

**GREENE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**James W. Parham Central Office Complex**  
**DECEMBER 13, 2018 – MINUTES**

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The Greene County Board of Education met in regular session Thursday, December 13, 2018, at 5:30p.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 including Student Board Member, Emmaline Willis from North Greene High School. Students, Breanna Wilhoit and Brody Jones led the pledge of allegiance to the American Flag and Nathan Brown led the Invocation.

III. Presentations & Celebrations -

- Attendance Award – Students-October-Nolachuckey 97.6%, Principal, Amy Brooks was present to accept the certificate, along with Nolachuckey students, Breanna Wilhoit and Brody Jones; Students-November-SGHS 97.1%, Principal, Lori Wilhoit was present to accept the certificate
- Attendance Award – Teacher-October-SGHS 99.1%, Principal, Lori Wilhoit and Coach Shaun Jones was present to accept the certificate; November – CDHS 97.7%, Assistant Principal, Daniel Thompson was present to accept the certificate.
- Request to Appear Before the Board – Robyn Peters – Bullying and Discipline **(NO SHOW)**
- Request to Appear Before the Board – Madeline Crawley-Family Life Education through Centerstone Health Care. Points of Interest: Non-Profit Organization; Active throughout Tennessee since 2010; Teach prevention and how to handle risky situations; help in setting goals and personal limits; how to make healthy choices; TN Law compliant; Trained Prevention Specialist provided; curriculum lasts about a week and Centerstone would need to teach the entire program; TN has the 9<sup>th</sup> highest teen pregnancy rate in the state; Currently, Centerstone is very new to Northeast TN and mostly located in middle TN and West TN; Would like to sit with Mr. McLain and Valerie Walters to decide what needs to be provided in our system. The program is federally funded and there is no cost to the school system. Mr. McLain agreed to reach out to her before the January meeting.

IV. Approve Agenda including Consent Agenda and Addendum

On motion Made by Nathan Brown                      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 – No report for the month of December. Wish everyone a Merry Christmas.

Budget Monitoring Report - Mary Lou Finley – Sales Tax is up .66%; Revenues are at 35%; Expenditures are at 31% and on budget the same as last year; Diesel is up \$.49 over this time last year.

Personnel Report - Dr. Bill Ripley - gave a brief personnel update and noted that there have been several resignations for Classified employees. *(see December 13, 2018, Board Agenda, Item V-C2-Attachment, Greene County Schools Personnel Update December, 2018, on our website at [www.greenek12.org](http://www.greenek12.org) )*

Food Service Report - Dustin Burnette, Chartwells Food Service Director - Financials: October Surplus \$21,926 and November Surplus \$28,062. Lots of free and reduced applications still coming in; Student Choice will roll out at the first of the year; Regional Director, Peggy Luther, presented a check to Greene County Schools in the amount of \$15,000.00 and thanked the Board for a successful partnership for 2 ½ years.

Energy Report - Steve Tipton, Energy Education Specialist - Energy Efficiency Improvements & Facility Upgrades – solutions to some heating and air problems. Where we stand: 272 HVAC Units were installed between 1995-1997 at nine different schools; renovations were made during 2002-2003 at five school locations, totaling 254 units. Currently we have 272 units over 20 years old; 254 units 15-16 years old; life span of an HVAC unit is normally 15-20 years so we need to start looking forward to some solutions to address this issue. The U.S. Department of Energy defines

Performance Contracting as The use of guaranteed savings from the maintenance and operations budget (utility dollars) as capital to make needed upgrades and modernizations to your building environmental systems, financed over a specified period of time. This does not replace the normal annual operating budget or the normal capital budget. It provides a third (supplemental) revenue stream by using guaranteed future energy and operational savings as a source of funding to help upgrade and maintain schools. If we start down this process, we would look at the math before we begin and start with an RFQ to negotiate the price. Low bid is not always the best solution when dealing with energy projects; State Legislature has passed so that we can choose the best vendor for the project. Is this something that the Board wants them to evaluate? If we did this, it would be through an Energy Service Company and with the grant we would hope to use EESI money like we used for the lighting project. Minnie Banks-do you check with TVA; Steve Tipton-typically with TVA we would check with them and with the lighting there were a lot of incentives but the incentives have gone away. They are in the business of selling energy and we have become more energy efficient and not using as much of their product so they have scaled back any incentives.

Rick Tipton asked if we could use this to put HVAC units in the rest of the gyms in the system since CDHS already has them. Chairman Tipton, along with the rest of the Board, agreed to move forward and gather information.

Brian Wilhoit-what is the average cost of an HVAC unit? Steve Tipton- \$4,000-\$5,000 for smaller units and \$15,000-\$20,000 for the larger units.

NGHS Cafeteria Update - Dave Wright, Architect – December 4, 2018, received final approval from the State Fire Marshall office to move forward with the NGHS cafeteria. The school was built in the 60s and the building and energy codes were different, so the addition will have to exist as a separate building. The Fire Marshall is pushing to have all schools with sprinklers. The date to move forward will be a question David Myers will have to answer. David McLain said they should be able to get started in January.

Director's Report - Monthly Meetings and Events: Exciting news on growth and attendance on the State Report Card as we continue to strive toward improvement



- 1.600 Policy Development and Adoption-Update content
- 1.601 Administrative Procedures-Update cross references
- 1.700 School District Goals- Update cross references
- 1.701 School District Planning-Update legal reference
- 1.800 School Calendar-Update legal references and cross references
- 1.8011 Emergency Closings-Update cross reference
- 1.8012 Extended School Day/Year Programs and School Age Children-Update content, legal reference, and cross reference.
- 1.802 Section 504 and ADA Grievance Procedures-Update cross references
- 1.803 Tobacco-Free Schools-Update legal references
- 1.804 Drug-Free Workplace-Update legal reference
- 1.805 Use of Electronic Mail (email)-Update cross reference
- 1.901 Charter School Applications-Delete current version and adopt revised TSBA version.
- 3.212 District Water Testing – Add policy

## VII. New Business

### A. Approve Policies on First Reading. (VII-A)

On motion Made by Nathan Brown                      Seconded by Michelle Holt

**Vote: 7 – 0**

- 3.200 Buildings and Grounds Management-Update content and legal references
- 3.2001 Energy Conversation-Update content
- 3.201 Safety-Update content, legal references, and cross references
- 3.202 Emergency Preparedness Plan-Update content, legal ref, and cross references
- 3.203 Crisis Management-Update content, legal reference, and cross references
- 3.205 Security-Update content and legal references
- 3.206 Community Use of School Facilities- Update content, legal ref, and cross references
- 3.208 Facilities Planning- Update content and legal references
- 3.212 District Water Testing-Update procedure reference
- 3.218 Service Animals in District Facilities-Adopt new policy
- 3.400 Student Transportation Management-Update content, legal ref, and procedure ref
- 3.401 Scheduling and Routing-Update content and cross reference
- 3.402 Special Use of School Vehicles-Update content
- 3.403 Traffic and Parking Controls-Update cross references
- 3.404 Private Vehicles-Update content, legal references, and procedure reference
- 3.600 Insurance Management-Update content
- 4.600 Grading System-Delete old policy and replace with recommended TSBA policy





Chairman Rick Tipton stated that he would like to recognize the students scoring 30+ and bring them to the Board meeting in January and also have a couple of billboards put up with their picture to recognize them. Brian Wilhoit agreed that any accolade given to students scoring over 30, is well deserved and should be done. Michelle Holt said that she felt others who try their hardest but cannot make over 30 but were able to jump their score by 5 points, should receive recognition as well. Chairman Tipton stated that it is a big accomplishment to make over 30 and should be recognized. Nathan Brown asked how many we have in the county. Chairman Tipton said that he had sent out a message to the high school principals to see how many we have and currently we have 11 Seniors. Tom Cobble added that every student matters; Minnie Banks asked if we recognize these students as they go across the stage at graduation and felt like that would be a good time to recognize them. David McLain responded that we do not. Chairman Tipton asked the Board if it would be okay to bring the students in at the January meeting for recognition and the full Board agreed that would be a good idea. Chairman Tipton stated that the two billboards would cost \$1,032, plus a productions cost of \$260 for a total of \$1,292.

N. Approve Technology Wireless Access Points Bid. (VII-N)

On motion Made by Nathan Brown                      Seconded by Clark Justis

**Vote: 7 – 0**

VIII. Announcements

Tom Cobble sated that he would like to thank the entire school system for all of their hard work.

IX. Next regular meeting

- Date: January 24, 2019
- Time: 4:30 p.m.
- Place: Greene Technology Center

X. Adjournment: With no further business, Chairman Rick Tipton adjourned the meeting at 6:57 pm.