

MINUTES

MURFREESBORO CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL CALLED BOARD MEETING--
POLICY WORK SESSION
Tuesday, January 8, 2013
6:00 p.m.—Central Administration Building

ATTENDANCE

Board: Chair Mary Wade, Jared Barrett, Andy Brown, Butch Campbell, Nancy Phillips, Nancy Rainier, Collier Smith, and Council Liaison Ron Washington.

Staff: Director Linda Gilbert, Gary Anderson, Sheri Arnette, Caresa Brooks, Kim Frank, Patty Kennedy, Karen Hawkins, Greg Lyles, Kristina Maddux, and Lisa Trail.

Others: Staff Attorney Kelley Baker and Principals.

ORDER OF BUSINESS

I. CALL TO ORDER BY BOARD CHAIR

Chair Wade called the meeting to order at approximately 6:00 p.m.

II. APPROVAL TO EXTEND CONTRACT WITH JANE D. FRANKS FOR EDUCATIONAL CONSULTING SERVICES

Dr. Gilbert explained that Ms. Franks had assisted Mitchell-Neilson Elementary last year, providing support for the principal, teachers, etc. Principal Robin Newell stated that her students' academic performance improved, in part from the support from Ms. Franks who worked seamlessly throughout the school providing support in many areas. Dr. Gilbert asked the Board to approve the extension of Ms. Frank's contract for the duration of the school year at a cost of \$10,000 so that this same support could be provided at John Pittard Elementary.

Mrs. Rainier moved to approve the extension of Ms. Frank's contract as proposed; Mrs. Phillips seconded the motion. On roll call: Barrett—yes; Brown—yes; Campbell—yes; Phillips—yes; Rainier—yes; Smith—yes; Wade—yes. The motion carried.

III. BOARD POLICY REVIEW

Passed on First Reading:

BO 5—School Board Meetings (*Revision*)

Mrs. Baker reviewed the changes as indicated on BO 5—School Board Meetings, that had been approved on first reading by the Board. She stated that she had no further recommended revisions. Mr. Campbell moved to bring BO 5 as presented back to the Board for approval on second reading; Dr. Brown seconded the motion. The motion carried by acclamation.

STU 35—Tobacco-Free Schools (*Revision*)

Mrs. Baker pointed out that the revision to STU 35 states: *Smoking shall be prohibited within fifty feet of a designated school bus stop.* The Board had approved the policy on first reading. Mrs. Phillips stated that although she supports the revision to the policy, she has reservations regarding the Board passing a policy that is difficult to enforce. Mr. Campbell stated that it is better to have the policy as a bus driver will be able to notify parents that it is prohibited by Board policy. Mrs. Wade suggested that signage on the side of the district's buses could be used to notify parents and other adults who accompany students to the bus stop about the restriction. Mrs. Rainier asked that all parents receive notification of the restriction. After further discussion, Mrs. Rainier moved to bring STU 35 as presented back to the Board for approval on second reading; Mr. Campbell seconded the motion. The motion carried by acclamation.

STU 44—Care of School Property (*Revision*)

Mrs. Baker reviewed the revisions to STU 44 noting that the policy had been approved on first reading by the Board, and she had no additional recommended revisions. Mr. Barrett moved to bring STU 44 as presented back to the Board for approval on second reading; Mr. Campbell seconded the motion. The motion carried by acclamation.

IV. VISIONING – DR. GLORIA BONNER

Dr. Bonner stated that she has worked with the Board and district administrators on two different occasions and provided them with a document detailing the information derived from those meetings. She reviewed the chain of command both at the University level and school district level and the importance each plays in moving forward in developing a vision. She noted the three divisions previously determined, and asked the group to work on #3—Enhanced Partnerships to develop a model that can be used in future work to develop the district's vision. Everyone was divided into groups that were represented by Board members, principals and central office administrators. Their charge was to develop a model that included goals and then the measurable strategies that could be used to reach those goals.

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V. REVIEW OF JANUARY 22, 2013 DRAFT AGENDA

Mrs. Wade asked the Board to forward to Dr. Gilbert any items they might wish to have placed on the January 22 board agenda.

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

VII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chair Wade adjourned the meeting at approximately 7:55 p.m.

Director of Schools

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