

GREENE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
James W. Parham Central Office Complex
FEBRUARY 28, 2019 – MINUTES

The Greene County Board of Education met in regular session Thursday, February 28, 2019, at 5:30 p.m., at the James W. Parham Central Office Complex.

Chairman Rick Tipton called the meeting to order and noted that all Board members were present and that Brian Wilhoit would be participating by phone. Chairman Tipton introduced student Board member, Madi Barkley from Chuckey-Doak High School who led the pledge of allegiance to the Flag, and Nathan Brown led the Invocation.

III. Presentations & Celebrations

- **Student Attendance** - January 2019, NGHS 97% - Sherry Hensley was available to accept the certificate.
- **Teacher Attendance** – January 2019, NGHS 98.4% - Sherry Hensley was available to accept the certificate.
- **Board Recognition of Alison Fox**, Media Specialist/Teacher at CDHS- appreciation for planning and implementing giving students the PSAT test at all of our high schools as well as establishing CDHS as the SAT testing center for the County. This will allow students to become National Merit Scholars. Alison was available to accept the certificate.
- **Art Recognition**

Seth Covington	K – Glenwood
Cierra Lavergne	11 th – WGHS
Holley Kinser	5 th – Ottway
Haley Kells	10 th –SGHS
Evan Wilder	5 th – Doak
Debra Beame	6 th – Camp Creek;
Koralee Knight	8 th – McDonald;
Leland Payne	5 th – Mosheim;
Sierra Seaton	11 th - NGHS;
Lily Gosnell	10 th – CDHS
- **County-Wide Spelling Bee Winners:**
 - 1st Place: Brevin Humberstone-Ottway (Two-time Champion)
 - 2nd Place: Bianca Ricker-Mosheim
 - 3rd Place: Emilie Cinnamon- Mosheim
 - 4th Place: Heidi Sebourn- Mosheim

IV. Approve Agenda including Consent Agenda and Addendum

On motion Made by Clark Justis Seconded by Brian Wilhoit

Vote: 7 – 0

- A. Approval of Monthly Financial Report. (IV-A)
- B. Approval of Regular and/or Called Board meeting minutes. (IV-B)
- C. Approval of Field Trip Requests. (IV-C)
- D. Approval of Grants. (IV-D)
- E. Approval of Contracts. (IV-E)

V. Reports, Hearings, and Communications

GCEA Report – Rhonda Lankford, GCEA President (unable to attend) – Chairman Tipton noted that the PECCA Committee met and finalized the draft this week.

Clark Justis – TLN Representative brought back TSBA information from Day on the Hill. May be a good idea to call Legislators to discuss Bills coming through.

Budget Monitoring Report - Mary Lou Finley – Sales Tax is up 1.85%; Expenditures are at 47%; Revenues are at 56%; Everything is in line with what we did last year; Diesel is up \$.30 per gallon.

Personnel Report - Dr. Bill Ripley gave an update on personnel for the month. *(see February 28, 2019, Board Agenda, Item V-C2-Attachment, Greene County Schools Personnel Update February 2019, on our website at www.greenek12.org)*

Food Service Report - Dustin Burnette – Chartwells’ Food Service Director – School Nutrition Program allows them to feed ESP sites during school closings at no cost to the school; New Marketing material is here; Financial Surplus for January is \$10,144.63; YTD \$108,756.76.

NGHS Cafeteria Update - David Myers - Wall, plumbing, and electrical are all finished and bar joists and decking should go on Monday. They are working as weather allows. Mr. McLain stated that they are planning on bringing the Masonry class up for some hands-on experience once they get a chance.

Director’s Report – David McLain noted the following monthly meetings and events: Thanks for the celebrations going on in the schools; attended TOSS Legislative session in Nashville; Vouchers are being discussed; Everyone needs to contact our Representatives regarding this particular Legislation; weather and sickness has kept us out of school and last week absences for sickness was at 13.7%, after the break we were 5.69%; Principal Evaluations

C. Approve Therapy Dogs from UT to attend CDHS (every other week). (VII-C)

On motion Made by Nathan Brown Seconded by Tom Cobble

Vote: 6 – 0

Phone call was dropped – Brian Wilhoit Did not vote

Michelle Holt asked if this is during school hours and noted that is a concern she has; Shelly Smith gave a handout to address some concerns and noted that they have had several traumatic events this year and it was amazing the effect the HABIL (Human-Animal-Bond-In-Tennessee) therapy dogs have had on students and staff at CDHS; there are also students who have been diagnosed with mental health, depression and anxiety issues; there is no cost to the school, insurance and vaccines are there; does not take away from class time and will be utilized for students who have been identified as in need; Student Board Member, Madi added that as a student it has been very traumatic this year and the therapy dogs have helped her and her peers; Chairman Tipton asked if it would be possible to change this to monthly and Ms. Smith responded that it would be possible to do this; Instructional time would be protected and they would not take students out of class; Director, David McLain stated that if they had this service others may want to do this as well and wanted to know if they had to apply for this service; Ms. Smith responded that they did have to apply and that they were very cooperative; Chairman Tipton asked if CDHS could be a pilot for the remainder of the year and then have a report back from the sponsor and students at the May or June meeting as well as the principals meeting; Minnie Banks asked if there would be school personnel available while the dogs were there and Ms. Smith confirmed that they would always have a representative from the school with the children at all times.

Chairman Rick Tipton called Brian Wilhoit to reconnect him to the meeting.

D. Approve Out-of-State Trips. (VII-D)

On motion Made by Tom Cobble Seconded by Clark Justis

Vote: 7 – 0

E. Approve Technology Surplus Items. (VII-E)

On motion Made by Nathan Brown Seconded by Minnie Banks

Vote: 7 – 0

F. Approve SGHS Boys Basketball Team to attend Tournament in Bahamas. (VII-F)

On motion Made by Michelle Holt Seconded by Tom Cobble

Vote: 7 – 0

Coach Terry Hoese noted that all funding comes from fundraising and the Tournament Sponsor sends a charter plane to pick them up.

G. Approve LEAP's Budget Amendment. (VII-G)

On motion Made by Nathan Brown Seconded by Clark Justis

Vote: 7 – 0

H. Approve Save the Children Budget Amendment. (VII-H)

On motion Made by Clark Justis Seconded by Minnie Banks

Vote: 7 – 0

I. Approve 2019-2020 Capital Outlay Projects Budget Resolution. (VII-I)

On motion Made by Nathan Brown Seconded by Brian Wilhoit

Vote: 7 – 0

Director, David McLain asked County Attorney, Roger Woolsey if he would let the Board know what he had found out about the deeds for the Sunnyside School property. Roger Woolsey noted that there are nine deeds with transfers made to Sunnyside; oldest deeds dating back to Civil War - One deed shows that it goes to the County and the other eight deeds are all to the Greene County Board of Education; Brooks' property has a revert clause and can only to be used by the schools or go back to the family; the school and gym are across three deeds (Brooks, Craig and Barns) so if the school building is torn down and we leave the gym then we can sub-divide it into three separate tracts; one tract has already been conveyed to the Sunnyside Volunteer Fire Department on the South side and then beside of that, years ago, the Board of Education allowed the convenience centers to be put on that property and would recommend selling or giving the property for the convenience centers, by warranty deed, to the County so that the Board would not have the liability for that property (.97 of an acre on that tract); the second tract would encompass the four old deeds which is the driveway into the gym (2.63 acres including Brooks (revert clause), and part of the Craig property; has a letter stating that the plan being proposed at this Board meeting will satisfy the County zoning regulations; property could not be divided and sold with

the school still standing but if we demolish the old school it would make it easier to subdivide and would have 9.28 acres to sell; there are two things we would need to do to 1.) authorize him to carry this to the planning commission (after the old school is demolished); and 2.) the planning commission or the office of the planning commission would need to approve it. If the Board decides to move forward with this project it would probably take about 60 days. Chairman Tipton noted that the Board would wait until the building is down before they decide how to move forward. David McLain noted that the demolition would have to be bid out and specs written since there is asbestos in the building.

J. Approve Non-Faculty Coaches. (VII-J)

On motion Made by Nathan Brown Seconded by Tom Cobble

Vote: 7 – 0

K. Approve CTE Budget Amendment. (VII-K)

On motion Made by Michelle Holt Seconded by Clark Justis

Vote: 7 – 0

L. Approve Energy RFQ. (VII-L)

On motion Made by Nathan Brown Seconded by Brian Wilhoit

Vote: 7 – 0

David McLain noted that we are looking for vendors with qualifications to do the HVAC work, we will bring the vendor selection back to the Board for approval to move forward.

M. Approve Food Service Budget Resolution. (VII-M)

On motion Made by Brian Wilhoit Seconded by Nathan Brown

Vote: 7 – 0

N. Approve Capital Fund 177 Budget Resolution. (VII-N)

On motion Made by Nathan Brown Seconded by Clark Justis

Vote: 7 – 0

O. Approve Title II and Title V Budget Amendment. (VII-O)

On motion Made by Clark Justis Seconded by Minnie Banks

Vote: 7 – 0

P. Approve General Fund Budget Resolution. (VII-P)

On motion Made by Michelle Holt Seconded by Nathan Brown

Vote: 7 – 0

Q. Approve In Category Budget Amendment. (VII-Q)

On motion Made by Nathan Brown Seconded by Brian Wilhoit

Vote: 7 – 0

R. Approve Summer School Funding Proposal. (VII-R)

On motion Made by Michelle Holt Seconded by Clark Justis

Vote: 7 – 0

Summer School teachers report – Dr. Kristi Walling noted that we had been receiving Read to Be Ready Grant money and will no longer be receiving this money; Save the Children will be funding most of the Summer School; Asking for money to cover the schools that Save The Children Grant does not fund; Rebecca Taylor-Jump Start program has been fantastic with screening the children and allowing them to get a jump start in learning, class structure and what school is going to be; Jessie Beth Miller-able to teach an immersive, laid back environment; Nikki Nelson-Summer Slide-kids need the extra push from hands on learning; Kim Seaton-able to work with smaller groups and do some fun activities; Julie Oaks-able to make learning fun, building relationships and the students really enjoy it.

VIII. Announcements

IX. Next regular meeting

- Date: March 21, 2019–Voted and changed by the Board on 12/13/18. Original date: 3/28/19
- Time: 5:30 p.m.
- Place: James W. Parham Central Office Complex

X. Adjournment: With no further business, Chairman Rick Tipton adjourned the meeting at 6:53 pm.