

MINUTES

MURFREESBORO CITY SCHOOL BOARD

Tuesday, July 26, 2011

6:30 p.m.—Council Chambers

ATTENDANCE

Board: Chair Mary Wade, Susan Andrews, Butch Campbell, Nancy Duggin, Nancy Phillips, Dennis Rainier, and Council Liaison Ron Washington. Absent: Ray Butrum.

Staff: Director Linda Gilbert, Gary Anderson, Caresa Brooks, Karen Hawkins, Greg Lyles, Priscilla Van Tries, and Ralph Ringstaff.

Others: Staff Attorney Kelley Baker, and others.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

I. CALL TO ORDER BY BOARD CHAIR

Chair Mary Wade called the meeting to order at approximately 6:30 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

On motion by Mr. Campbell and second by Mrs. Duggin, the agenda was approved by acclamation.

III. COMMUNICATIONS

- Project SOAR (Special Opportunities for Acceleration and Reinforcement) has been renewed for 2011-12 in the amount of \$194,000. The grant will provide scholarships for at-risk students at Bradley, Hob good, and Mitchell-Neilson Primary and Elementary to attend our after-school program and receive extended learning opportunities.
- Congratulations to the Foundation's 2011 grant recipients. (See attached list)
- All are invited to attend the "Wink in Time" event scheduled for the Oakland Historic Home on July 29, 2011 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. The event is free with food and planned activities, and participants will have an opportunity to see lifestyles from that era.

- Mitchell-Neilson Schools will hold a “Block Party” on Thursday evening, August 4, 2011, from 5:30-7:00 p.m. Students will enjoy pizza, participate in a variety of activities, and from 6:30-7:00 p.m. will have an opportunity to visit with their teacher.

IV. CONSENT ITEMS (Tab 1)

On motion by Mr. Rainier and second by Mr. Campbell, the following consent agenda items were approved:

- A. Minutes of the June 28, 2011 Board Meeting and July 12, 2011 Special Called Meeting/Policy Review Board Meeting
- B. The Agreement of Understanding with Mid-Cumberland Head Start
- C. School Fees

V. ACTION ITEMS

- A. Board Policies on Second Reading (Tab 2)

PER 9—Fringe Benefits for Full-Time Employees (*Revision*)

Mrs. Duggin moved to approve PER 9—Fringe Benefits for Full-Time Employees as presented; Mr. Campbell seconded the motion. On roll call: Campbell—yes; Duggin—yes; Phillips—yes; Rainier—yes; Wade—yes. The motion carried.

STU 58—Interscholastic Athletics (*New Policy*)

Mr. Rainier moved to approve STU 58—Interscholastic Athletics as presented; Mr. Campbell seconded the motion. Mr. Ringstaff clarified that only MCS students can participate in the school system’s interscholastic athletics. Mrs. Phillips noted that the Murfreesboro Parks and Recreation Department has programs that students can participate in if they are home-schooled, in private schools, etc. Mr. Rainier pointed out that parents of students who wish to participate in the athletic programs are responsible for the cost of the required physical exam.

On roll call: Campbell—yes; Duggin—yes; Phillips—yes; Rainier—yes; Wade—yes. The motion carried.

(Dr. Andrews arrived after the action items had been addressed.)

VI. REPORTS/INFORMATION

A. Personnel Update (Tab 3)

B. Monthly Revenue and Expenditure Report (Tab 4)

Mr. Anderson explained that although the net income for June 30, 2011 indicates a deficit of approximately \$2.9 million, the system has already received an additional \$1.445 million for the month of May, and anticipates receiving in the month of June an additional \$750,000 totaling about \$2.2 million which we receive after the fiscal year ends. The true financial status of the system comes when the auditors arrive and close out the accounts when all appropriate income has been received. On the expense side, encumbered expenditures are adjusted at the end of the year; some of those expenditures will be adjusted to fund balance such as the purchase of the laptops. Approximately \$300,000 was encumbered for the purchase of school buses. He noted that health insurance costs increased by \$309,000, and it will take approximately two years to recoup the \$117,000 cost for the early retirement incentive. The Board should receive the year-end financial report in October or November.

C. Camp PRISM—Greg Lyles, Teachers Kelley Kleppinger and Kristy Lewis, Dr. Rebecca Calahan/MTSU

Mr. Lyles provided a video of activities that took place during Camp PRISM (Practice in Science and Math). Students who participated in the camp visited different businesses such as a the Vaught farm, Nissan plant, City Hall with Mayor Bragg, and the city's traffic engineer, etc. Mr. Lyles introduced teachers Casey Sims, Kristy Lewis, MTSU Professor Dr. Rebecca Calahan, and Mr. Johnson Reng who shared his experiences as one of the Lost Boys of Sudan.

D. Junior Achievement—Trent Klingensmith and Leslie Eatherly

Ms. Leslie Eatherly, Academic Program Coordinator in ESP, stated that the system partnered with Junior Achievement serving approximately 1,161 students for more than 100 hours during the after school program. Junior Achievement trained 63 ESP staff members to facilitate the program.

Mr. Trent Klingensmith stated that the objective of the Junior Achievement program is to help students understand the relevance of their education through real life experiences. He showed a video clip of a mock town where students are interviewed for jobs, make purchases, start businesses, etc., immersing them in the business/employment experiences

using their math, science, reading, etc. skills. He stated that he looks forward to expanding the relationship with MCS.

VII. OTHER BUSINESS

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no other business, Chair Wade adjourned the board meeting at approximately 6:55 p.m.

Director of Schools

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To assure academic and personal success
for each child.