

COUNTY SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING
Brush Creek Elementary
November 21, 2016
OPEN SESSION MINUTES

Motioned/Seconded (Craig Goforth/Kelby Cody) Carried (5-0) to begin Open Session at approximately 7:00 p.m. In attendance were Board members: Dr. Theresa Banks, Chair, Lori Massey, Dr. Craig Goforth, Kelby Cody, Vice Chair, and Barbara Wyatt. Also in attendance were Dr. Todd Holden, Superintendent, Michael Wallin, Finance Director, Chris Campbell, Board Attorney, and Cindy Shores, Personnel Director.

Board Chair, Theresa Banks, invited members and citizens to observe a moment of silence.

Setting the Agenda:

Motioned/Seconded (Craig Goforth/Lori H. Massey) Carried (5-0) to Set the Agenda as amended.

Approval of Minutes:

Motioned/Seconded (Craig Goforth/Lori H. Massey) Carried (5-0) to Approve Minutes from:

8.29.16 Closed

9.26.16 Closed

7.25.16 Closed

10.10.16 Work – As Amended

9.26.16 Open – As Amended

10.24.16 Open – As Amended

New Business:

Michael Wallin presented a request for RLIS funds. Microsoft and Citrix are reoccurring fees each year for technology support. Paul Barilovits, Director of Technology, shared a portion of that fee is for warranties for the servers. An amount of \$60,000 is a reoccurring cost for Citrix, Microsoft and all server licenses, including Office, and Desktop which supplies the whole district. Server Licenses are included in that cost. Board member Kelby Cody, stressed that the fee for the license is a lot of money and inquired how many times the customer support had been utilized in the past 12 months. Mr. Barilovits shared that there have been about 5 calls during the past 12 months. Board Chair Theresa Banks inquired if the \$14,000 is not a high amount for the service. Mr. Barilovits shared that instead of buying the warranties, the Technology Dept. could purchase have an extra G-6 and try to save money.

Dr. Theresa Banks asked if the replacement equipment ordered for teachers earlier in the year has been installed. Technology Director Paul Barilovits, shared that they have replaced the equipment that no longer worked, and they are currently holding the equipment for the teachers. Once the equipment is no longer working, they are replacing it.

Board member Lori Massey asked about the wiring for the new construction sites and if the Architect is aware that these were not factored in with the bids. Principal at Brush Creek, Monica Ponder shared they are still about 6 short on white boards, etc. Ms. Caldwell, Principal at Madison Early College, also shared with the Board items of necessity that have been cut from their building project, which impacts technology and the phone systems. Although Board members stressed there should be contingency monies for items left off during the proposals and approvals, the Board was unanimous in their desires to speak with the Architect to discover how these gaps will be covered. A point made from Jennifer Caldwell, Principal at the Early College, is that there is no phone system calculated in the final drawings, and the drawings state the school system would provide the phone system

Monica Ponder, Principals at Brush Creek, shared a new box will be required and it will cost several thousand to purchase it. Board Chair asked that the principals email everything that has been left off and email it to Dr. Holden and the Board will address these issues at the next meeting on December 12th, as well as ask the school architect to be in attendance. Several Board members stressed they were not aware of the shortages. Once the lists are comprised, they will meet with the architect, Principals at Brush Creek and the Early College and Paul Barilovits, Technology Director. Principal, Jennifer Caldwell shared that the third Tuesday of every month, the Architect, Project Managers, etc. meeting in the trailer on the site of the new Early College. Ms. Caldwell shared she has learned some of the information presented, at those meetings. Ms. Caldwell also shared that the Architects will share with the staff what the new site will look like, at the Early College on November 28, 2016, at 2:45. All are welcome to attend.

Board member, Lori Massey expressed a desire to see where the 40/42 funds are at, less the two years of repayment reserve funds, as directed by the Madison County Board of Commissioners. Michael Wallin will present this at the next meeting on December 12, 2016.

Motioned/Seconded (Lori H. Massey/Kelby Cody) Carried (5-0) to approve request for 40/42 technology funds.

Good News:

Superintendent, Dr. Todd Holden shared his appreciation for the Art Department at the Middle School and the Marketing Department at the High School for submissions of a new logo and design of a brochure that will be passed out to Real Estate agencies, Chamber of Commerce, and local businesses, etc. in order to promote Madison County Schools. He submitted copies of the brochure and the logo for the Board's review and suggestions. Dr. Holden stressed that Madison ranks 23rd out of 115 and would like to use this information as a marketing tool for the school system. Along with the new logo is the mission statement: Igniting Minds for a Brighter Future.

Chairman's Report:

Ms. Fyllis shared at the October 24, 2016 a concern for the OCS students and Dr. Banks shared that the Board needs to look at something for those students and they need a better facility. Dr. Banks asked the Board to keep in mind that the students need to be considered and encouraged them to think of ways to provide better facilities for them. Dr. Banks expressed thanks for the Middle School hosting the last board meeting and thanked Brush Creek for hosting and serving a great dinner at the present meeting.

Member's Report:**Athletic Report:**

Dr. Craig Goforth shared it has been a good semester with football and other sports. Dr. Goforth shared with the principals that he wants an equipment report from the Athletic Directors before Christmas break. He also shared thanks for Buddy Harwood chartering a Young's Bus for the game in Reidsville, NC.

Communications/Early College Report:

Lori Massey shared the next meeting is December 15, 2016 at 12:00 at CSS. Early College will meet at the end of the 9 week grading period.

Policy Committee Report:

Barbara Wyatt shared that the next meeting is December 5th at noon in Dr. Holden's office.

Technology Report:

Paul Barilovits, Technology Director shared he met with Dr. Holden, Nicholas Honeycutt and Joe Davis on the One to One initiative. Paul shared the equipment will be ordered by year end for the storage of the equipment.

Finance Committee:

Board Chair, Dr. Theresa Banks asked that a Finance meeting be scheduled before Christmas break.

Child Nutrition Report:

Leanne Merrill, School Nutrition Director, shared that charges are at about \$4,000.00. The charges are down from about \$7,800 in October. Leanne shared she visits the schools every week and eats in the cafeterias. They are trying to get a handle on what the students are eating, etc. and which items are selling or not selling. Ms. Merrill also shared that applications are coming into the School Nutrition office regularly, especially after the notification to parents regarding charged lunches.

In a previous meeting, Dean Shatley, Board Attorney, shared with Dr. Holden that the Board of Education can garnish wages. The faculty must be notified first, and then given an opportunity to pay. Dr. Holden reiterated that we cannot allow faculty to charge meals. Dr. Holden recommends an alternative meal to the secondary schools rather than elementary for those students who have charged balances.

Board Chair, Dr. Banks asked Lisa Gahagan to give an update on writing skills. Lisa shared there are several components in place in the schools. Lisa shared they are getting buy in from the teachers, and are acknowledging that the focus needs to be student centered rather than teacher centered. Dr. Banks shared that teaching writing is very important.

Finance Report:

Michael shared that the Auditors are finishing their audit and will hope to have that next week. He will get with Darlene to straighten out the 40/42 money.

Consent Agenda:

Motioned/Seconded (Craig Goforth/Barbara Wyatt) Carried (5-0) to approve the Consent Agenda With Personnel items as amended.

Personnel Report:

Cathy Ball Rathbone – Resignation

Dennis Ashe – Resignation

Alyssa Franco – Hire

Rebekah Griffey - Resignation

Devan Ray – Hire

Hannah Burnette – Hire

Samantha Worley – Hire

Jonathan McDevitt - Interim

Chad Shelton – Hire

Karen Fisher – Resignation

Megan Briggs – Hire

Sasha Houle – Hire

Kelsey Connor – Hire

Kristi Black – Hire

Jeremy Hughes – Interim

Citizen Participation:

No one signed up for Citizen Participation.

Announcements

The next Madison County Schools Board meeting will be on Monday, Dec. 12, 2016 at Central Office. Closed Session begins at: 5:00 p.m. Work Session begins at 6:00 p.m. and Open Session begins at 7:00 p.m.

Motioned/Seconded (Lori H. Massey/Craig Goforth) Carried (5-0) to adjourn at approximately 8:15 p.m.

Dr. Theresa Banks, Chair

Dr. Todd Holden, Superintendent

Approved 01.23.17