

ALCOA CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION
ALCOA, TENNESSEE
FEBRUARY 14, 2013
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

The Alcoa City Schools' Board of Education held its regular monthly meeting on Thursday, February 14, 2013, in the Harry B. "Mickey" McClurg Board Room at the Alcoa City Schools' Education Building. On roll call, the following officials were present: Board Members: Steve Marsh, Chairman, presiding; Johnelle Jackson, Vice Chair; Harry B. McClurg, Julie Rochelle, Charles Cameron; Director of Schools and Secretary to Board, Brian Bell; Recorder, Gennie Cardwell, and ten (10) visitors, when the following proceedings were conducted.

Board Chairman Marsh called the meeting to order. The audience participated in a moment of silence and the pledge of allegiance.

Board Chairman Marsh asked for comments from the audience.

Dr. Brian Bell, Director of Schools, recommended that the Board approve the minutes of the January 15, 2013, Regular Board Meeting and the Financial Reports for December 2012. Motion was made by Board Member Jackson and duly seconded by Board Member Rochelle to approve the above named consent items. Motion passed by unanimous vote.

Dr. Bell presented the Board with a Personnel Report of retirements, resignations, non-renewals, position status changes, new hires, and internal transfers.

Dr. Bell presented Mr. Barry Brooke, of Lawler-Wood, who updated the Board on the new High School Project and presented them with a written copy of the monthly update.

Dr. Bell presented two of our School Principals, Merna Schott and Scott Porter, to share events from their schools.

Dr. Bell recommended the approval on first reading, of revisions to Board Policy 5.109, Evaluation. This revision notes that we have adopted the TIGER evaluation model that has been approved by the State Department of Education. Also new to Policy 5.109 is the change in the evaluation structure of non-licensed personnel, noting that all non-licensed personnel will be evaluated a minimum of one time per year. Motion was made by Board Member McClurg and duly seconded by Board Member Cameron to approve on first reading the recommended changes in Board Policy 5.109, Evaluation. After general discussion the motion passed by unanimous vote.

Dr. Bell recommended the approval on first reading, of revision to Board Policy 6.201, Compulsory Attendance Ages. This updates our policy to align with a recently revised state law (TCA 49-6-201), which changes the age of a child entering kindergarten from age five (5) on or before September 30th of the current school term, to age five (5)

on or before August 31 for the 2013-2014 school year and on or before August 15 for all school years thereafter. The new policy also allows the parents/legal guardians of any child that will be five (5) years of age on or before September 30, to request that the child be admitted into kindergarten. Upon a request, the Director of Schools shall administer an evaluation and examination. If the results indicate that the child is sufficiently mature, emotionally and academically, then the child may be enrolled into kindergarten. Motion was made by Board Member Cameron and duly seconded by Board Member McClurg to approve on first reading the recommended changes in Board Policy 6.201, Compulsory Attendance Ages. After general discussion the motion passed by unanimous vote.

Dr. Bell recommended the approval of an out-of-state field trip to Skidaway Island, Georgia by the AHS Biology Students March 23, 2013 thru March 27, 2013. Motion was made by Board Member Jackson and duly seconded by Board Member Rochelle to approve the Alcoa High School annual Marine Biology Field Trip to Skidaway Island, Georgia. After general discussion the motion passed by unanimous vote.

Dr. Bell recommended the approval of additional funding for civil engineering consultants for the new Alcoa High School project. Motion was made by Board Member Rochelle and duly seconded by Board Member McClurg to approve the additional funding for the civil engineering consultants for the new Alcoa High School project. After general discussion the motion passed by unanimous vote.

Dr. Bell recommended the approval of the low bid for a local and long distance carrier for telephone lines for E-rate Funding. Motion was made by Board Member Cameron and duly seconded by Board Member McClurg to approve the low bid from Windstream Communications as the local and long distance telephone carrier for Alcoa City Schools. After general discussion the motion passed by unanimous vote.

Dr. Bell updated the Board on upcoming events listed in the Board packet. The Board rescheduled the Regular Board Meeting to Thursday, March 28, 2013 at 5:30 p.m.

Board Chairman Marsh thanked everyone for attending the meeting. With no other business the meeting was adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Secretary to the Board
Approved March 27, 2013

Chairman to the Board
Approved March 27, 2013