

GREENE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Minutes

May 28, 2015

The Greene County Board of Education met in regular session Thursday, May 28, 2015, at 5:00 p.m., at the James W. Parham Central Office.

Chairman Rick Tipton called the meeting to order and noted all Board members were present except Brian Wilhoit and that Michelle Holt was running late. The pledge to the flag was led by Tom Cobble, and Nathan Brown led the Invocation.

III. PRESENTATIONS & CELEBRATIONS

Presentations were given to the following students:

CDMS – Round Robin Champions- Tim Shelton, Principal of CDMS accepted certificates for the Round Robin. The Team includes Sedona Rice, Hanna Taylor, Katie Tipton, Breanna Shelton, Jordan Morelock, Nicholas Haynes, Anleighe Kelley, Olivia Myers with Coach: Brandy McAmis

AFJROTC Outstanding Instructors certificates awarded to of Major David Wims and MSgt Kent Lyon

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA INCLUDING CONSENT AGENDA AND ADDENDUM

Approve the Agenda, Consent Agenda and Addendum

On motion by Nathan Brown, seconded by Clark Justis

Vote: 5 – 0 Passed

V. REPORTS, HEARINGS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Board Report-Kathy Austin reported that several Board members attended the School Board Academy Board Policy and Operations workshop in Johnson City and noted that it was very informative.

Budget Report – Mary Lou Woolsey, Budget Director, gave a brief update on the budget stating that Property Tax is up 1.9 % and Sales Tax is up 4.9%. Current revenues were listed at \$42,956,000 compared to last year's amount of \$41,955,000. The expenditures are at \$33,756,000 and last year was \$33,916,000. She reported the undesignated fund balance as 2.174.

Personnel Report-Bill Ripley gave a brief personnel update for the month. (See May, 2015 Board Agenda, Item V-C2-Attachment, Greene County Schools Personnel Update May, 2015 on our website at www.greenek12.org)

Michelle Holt arrived to the meeting at 5:14 p.m.

Director's Report-Director of Schools, Mrs. Judy Phillips addressed the following in her report:

Ms. Phillips noted that the office has been very busy with end of year reports, budget work and in preparation for the Personnel Reception that was held on May 22nd. She commended Mr. Ripley on organizing the event.

VI-OLD BUSINESS

Approve Policies on 2nd Reading

On motion made by Tom Cobble, seconded by Nathan Brown

Vote: 6 – 0 Passed

- 4.502 – Parent Family Involvement
- 4.503 – Retention
- 4.701 – Maintaining Test Security
- 4.802 – Student Equal Access

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Approve Policies on 1st Reading

On motion made by Nathan Brown, seconded by Tom Cobble

Vote: 6 – 0 Passed

- 4.801 - Controversial Materials
- 5.105 - Recruitment of Employees
- 5.106 - Application and Employment
- 5.115 - Assignment Transfer
- 5.117- Procedure for Granting Tenure

B. Approve Job Descriptions

On motion made by Clark Justis, seconded by Tom Cobble

Vote: 6 – 0 Passed

C. Approve Camps to Attend and Host

On motion made by Nathan Brown, seconded by Michelle Holt

Vote: 6 – 0 Passed

D. Approve Title I Budget 15:01 Amendment 3

On motion made by Tom Cobble, seconded by Clark Justis

Vote: 6 – 0 Passed

E. Approve Volunteer Coaches

On motion made by Kathy Austin, seconded by Nathan Brown

Vote: 6 – 0 Passed

F. Approve Bids for Special Education

On motion made by Clark Justis, seconded by Tom Cobble

Vote: 6 – 0 Passed

- G. Approve 2015-2016 Food Service Budget
On motion made by Michelle Holt, seconded by Nathan Brown
Vote: 6 – 0 Passed
- H. Approve IDEA Part B Discretionary Grant 2014-2015 Amendment 1
On motion made by Tom Cobble, seconded by Clark Justis
Vote: 6 – 0 Passed
- I. Approve SGHS Batting Cage
On motion made by Nathan Brown, seconded by Michelle Holt
Vote: 6 – 0 Passed
- J. Approve ESEA and IDEA Consolidated Budget FY 2016
On motion made by Clark Justis, seconded by Nathan Brown
Vote: 6 – 0 Passed
- K. Approve 2015-2016 Carl Perkins Budget
On motion made by Tom Cobble, seconded by Michelle Holt
Vote: 6 – 0 Passed
- L. Approve CDHS to Co-Op with NGHS Soccer
On motion made by Tom Cobble, seconded by Michelle Holt
Vote: 6 – 0 Passed
- M. Approve Moving money from Diesel to Parts
On motion made by Kathy Austin, seconded by Clark Justis
Vote: 6 – 0 Passed
- N. Approve Budget Amendment for LEAPs, Family Resource, CSH
On motion made by Clark Justis, seconded by Nathan Brown
Vote: 6 – 0 Passed
- O. Approve 2014-2015 Carl Perkins Budget Amendment
On motion made by Nathan Brown, seconded by Tom Cobble
Vote: 6 – 0 Passed
- P. Approve 2015-2016 General Purpose Budget (Voted on at the beginning of Action Items)
On motion made by Nathan Brown, seconded by Michelle Holt
Before the Vote Nathan Brown and Tom Cobble read Conflict of Interest Statements
Vote: 6 – 0 Passed

Chairman Rick Tipton asked to vote on the Budget first so that if there were any amendments Budget Director, Mary Lou Woolsey would be able to make those changes. He asked Ms. Phillips to give more information if necessary. Ms. Phillips stated that when they received the last May BEP estimate it was \$90,000 less than the last time the Board had met and discussed their plan for the expenditures. With that reduction, she said that the budget had to be reduced by that amount and they had looked at the last item

that the Board approved and did not include that in the budget. The item removed was the supplements for the Webmasters. She said that the other amounts of money had come from where they had estimated the salary increases in the categories and the ones that were over. She noted that the budget still had the 3% increase for personnel, the addition of the Central Office Clerical position, the addition of the CDC teacher at Mosheim, the 12 teaching assistants, the increase in substitute pay, and the Niswonger Online Courses were all still included in the budget. Ms. Austin stated that she wanted to be sure the new Board members were aware that the State has discontinued the Career Ladder Extended Contract and state money was no longer going to be available and if we keep the Extended Contract then local money would have to cover the \$65,000 and asked if someone could give the Board more information about it. Chairman Tipton asked Dr. Julia Lamons if she would please give the Board more information about the Extended Contract. Dr. Lamons told the Board that last year \$20,000 of the local supplement was put in toward the \$65,000 Extended Contract because the State has been reducing their contribution over the last couple of years. She noted that the activities that the Extended Contract pays are for Assessment Coaches, Tutoring, Credit Recover and also includes the work for the teacher's resource notebooks. Dr. Lamons stated that she felt these activities were vital to the student achievement and that these activities need to continue. Ms. Austin asked if all teachers could apply or only Career Level II or III. Dr. Lamons stated that was no longer a requirement since the money is now going to be local and all teachers could apply.

Kathy Austin stated that she is also concerned about stipends as a whole because there are so many and some teachers feel that they do not have the opportunity to participate and feel left out. Mr. Tipton asked to clarify that this was for Learning Leaders and Ms. Austin said that it was and also the Academic Coaches. Judy Phillips responded and said that the majority of the stipends come from Title funds and not the General Budget.

Another Budget item Ms. Austin discussed was the Director's Line. She said that she was confused that the line for next year still has \$104,000 and she did not realize that this is not just salary but is also car allowance and the actual salary that Dr. Kirk was receiving was \$98,800 and the rest was the car allowance. She said that she had misunderstood that we were going to pay the director \$100,000, car allowance plus the \$4,500 travel allowance in this category. She said this could potentially be \$109,000. Mr. Tipton said we could break it down and then give a total salary for clarification and asked Ms. Woolsey to put a note in the line so it would be clearer that the actual salary would be \$105,000.

Q. Discuss and Possible Action on Remaining Capital Funds

On motion made by Nathan Brown, seconded by Tom Cobble

Vote: 6 – 0 Passed

Chairman Tipton noted two items that the Board had already decided they wanted to add to the list; 1) Basketball Goal Winches at CDMS, WGHS and NGHS due to safety issues (\$50,000) and 2) McDonald Elementary Bathroom partitions (\$11,000). Clark Justis noted that the CDMS roofing costs have gone up by \$8,000-\$9,000 and that each time we put off a project there is potential for the costs to increase 10%-15%. Mr. Tipton

announced that the remaining Capital Funds total was \$198,137.88 and then subtracted the two items that he listed above which will leave \$137,137.88. The Board decided to also add the CDMS roof (\$28,000) which took the ending balance to \$109,137.88. Clark Justis also suggested that the Board consider the locker projects at WGHS Field House and CDMS. The Board agreed to add the CDMS Lockers (\$55,000) which then brought the ending balance to \$54,137.88. Kathy Austin stated that she would like to be able to roll some of the funds back into the Fund Balance. After discussing different projects to add to the list, the Board decided to vote on adding each project separately.

Basketball Goal Winches for CDMS, WGHS and NGHS (\$50,000)

McDonald Elementary Bathroom Partitions (\$11,000)

(Voted together)

On Motion by Clark Justis, seconded by Tom Cobble

Vote: 6 – 0 Passed

CDMS Lockers (\$55,000)

On Motion by Tom Cobble, seconded by Clark Justis

Vote: 4 – 2 Passed

No – Austin, Holt

Yes – Brown, Cobble, Justis, Tipton

CDMS Roof Replacement (\$28,000)

On Motion by Tom Cobble, seconded by Nathan Brown

Vote: 6 – 0 Passed

Patching Tennis Courts at SGHS and NGHS (\$5,000)

On Motion by Tom Cobble, seconded by Michelle Holt

Vote: 6 – 0 Passed

WGHS Field House Lockers (\$25,000)

On Motion by Clark Justis, seconded by Tom Cobble

Vote: 3 – 3 Failed for Lack of Majority Vote

No – Austin, Brown, Holt

Yes – Cobble, Justis, Tipton

Move Remaining Funds of \$49,157.88 back to the Fund Balance

On Motion by Kathy Austin, seconded by Nathan Brown

Vote: 5 – 1

No – Justis

Yes – Austin, Brown, Cobble, Holt, Tipton

R. Approve Director's Contract *(David McLain and Chairman Rick Tipton signed the contract)*

On motion made by Tom Cobble, seconded by Clark Justis

Vote: 6 – 0 Passed

On Motion by Nathan Brown, Second by Michelle Holt, and with no further business, the Board adjourned at 6:32 p.m.