

ALCOA CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION
ALCOA, TENNESSEE
September 19, 2012
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING

The Alcoa City Schools' Board of Education held its regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, September 19, 2012, 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; Board Attorney, John Owings; and thirteen (13) 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. Mr. Blue Copus, with the East Tennessee Equality Project commented on the importance of School Policy addressing bullying.

Dr. Brian Bell, Director of Schools, recommended that the Board approve the minutes of the August 16, 2012, Regular Board Meeting. Motion was made by Board Member Jackson and duly seconded by Board Member McClurg to approve the above named consent item. 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.

Ms. Merna Schott, Principal, Alcoa Elementary School, updated the Board on the success of the Mobile Dental Project.

Mr. Jim Kirk, Principal, Alcoa Middle School, introduced Ms. Cathy Adderhold, a teacher at Alcoa Middle School who was the subject of an article in the Knoxville News Sentinel showcasing her outstanding teaching skills.

Ms. Kelly Gallemore updated the Board on the TN Healthier Schools Challenge.

Dr. John Campbell informed the Board of Alcoa High School hosting an area Science Summit.

Dr. Bell recommended the approval of the Children's Mobile Dentistry Project to include Alcoa Middle School for the 2012-2013 School Year. Motion was made by Board Member Cameron and duly seconded by Board Member Rochelle to approve the Children's Mobile Dentistry to provide services for Alcoa Middle School for the 2012-2013 School Year. After general discussion the motion passed by unanimous vote.

Dr. Bell presented Mr. Barry Brooke, of Lawler-Wood, who updated the Board on the status of the Alcoa High School building project, including a new site plan.

Dr. Bell recommended the approval of the recommended Site Plan for the new Alcoa High School, and that the Board of Education authorize the Building Committee to make necessary minor changes to the Site Plan throughout the construction process. Any major change that affects the site plan will come back to the Board of Education for consideration. Motion was made by Board Member Cameron and duly seconded by Board Member Jackson to approve the recommended Site Plan for the new Alcoa High School and authorize the Building Committee to make necessary minor changes to the Site Plan throughout the construction Process. After general discussion motion passed by unanimous vote.

Dr. Bell recommended the approval of the Memorandum of Understanding with Cherokee Health Systems for facilitating student behavioral health counseling services. Motion was made by Board Member McClurg and duly seconded by Board Member Rochelle to approve this Memorandum of Understanding with Cherokee Health Systems for facilitating student behavioral health counseling services within the Alcoa City School System. After general discussion motion passed by unanimous vote.

Dr. Bell recommended the approval of the hiring of a part-time teacher for the remainder of the 2012-2013 school year to accommodate Alcoa City School students needing English as a Second Language. The number of students in the Alcoa City School System identified as needing these services has increased from 76 to 96 this school year creating a non-compliance with the state teacher/student ratio policy. The hiring of this part-time teacher would bring Alcoa City Schools back into compliance with the state policy. Motion was made by Board Member Jackson and duly seconded by Board Member Cameron to hire a part-time English as a Second Language teacher for the remainder of the 2012-2013 school year. After general discussion motion passed by unanimous vote.

Dr. Bell updated the Board on upcoming events.

Board Chairman Marsh thanked everyone for attending the meeting. With no other business the meeting was adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

Secretary to the Board
Approved October 16, 2012

Chairman to the Board
Approved October 16, 2012