

**OFFICIAL
MINUTES OF THE BLOUNT COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**

The Blount County Board of Education met in Regular Session on Thursday, January 5, 2017 at 5:00 p.m. in the John P. Davis, Jr. Boardroom at the Central Office.

A **Moment of Silence** was observed

The **Pledge of Allegiance** was led by Caty Beth Marsh and Jenna Williams, 8th grade students at Heritage Middle School

Roll Call

- Jim Compton Absent
- Charles Finley Present
- Fred Goins Present
- Scott Helton Present
- Robbie Kirkland Present
- Bill Padgett Present
- Debbie Sudhoff Present

The clerk declared a quorum and Chairman Sudhoff called the meeting to order

There were no **Comments from the Community on Agenda Items**

System Highlights

- Art Gallery-Eagleton and Rockford Elementary Schools
- Art Showcase-Eagleton and Rockford Elementary Schools
- Boardroom-Union Grove Middle School

Director of Schools' Report

Rob Britt

Mr. Britt reported that second semester is off to a good beginning. Heritage and William Blount have delayed sending home report cards due to End of Course test scores not being back. One Book Blitz is scheduled for Monday, January 9th and is a combined project with Alcoa and Maryville City Schools. Teacher of the Year banquet is scheduled for January 24th. Parent/Teacher Advisory Council has been organized and a meeting will be scheduled at a later date.

Personnel Report

David Murrell

Source4Teachers (S4T) has continued to work in the area of recruiting substitute teachers throughout the community to improve the daily fill rate for teacher absences. In partnership with S4T we are establishing a floater sub program in five schools with our lowest teacher fill rate: Eagleton Middle, Heritage High, Mary Blount Elementary, Union Grove Elementary, and Union Grove Middle. In this program, the floater subs will report to the same school site each day and will either be used at that school or be dispatched to neighboring schools with an opening. S4T is working to fill these positions with substitutes willing to work five days per week.

Technology Report

John Herron

In December: 164 tickets were closed and 467 new items were processed.

Facilities Maintenance Report

Gary Farmer

In December: 179 new work orders were received; 240 work orders were closed; and 223 work orders remain open. Rockford and Everett roofing projects are complete; repair to the roof at Eagleton Elementary is 70% complete; work on the roof at Lanier Elementary is in progress; and materials for the roof at Porter Elementary are expected to arrive on January 16th.

Executive Committee Report

Debbie Sudhoff

- Approval of Union Grove Elementary Annual Orange and Blue Basketball Game to be held on Friday, December 16, 2016

Motion by Mr. Finley to approve the Executive Committee Report

Seconded by Fred Goins

Vote: 6/0 Passed

Motion by Mr. Helton to approve the Consent Agenda

Seconded by Mr. Finley

Vote: 6/0 Passed

Consent Agenda

1. Approval of **Agenda** for January 5, 2017, Regular Meeting
2. Approval of **Minutes** for December 1, 2016, Regular Meeting
3. Approval of **Policy 4.209 Alternative Credit Option** (Editorial Change)
4. Approval of **Non-Paid, Non-Faculty Coaches**
 - Juan Hernandez-Heritage High School-Wrestling
 - Tyler Coppenger-Heritage High School-Wrestling
5. Approval of **Trips**
 - Heritage High School Indoor Colorguard-Walland Elementary-January 20-21, 2017
 - Heritage High School Indoor Colorguard-Walland Elementary-February 3-4, 2017
 - Heritage High School Band and Choir-Carowinds in Charlotte, NC-May 5-7, 2017

Debbie

Sudhoff

Mr. Goins requested Agenda Item #7 be tabled and Mrs. Sudhoff requested Agenda Item #4 be pulled from the agenda.

Motion by Mr. Finley to set the agenda tabling Agenda Item #7 and pulling Agenda Item #4 from the agenda

Seconded by Mr. Padgett

Vote: 6/0 Passed

Agenda:

1. Discussion and possible action regarding **Budget Increase** for tennis courts at Heritage and William Blount High

Schools Fund 141-76100 (GPSF) \$313,500

Bill Padgett

This comes as a recommendation from the Athletic Committee

Motion by Mr. Finley to approve

Seconded by Mr. Padgett

Vote: 6/0 Passed

2. Discussion and possible action regarding **Budget Increase** Fund 146-73300 (Extended School Friends) \$3,400

Troy Logan

This is an increase for mini-grant funds received through the School Health state funding

Motion by Mr. Finley to approve

Seconded by Mr. Padgett

Vote: 6/0 Passed

3. Discussion and possible action regarding **Budget Increase** Fund 141-71200 (GPSF) \$25,000 **Troy Logan**

Transfer of funds to correct object code to purchase Special Education instructional supplies which do not meet the definition of equipment, i.e. greater than \$500

Motion by Mr. Padgett to approve

Seconded by Mr. Finley

Vote: 6/0 Passed

4. Discussion and possible action regarding **Budget Increase** Fund 141-72810 (GPSF) \$590,000 **Troy Logan**

Pulled from the Agenda

5. Discussion and possible action regarding **Second Reading**-Students in Foster Care (New Policy)

Debbie Sudhoff

Motion by Mr. Finley to approve

Seconded by Mr. Goins

Vote: 6/0 Passed

6. Discussion and possible action regarding **Second Reading**-Work Based Learning Program (New Policy)

Debbie Sudhoff

Motion by Mr. Padgett to approve

Seconded by Mr. Finley

Vote: 6/0 Passed

7. Discussion and possible action regarding **refinishing four of the elementary gym floors**-Walland, Friendsville,

Lanier, and Rockford

Fred Goins

Tabled

8. Discussion and possible action regarding **adding four part-time reading interventionists** for elementary schools

Fred Goins

A request of four part-time reading interventionists to help elementary schools with reading intervention. These new employees would work under the direction of the principal and help students whether they are an advanced learner, regular or special education student. Mr. Kirkland stated it is late in the school year to be adding new positions and this item can be addressed during the upcoming budget process.

Motion by Mr. Finley to approve

Seconded by Mr. Padgett

Roll Call vote requested:

- Mr. Finley Yes
- Mr. Goins Yes
- Mr. Helton No
- Mr. Kirkland No
- Mr. Padgett Yes
- Mrs. Sudhoff No

Vote: 3/3 Failed

There were no **Comments from the Blount County Education Association**

Comments from Student Representatives

Vance Davis (WB) stated donations had been collected for the fire victims in Sevier County; basketball is in full swing; the recent choral concert went well; theatre students recently presented an outstanding production; and students are looking forward to the new semester

There were no **Committee Reports**

There were no **Comments from the Community Regarding Items Not on the Agenda**

Comments from the Board

Mr. Goins asked what had been filled from the principal's wish list last year. Mr. Britt is to email the final results to the Board.

Motion to Adjourn by Mr. Finley

Seconded by Mr. Goins

Meeting Adjourned

Debbie Sudhoff, Chairman

Rob Britt, Secretary