

GREENE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
James W. Parham Central Office Complex
SEPTEMBER 27, 2018 – 5:30 P.M.

The Greene County Board of Education met in regular session Thursday, September 27, 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 and that Michelle Holt was running late. He also introduced the student Board member, Jacob McAmis. Two students from Glenwood Elementary led the pledge, Tucker and Kinsley Sauceman. Nathan Brown led the Invocation.

III. Presentations & Celebrations

- Student Attendance – August 2018 – Glenwood @ 98.76% - Tucker and Kinsley Sauceman accepted the certificate for the Glenwood student body.
- Teacher Attendance – August 2018 – Nolachuckey @ 99.5% - Amy Brooks, Principal was present to accept the certificate.
- Art Presentations
 - Brandon Hall 4th grade Chuckey Elementary
 - Austin Vosburgh 9th grade WGHS
 - Marcos Gray 6th grade CDMS
 - Faith Fortner 9th grade SGHS
 - Stephanie Mathes 10th grade CDHS
 - Bradin Baskette 6th grade Nolachuckey
 - Aurora Carpenter 12th grade NGHS
 - Baylee Lowe 5th grade DeBusk Elem.
 - Kaytlin Stout 8th grade West Pines
 - Jacob Arnold 8th grade Mosheim
- SGHS student, Kallie Renner – Selected to the 2018 National FFA Band on flute and will perform at the National Convention in Louisville, Kentucky in October.
- WGHS Agriculture Mechanics Class-2nd Place at Gray Station Fair (WGHS students Caleb Ridley and Zach Wampler accepted the certificate on behalf of the team).
- Masonry Program Recognition–Dr. Cindy Bowman (Recognition of: Greeneville Builders Supply, General Shale/Mark Kinser, Mike Hillman, Richard Baker, Sherman Wampler, Danny Venerable/Grand Rental, Mark Norman, Greg Davis/WGHS, Randy Wells, GTC; David Myers, Central Services.

V. Reports, Hearings, and Communications

GCEA Representative – Rebecca Thornburg introduced her replacement Rhonda Lankford and thanked everyone for their dedication and hard work for the system.

Budget Monitoring Report-Mary Lou Finley – Revenues are up 1.2%; Expenditures are up .5%; everything is running smooth with no problems; monthly budget monitoring report and the monthly financial report submitted.

Personnel Report-Dr. Bill Ripley gave a brief Personnel update – *(see September 27, 2018, Board Agenda, Item V-C2-Attachment, Greene County Schools Personnel Update September, 2018, on our website at www.greenek12.org)*

Food Service Report-Dustin Burnette, Chartwells Food Service Director, gave an update on food service and noted that for the first 30 days we were 3,700 meals below the projected loss due to losing the CEP program at four schools, so we are doing better than projected. Seeing about \$150,000 more in second meals and Ala Carte participation; introducing a new concept – Student Choice; Preview food choices; 7 new station concepts for students to vote their choice for their school; Chartwells participated in Constitution Day and served 85 boxed lunches at the Federal Courthouse; Financial: \$23,263.57 surplus for August.

Director's Report – David McLain- Extremely busy with several meetings including the First Superintendent's Study Council; County Commission; County Insurance; TOSS Conference- directors came together from across the state to discuss post-secondary and early grade Literacy; He and Chairman Tipton met with the new Student Board Members and had breakfast with them (Jacob McAmis; CDHS; Emmaline Willis, NGHS; Chloe Kinser, SGHS; and Madison Warner, WGHS); Met with the Parent Advisory Committee; TSBA Fall District Meeting; Board Retreat; Excited to announce that we have six (6) Reward Schools for the 2017-2018 school year; We have been labeled as an Achieving School District; We have been a Level 5 District for 3 consecutive years; we want to continue to work to maintain this goal and as long as we have growth we know that we are continuing to improve. Thanks to the Board for allowing him to continue to serve the students of Greene County and thanks to everyone for continuing to work to make this a better school system.

VI. Old Business

A. Approve Policies on Second Reading: (VI-A)

- *No Policies on Second Reading for September, 2018*

VII. New Business

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

- *No Policies on First Reading for September – Next Meeting October, 2018*

B. Approve Procedures. (VII-B)

- *No Procedures for September – Next Meeting October, 2018*

C. Approve Title II and Title V 2018-2019 Amendment. (VII-C)

On motion Made by Nathan Brown Seconded by Brian Wilhoit

Vote: 7 – 0

D. Approve Coordinated School Health Grant Budget Amendment. (VII-D)

On motion Made by Michelle Holt Seconded by Tom Cobble

Vote: 7 – 0

E. Approve Title I Budget Amendment 1 FY19. (VII-E)

On motion Made by Nathan Brown Seconded by Clark Justis

Vote: 7 – 0

F. Approve Discipline Hearing Board. (VII-F)

On motion Made by Tom Cobble Seconded by Brian Wilhoit

Vote: 7 – 0

G. Approve IDEA Part B and Preschool Amendment 1 2018-19. (VII-G)

On motion Made by Tom Cobble Seconded by Clark Justis

Vote: 7 - 0

H. Approve CDHS Booster League Play Day 2018. (VII-H)

On motion Made by Tom Cobble Seconded by Michelle Holt

Vote: 7 – 0

I. Approve MOU for School Resource Officer Program. (VII-I)

On motion Made by Clark Justis Seconded by Nathan Brown

Vote: 7 – 0

M. Approve Out of State Trip Requests. (VII-M)

On motion Made by Nathan Brown Seconded by Michelle Holt

Vote: 7 – 0

N. Approve Contract between First Christian Church and CDHS. (VII-N)

On motion Made by Brian Wilhoit Seconded by Tom Cobble

Vote: 6 – 1 No-Banks

David McLain asked CDHS Principal, Shelly Smith to give a brief history of where we are with this. Ms. Smith stated that they had met with First Christian Church, Mr. McLain and Mr. Woolsey last spring to discuss the option of using CDHS as a satellite location over the weekend. She noted that many schools are now allowing people to utilize their facilities over the weekend. She stated that this summer FCC was instrumental in the upkeep of the school and outside maintenance; brought doughnuts to welcome back to school; fed the teachers for back to school retreat; feels this is a win-win for the community, school and the church. David McLain noted that this contract was given to county attorney, Roger Woolsey and he has reviewed and approved it.

Minnie Banks stated that she feels that if we rent or lease the school we are opening ourselves up to having to allow any group that requests it. She asked to clarify that we are legally protected and insured and if so, then it should be fine.

David McLain responded that we are self-insured with Greene County insurance. We do have a request for use of the school building policy and many are used. Since this is a reoccurring use, he felt we needed to bring this to the Board. The money for the lease will come to the Central Office. FCC is required to have a security team. Scott Wakefield, Lead Pastor of FCC also noted that they have an additional \$200,000 set aside for insurance and felt this will add value to the school and the community.

O. Approve the Sale of Retired Buses. (VII-O)

On motion Made by Clark Justis Seconded by: Nathan Brown

Vote: 7 – 0

Clark Justis noted that No Bids were received.

- P. Approve Resolution to Amend the General Fund Budget for Changes in Revenues and Expenditures for the Fiscal Year 2018-2019. (VII-P)

ADDENDUM ITEM

(ATTACHMENT REVISION ONLY)

On motion Made by Nathan Brown Seconded by Michelle Holt

Vote: 7 – 0

- Q. Approve 2018-2019 LEAPs Budget Amendment. (VII-Q)

On motion Made by Brian Wilhoit Seconded by Clark Justis

Vote: 7 – 0

- R. Discussion and possible action on NGHS Kitchen Addition. (VII-R)

On motion Made by Nathan Brown Seconded by Tom Cobble

Vote: 7 – 0

Minnie Banks why the money was coming from Instructional Equipment and not the undesignated fund balance. Mary Lou Finley, Budget Director, stated that she had put \$100,000 in that line and sales tax came in less so she took it off.

David McLain said to clarify; \$204,455 would be coming from the Fund Balance. The State of Tennessee will not allow you to take money from the Food Service Fund balance for the building but will allow you to use it for equipment items that can be picked up and moved.

- S. Approve UTRUST Appreciation Program. (VII-S)

On motion Made by Tom Cobble Seconded by Clark Justis

Vote: 7 – 0

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

On motion Made by Tom Cobble Seconded by Brian Wilhoit

Vote: 7 – 0

- U. Approve South Greene Boys Basketball Team to host a 3 on 3 basketball league on Saturdays during the month of October. (VII-U)

On motion Made by Michelle Holt Seconded by Tom Cobble

Vote: 7 – 0

V. Discuss giving Mr. McLain authority to contact Cooperative Strategies about possible future option to make Greene County Schools more efficient. (VII-V)

On motion Made by Brian Wilhoit Seconded by Nathan Brown
Vote: 5 – 2 NO-Cobble, Holt

David McLain said that he is asking for guidance on what the Board wants him to do. Nathan Brown said since he is the one who brought this to the Board he thought it would be good to reach out to Tracy Richter to give us guidelines and options to bring back to the Board since he already has all of the data and give us 2 or 3 options and also come to explain his recommendations. He said he would like the information to be available for the Board in October and have a quote from them. Mr. Brown noted that he had spoken to County Attorney, Roger Woolsey and he had said that this would be an addendum to his contract and we can go from there. Rick Tipton also agreed that it would be okay to get general information and present to the Board in October since they have the background and would like to see what they have to say about the buildings, the area they are in, the age and the upkeep. David McLain said that he would reach out to Roger Woolsey to be sure he is following what he recommends him to do. Chairman Tipton clarified that we are not voting to do anything except get some general information. Michelle Holt asked if he had not already presented all of this to us in his meetings. Brian Wilhoit responded yes, he gave us a recommendation and they had voted as a Board to go with that recommendation and the County Commission voted not to fund it. He said now we are back to zero but the problem did not go away, it just exacerbates. We have been at this for two years and the problem has gotten worse since we continue to lose kids. Now we have to look at other things and it makes sense to use Tracy Richter and we may have to bid it out then we will but we need to do something.

Michelle Holt stated that before she could vote for this she would want to know that we were doing everything right.

Minnie Banks suggested we go back, talk with our industries, our community and our community leaders like Mr. Bewley and ask them what they would like to see us pursue before we go back into this.

Nathan Brown responded that he felt that Mr. Bewley was talking about mainly helping high school students.

Brian Wilhoit added that this would be for the overall District.

Nathan Brown said that we all know what Cooperative Strategies recommended in their plan and we continue to go in the hole so the problem is not gone. He just want to be sure we have the right information and are doing the right thing moving forward.

Minnie Banks agreed that she would need more information and we need to try to bring our community together and listen to the industry side and see what their expectation are. Rick Tipton stated that he would reach out to Mr. Bewley and try to get a retreat scheduled and then we could look at the information that Mr. McLain gathers as well.

Michelle Holt reminded everyone that during the community meetings before there were industry leaders there and they all decided they wanted CTE onsite and we tried to do that, which was one of the driving forces of the plan.

ADDENDUM ITEM

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

(NORTH GREENE HIGH SCHOOL CAFETERIA ADDITION)

On motion Made by Nathan Brown Seconded by Clark Justis

Vote: 7 – 0

VIII. Announcements

- Board quarterly timesheets are due by September 30, 2018. (July, Aug., Sept.)
(Also, payroll requires the electronic entry for State tracking purposes-for questions or to refresh how to do electronic reporting, see Myra Darnell.)

IX. Election of 2018-2019 Board of Education Officers

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- Chairman Rick Tipton opened the floor for nominations of officers.
- Tom Cobble made the Nomination for Rick Tipton to remain Board Chairman. With no other nominations, Rick Tipton was re-elected as 2018-2019 Board Chairman by acclamation.
- Tom Cobble made the Nomination for Nathan Brown to remain Board Vice-Chairman. With no other nominations, Nathan Brown was re-elected as 2018-2019 Board Vice-Chairman by acclamation.

- Rick Tipton made the Nomination for Trenda Berney to remain Board Secretary. With no other nominations, Trenda Berney was re-elected as 2018-2019 Board Secretary by acclamation.
- TSBA Delegate Assembly (Based on enrollment-may have 4 Delegates and alternates)
Rick Tipton stated that the delegates were to be determined later. All others may be alternates
- TLN Representative – Chairman Rick Tipton asked Clark Justis if he would continue as TLN and Mr. Justis agreed that he would.
- Committee Assignments:

Committee Assignments-Chairman Rick Tipton gave a handout listing the Committee Assignments for 2018-2019:

Policy Committee (Rick Tipton, Rom Cobble, Clark Justis, Minnie Banks);

Bid Committee (Nathan Brown, Clark Justis, Michelle Holt);

Curriculum Committee (Rick Tipton, Clark Justis, Michelle Holt);

Long Range Planning Committee (Tom Cobble, Brian Wilhoit, Rick Tipton, Nathan Brown, Clark Justis, Minnie Banks, Michelle Holt)

X. Next regular meeting

- Date: October 25, 2018
- Time: 4:30 p.m.
- Place: Greene Technology Center

XI. Adjournment – On Motion by Brian Wilhoit, and with no further business, Chairman Rick Tipton adjourned the meeting at 7:17 pm.