

## MINUTES

### MURFREESBORO CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION SPECIAL CALLED BOARD MEETING-- POLICY WORK SESSION Tuesday, September 17, 2013 6:00 p.m.—Council Chambers

#### ATTENDANCE

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

Staff: Director Linda Gilbert, Gary Anderson, Lea Bartch, Caresa Brooks, Greg Lyles, Joe Marlin, and Ralph Ringstaff.

Others: Staff Attorney Kelley Baker and Others.

#### ORDER OF BUSINESS

##### I. CALL TO ORDER BY BOARD CHAIR

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

##### II. APPROVAL OF TECHNOLOGY PURCHASE PLAN

Mr. Anderson explained that City Council has approved the funding means for the district's technology plan which will cost \$800,000 a year over the next five years. The City will provide \$500,000 with MCS paying \$300,000 a year over the next five years. The payment for the current year is not included in the district's budget so the Board is being asked to approve taking \$300,000 from fund balance this fiscal year. In following years, this amount will be a part of the budget.

In response to Mrs. Phillips' question, Dr. Gilbert explained that the youngest technology we have was purchased in 2007, so the district is in need of purchasing technology. In addition with the move to Common Core, the state has entered a partnership with PARCC mandating that assessments will be given online. The district has been informed it will be a pilot this year so the district is moving forward to purchase the needed technology.

Mr. Campbell moved to approve the district's Technology Purchase Plan as presented; Mr. Barrett seconded the motion. The motion carried by acclamation.

III. BOARD POLICY REVIEW

***For Further Discussion: (Passed on First Reading)***

FM 14—Energy Management and Conservation (*Revision*)

Mr. Anderson explained that FM 14 was revised to include ASHRAE standards as indicated to prevent schools from sacrificing a comfortable learning environment to save on utilities. Dr. Brown moved to approve FM 14 as presented to be brought back to the Board for approval on second reading; Mr. Barrett seconded the motion. The motion carried by acclamation.

IS 17—Relations with Education Research and Service Centers (*Revision*)

Mrs. Baker pointed out that IS 17 was revised to include: #6. *The value of the project for individual schools should be considered, and # 8. The research project shall comply with the relevant provisions of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, including but not limited to 34 CFR §99.31(a)(6).* Mr. Campbell moved to approve IS 17 as presented to be brought back to the Board for approval on second reading; Mr. Barrett seconded the motion. The motion carried by acclamation.

STU 25—Suspension/Expulsion/Remand (*Revision*)

Mrs. Baker pointed out that STU 25 was revised to add school bus drivers and other personnel in reference to assaults with vulgar, obscene, or threatening language with the policy now including all personnel. Mrs. Phillips moved to approve STU 25 as presented to be brought back to the Board for approval on second reading; Mrs. Rainier seconded the motion. The motion carried by acclamation.

BO 48—Section 504 Complaint/Grievance Procedures (*New*)

Mrs. Baker stated that BO 48 is a policy that stipulates how a student with disabilities can complain or file a grievance if they do not believe following meetings with administrators that they have been provided reasonable accommodations to access the educational system. It is equivalent to education's version of the American with Disabilities Act. The policy will be revised to reflect that it is a policy relative to students, not employees. The Office of Civil Rights provides guidances that help define what disabilities would fall under this policy. Mrs. Debra Savely is the district's 504 Coordinator. Mrs. Rainier moved that BO 48 be approved with the revision of changing "employee" on lines 1 and 29 to "student" to be brought back to the Board for approval on second reading; Mrs. Phillips seconded the motion. The motion carried by acclamation.

IV. REVIEW OF DRAFT SEPTEMBER 24, 2013 AGENDA

Mr. Campbell stated that he will not be in attendance at the September 24 meeting and would like to move the action item of electing Board officers to the October 15 policy review meeting. It was noted that TSBA's Board Chair Orientation training will be held on Friday, October 18. Mr. Campbell moved that the election of Board officers be moved to the October 15 policy review meeting agenda; Mrs. Phillips seconded the motion. The motion carried by acclamation.

V. ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Lyles explained that he and Marisela Tapia have served on an MTSU committee headed by Reverend James McCarroll with the charge to provide initiatives that create a better connection between MTSU and the community. One initiative is to "paint the town blue." The event date is October 4. More information will be shared. There is also a suggestion that an "App" be developed that will allow community members to look at what is going on at MTSU.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:30 p.m.

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Director of Schools

***MISSION STATEMENT***

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for each child.*