policy #1.106, Code of Ethics. The motion was seconded by Wanda Chism and unanimously approved by the board.

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

• **APPROVAL OF THE REVISED POLICY #1.501, VISITORS TO THE SCHOOLS**

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Collierville Schools Board of Education approve the revised policy #1.501, Visitors to the Schools as presented by the Superintendent.

Kevin Vaughan made motion to approve the revised Policy #1.501, Visitors to the Schools. The motion was seconded by Cathy Messerly and unanimously approved by the board.

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

• **APPROVAL OF THE REVISED POLICY #6.310, DRESS CODE**

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Collierville Schools Board of Education approve the revised policy #6.310, Dress Code as presented by the Superintendent.

Wanda Chism made motion to approve the revised Policy #6.310, Dress Code as presented by the Superintendent. The motion was seconded by Cathy Messerly and unanimously approved by the board.

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

• **APPROVAL OF THE 2015-16 DIFFERENTIATED PAY PLAN**

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Collierville Schools Board of Education approve the 2015-16 Differentiated Pay Plan as presented by the Superintendent.

Cathy Messerly made motion to approve the 2015-16 Differentiated Pay Plan as presented by the Superintendent. The motion was seconded by Wanda Chism and unanimously approved by the board.

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

• **APPROVAL OF THE MAINTENANCE SERVICE AGREEMENT**

Recommendation: It is recommended that the Collierville Schools Board of Education approve the Maintenance Service Agreement as presented by the Superintendent.

Kevin Vaughan made motion to approve the Maintenance Service Agreement as presented by the Superintendent. The motion was seconded by Wanda Chism and unanimously approved by the board.

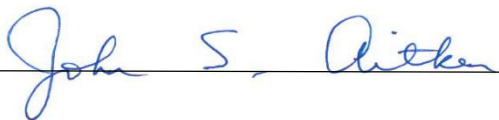
Wanda Chism	Aye
Wright Cox	Absent
Mark Hansen	Aye
Cathy Messerly	Aye
Kevin Vaughan	Aye

X. ADJOURNMENT

With no further comments or objections, the meeting was adjourned at 7:06 p.m.



J. Mark Hansen, *Chairman*



John S. Aitken, *Superintendent*

