

MINUTES
Murfreesboro City School Board
6 p.m., Tuesday, June 28, 2016
Administrative Offices 2552 S. Church Street

ATTENDANCE

Jared Barrett, Andy Brown, Chair Butch Campbell, Phil King, Nancy Phillips, Nancy Rainier, and Collier Smith.

Staff: Dr. Linda Gilbert, Gary Anderson, Sheri Arnett, Caresa Dodson, Shavon Davis-Louis, Kim Frank, Joe Marlin, Ralph Ringstaff, Pam Holden, Luke Dickerson, Lisa Trail, and Natalie Hopkins.

Assistant City Attorney Kelley Baker and Council Liaison Ron Washington.

I. CALL TO ORDER BY BOARD CHAIR

The Pledge of Allegiance was led collectively by Dr. Brown, Ms. Phillips, and Mr. Washington. The Pledge was immediately followed by a moment of silence.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Mr. Barrett moved to approve the agenda with Chair Campbell's addition of Recognition of Board Retirees under Action Items. Ms. Smith seconded the motion. All approved by saying aye.

III. ACTION ITEMS

Recognition of Retirees

Chair Campbell recognized that this is the final School Board Meeting for Board Members Andy Brown and Nancy Phillips as well as for City Council Liaison Ron Washington. Dr. Gilbert, followed by each Board member, recognized the traits and qualities brought to the Murfreesboro City School Board by Dr. Brown and Ms. Phillips as well as those of Mr. Washington as City Council Liaison. Chair Campbell concluded by saying he wishes all three would change their minds. Dr. Brown and Ms. Phillips both expressed their thanks to the Board and to the educators and staff in the district that work hard not only to educate children but to put children first in the process acknowledging that it takes a special person to be a part of the education system.

Approval of Board Policies: *Second Reading*

Ms. Baker explained that the following Board Policies are before the Board on second reading.

- 1.501, Visitors to the School

After brief discussion, Dr. Brown moved to approve Board Policy 1.501. Ms. Rainier seconded the motion, and all approved by saying aye.

- 4.400, Instructional Materials

Ms. Smith moved to approve Board Policy 4.400. Mr. Barrett seconded the motion, and all approved by saying aye.

- 4.804, Religious Content of Courses

Ms. Baker said that State law requires the floor to be open to public for comment on this policy. Chair Campbell opened the floor for comments and there were none. Ms. Phillips moved to approve Board Policy 4.804. Dr. Brown seconded the motion, and all approved by saying aye.

- 6.304, Student Discrimination, Harassment, Bullying, Cyber-bullying and Intimidation

Ms. Baker said she made sure everything in new law and current policy are addressed in this policy. She said this should encompass every single legal requirement. She noted that TSBA's policy tried to combine multiple laws in one policy such as Title VII and Title IX, but her legal advice to the Board is that it is cleaner to have three separate policies because those are three separate laws. After discussion, Ms. Rainier confirmed this policy will be in the Parent Handbook. Mr. Barrett asked if the language on line 63 should be changed to say "informing" instead of "letting". Mr. Barrett moved to approve Board Policy 6.304 with the proposed change. Dr. Brown seconded the motion. All approved by saying aye.

- 6.4031, Pediculosis (Head Lice)

After discussion about the language in the policy concerning required proof of lice treatment as well as truancy issues related to student absences for treatment, Ms. Smith suggested deferring this policy and requested the presence of the Coordinated School Health Director to be present for discussion. Ms. Phillips moved to defer this policy, and Ms. Smith seconded. All approved by saying aye.

- 1.403, Agendas

Ms. Phillips raised a question about the language under the **OTHER BUSINESS** section of Board Policy 1.403 and said she may have misunderstood Ms. Rainier's recommendation from the first reading. Dr. Brown agreed with Ms. Phillips that the purpose was to keep Board members and others from being blind-sided when they had not been given time to prepare. He said that if a topic was brought up and everyone was ready to discuss it then it could go forward, but if someone objects, then it is tabled and put on the agenda for the next meeting. Ms. Baker said she would change the language accordingly. Dr. Brown moved to approve Board Policy 1.403 with the changes. Mr. Barrett seconded the motion. All approved by saying aye.

- 6.205, Assignment of Students to Schools and Classes

Ms. Baker explained the issue before the Board regarding Policy 6.205 is whether to assign a committee to hear zoning appeals or whether they should be heard before the entire Board. After discussion, Chair Campbell moved to approve Policy 6.20 with the assignment of a committee. Mr. Barrett seconded the motion. Chair Campbell requested a roll call vote.

Roll Call Vote

Jared Barrett Yes Andy Brown Yes Phil King Yes Nancy Phillips Yes
Nancy Rainier Yes Collier Smith Yes Chair Campbell Yes

Approval of Head Start Contract 2016-2017

Dr. Gilbert said the Head Start contract is exactly the same as last year and asked for the Board's approval. Dr. Brown moved to approve, and Ms. Smith seconded. All approved by saying aye.

IV. REPORTS/INFORMATION

Revenue and Expenditure Report

Mr. Anderson said revenues are ahead of projections at about 4.5 percent. He said expenditures are at 83.4 percent noting that last year at this time expenditures were at 80.6 percent, but that additional students came in, which also explains the increase in revenue. Mr. Anderson said the district is in better shape than we were last year at this time.

V. OTHER BUSINESS

Chair Campbell reminded the Board there are no meetings in July. Ms. Smith asked if the Board could get a schedule for new teacher orientation in case a member could attend. Mr. Ringstaff said July 13, 14, and 15 are the next scheduled orientations. Ms. Rainier asked if the City could let them know if something is going to be annexed such as the new development in Lascassas. Mr. Anderson said he has to tell the City what he thinks the impact will be on the schools when an area is annexed. He said growth is in all different directions right now. He said the City usually asks for annex information from him about two months before they actually annex. Mr. Washington said new annexation laws make it difficult to annex now. Ms. Phillips announced Murph's Fun Run takes place August 20 to support Murfreesboro City Schools, and asked everyone to come support MCS. Chair Campbell reminded Board members about the TSBA Law Seminar in July.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Campbell adjourned the meeting at approximately 7:33 p.m.

Director of Schools