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The Campbell County Board of Education met in regular session on Tuesday, April 9, 2013, 6:00 p.m., at the courthouse in Jacksboro, Tennessee. The following school board members were present: Chairman Josh Parker, Johnny Byrge, J.L. "Sarge" Collins, Johnny Creekmore, Scott Hill, Eugene Lawson, Rector Miller, Mike Orick, Homer Rutherford. Board member Danny Wilson was absent. Director of Schools, Donnie Poston was present and Gail Parks kept the minutes.

Prayer by Larry Nidiffer.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Rector Miller.

I. Roll Call and Call to Order

II. Recognition of Guests

Recognize Marvin Prewitt. Was not in attendance for meeting.

Recognize Jan Robbins, MD Was not in attendance for meeting.

Officer Shayne Wolfenbarger gave an update on Campbell County High School Text A Tip. Officer Wolfenbarger stated this program had curbed fights within the school, the bomb threat issue worked well with the text a tip. Officer Wolfenbarger stated he felt it was working well and keeping them informed on many things within the school. The school has been able to make drug bust because of text a tip. Board member Miller asked if anyone has been "ratted" on that turned out not to be a true issue. Officer Wolfenbarger stated this has happened a couple of times and if the number keeps appearing the number will be blocked so they can't text to it again. This program is currently only in the high schools. Board member Miller asked who primarily oversees this program. Officer Wolfenbarger stated basically he was the one but he delegates out as needed to appropriate department. Board member Miller asked attorney Cantrell if sees any potential liability with this. Attorney Cantrell stated he didn't see any liability and the secret service promotes this program and it is the best tool that law enforcement currently has to stop any potential threat. Officer Wolfenbarger stated he has found out things he normally would not have found out because nobody knows who is doing it. Board member Lawson asked what officer Wolfenbargers roll was if 2 students get into a fight. He replied that it depended on the severity of the fight. If the school can take care of it at their level he does not step in with that part. Officer Wolfenbarger stated he would break up a fight but not take them to jail or cite into court unless there is serious bodily harm.

III. Approval of Consent Agenda

A. Minutes of the previous meetings

1. March 12, 2013, regular session meeting.

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- B. Executive Actions.
 - 1. Approve Campbell County High School Beta club to travel to Nashville, TN for state Beta club convention on April 1, 2013 through April 3, 2013.

- C. Approve school trips for the following:
 - 1. Jacksboro Middle School Odyssey of the Mind to compete in World Finance at Michigan State University on May 21, 2013 through May 26, 2013.

Motion by Byrge, second by Rutherford to approve the Consent Agenda.
Parker-yes, Byrge-yes, Collins-yes, Creekmore-yes, Hill-yes, Lawson-yes, Miller-yes, Orick-yes, Rutherford-yes, Wilson-absent. Motion Passed.

IV. Approval of Regular Agenda and Addendum

Motion by Orick, second by Creekmore to approve the Regular Agenda and Addendum to delete Item VIII-B.

Board member Lawson stated he received a letter from the Band Director at CCHS requesting a donation. Board member Lawson stated he didn't place the request on the Agenda, but was in favor of it.

Parker-yes, Byrge-yes, Collins-yes, Creekmore-yes, Hill-yes, Lawson-yes, Miller-yes, Orick-yes, Rutherford-yes, Wilson-absent. Motion Passed.

V. Comments from the Chair

Chairman Parker reminded the board of Campbell County High School JROTC Military Ball on April 20th at Cove Lake State Park.

VI. Director's Monthly Report

Director Poston stated TCAP would be during the week of April 22nd. Next year will be the last year for TCAP test. On April 20th a group of parents will walk from Jacksboro Middle School to Cove Lake Park for Autism Awareness. Last month a discussion was held regarding Drivers Education Program. They are using Cedar Hill parking lot and going to Jellico also. Director Poston stated he had received the BEP estimates. These will change over the next 3 to 4 months and recommended the need to have a workshop meeting on the budget. This upcoming year will be a major budget year as there has been another decrease in student enrollment. Board member Rutherford asked if the awning project at LaFollette Elementary was part of this current year budget. Director Poston stated yes.

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Director Poston also stated he would like to see additional school resource officers and our buildings to be as safe as they can possibly made. It was agreed upon that a workshop would be held on April 23, 2013, 6:00 p.m., at the courthouse. Notice will be given to Mr. Marlow and his office so they can attend. Chairman Parker stated the commissioners should be urged to attend also. Chairman Parker stated they needed to be bold when they make their request and nothing is more important than education in our county. Chairman Parker also stated he was willing to take the proper stand for our school system and encouraged the board to be bold in the approach and to keep in mind there are 5500 students who are depending on them.

VII. Recognize Jeff Marlow, Director of Finance

A. Monthly Financials.

141 General Purpose School Fund. Balance Sheet as of February 28, 2013.

Cash With Trustee - \$8,345,680.52

Total Revenues - \$26,310,053.92

Percent of Budget – 66.9%

Total Expenditures - \$24,884,827.06

Percent of Budget - 61.9%

142 School Federal Projects School Fund. Balance Sheet as of February 28, 2013

Cash With Trustee - \$321,978.85

Total Revenues - \$3,514,754.09

Percent of Budget – 57.3%

Total Expenditures - \$3,492,934.69

Percent of Budget – 56.9%

143 Central Cafeteria Fund. Balance Sheet as of February 28, 2013.

Cash With Trustee - \$442,924.05

Total Revenues - \$2,219,638.83

Percent of budget – 64.9%

Total Expenditures - \$2,228,187.25

Percent of Budget – 65.1%

Mrs. Karen Henegar gave a detailed summary of the February 28, 2013, Financial Reports.

Chairman Parker commented that the revenues and expenditures are coming close together and asked if that was due to the \$60,000 transfer from last month. Mrs. Henegar stated the transfer didn't happen in the month of February but occurred in March. Board member Hill asked where we were in lunch collections. Board member Miller made a request that it comes through the board first on transfer of funds.

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Chairman Parker stated they needed a policy in place to collect the lunch charges so we don't have to do transfers. Board member Hill stated he has recommended for several months the use of debit or credit cards to pay lunch fees and charges. Attorney Cantrell stated Anderson County students have a code. Their parents can call in with and make a payment with a credit card and parents are notified by letter. Board member Lawson stated he felt there should be a limit to how much a student can charge. Board member Miller stated it was also quoted in the paper at that commission meeting that we are losing 100 meals a day at Campbell County High School due to the 1 hour lunch period. Our finance director said there is no possible way you could feed 1300 kids in 1 hour. Board member Miller asked Director Poston if any of those thoughts have been addressed. Board member Miller stated we hear this stuff from the paper. Chairman Parker stated he has talked to people at Campbell County High School and they feel the lunch schedule is working. Board member Lawson stated we hire a principal and administrators to run the high school and if they feel comfortable with the 1 hour that's fine. It's not the finance director and the county commission business to tell us how many minutes we can have for a lunch period.

Motion by Orick, second by Rutherford to approve the February 2013, Monthly Financial Reports.

Parker-yes, Byrge-yes, Collins-yes, Creekmore-yes, Hill-yes, Lawson-yes, Miller-yes, Orick-yes, Rutherford-yes, Wilson-absent. Motion Passed.

B. Approve Budget Amendments and Resolutions.

Mrs. Karen Henegar gave a detailed summary of the 8 April budget Amendments and Resolutions and request if there were no questions they be approved at this time.

Board member Miller asked about the tutoring. Mrs. Walden stated one of the schools had gone over their allotment and request for additional time. Board member Miller asked regarding the computers if this was for one school or system wide. Director Poston stated yes and was for Special Education.

Motion by Byrge, second by Hill to approve all 8 April Budget Amendments and Resolutions.

Parker-yes, Byrge-yes, Collins-yes, Creekmore-yes, Hill-yes, Lawson-yes, Miller-yes, Orick-yes, Rutherford-yes, Wilson-absent. Motion Passed.

C. Reviewing of Bids. Nothing at this time.

D. Request permission to advertise Bids. Nothing at this time.

E. Request permission to accept renewal of contracts. Nothing at this time.

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- F. Update from Faye Comer regarding individual school activity funds. Mrs. Comer was not recognized due to oversight.

VIII. Items for Action:

- A. Discuss and take any necessary action regarding Campbell County Board of Education Rates of Reimbursement and Travel Expense.

This item was placed on the agenda due to our current policy. Problems have become more frequent with making hotel accommodations set at the \$150.00 per night lodging. Grant funds require professional development in areas where the per night rate exceeds \$150.00 per night.

Motion by Miller, second by Creekmore to approve all Standard In-State Rates for Lodging per day at the rate of \$250.00.

Parker-yes, Byrge-yes, Collins-yes, Creekmore-yes, Hill-yes, Lawson-yes, Miller-yes, Orick-yes, Rutherford-yes, Wilson-absent. Motion Passed.

Motion by Hill, second by Orick to approve Standard Out-of-State Rates for Lodging per day at the rate of \$250.00.

Parker-yes, Byrge-yes, Collins-yes, Creekmore-yes, Hill-yes, Lawson-yes, Miller-yes, Orick-yes, Rutherford-yes, Wilson-absent. Motion Passed.

Board member Miller asked about the in-county travel and stated we were in budget trouble this year. Board member Miller commented by saying he hoped we could cut back on travel on inside the county with all the supervisors. Board member Byrge asked how much was budgeted. Tammie Lay responded with regular program it was between \$10,000 to \$12,000 for everyone. Board member Miller stated he thought he was more than that. Mrs. Lay stated different departments do their own travel. Board member Miller asked Mr. Terry if more funds are put in the travel account. Mr. Terry stated there were times where additional funds were needed. Board member Miller stated he hoped this would be looked at.

- B. Consider designating \$10,000 for LaFollette Middle School football field irrigation system. This item was deleted from Agenda.
- C. Approve structural engineering and construction services from Michael Brady Inc., for structural repair at Campbell County High School.

Motion by Miller, second by Byrge to approve structural engineering and construction services for repairs at Campbell County High School.

Parker-yes, Byrge-yes, Collins-yes, Creekmore-yes, Hill-yes, Lawson-yes, Miller-yes, Orick-yes, Rutherford-yes, Wilson-absent. Motion Passed.

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- D. Consider approving \$2,500.00 donation to Jellico Elementary School softball team.

Motion by Creekmore, second by Collins to approve \$2,500 donation to Jellico Elementary School softball team.

Parker-yes, Byrge-yes, Collins-yes, Creekmore-yes, Hill-yes, Lawson-yes, Miller-yes, Orick-yes, Rutherford-yes, Wilson-absent. Motion Passed.

IX. Items for Discussion:

- A. Discuss progress on 2013-2014 school year budget.

A workshop was scheduled for April 23, 2013, 6:00 p.m. Notification will be sent out.

- B. Discuss Campbell County High School football bleachers.

Board member Miller stated this item needed to be addressed soon. The stadium bleachers are in need of repair. Board member Miller recommended the maintenance department and Johnny Bruce look into this issue.

X. Discuss Legal Matters.

Attorney Cantrell stated he needed the board to authorize him and Director Poston to participate in mediation regarding the Keiser case.

Motion by Orick, second by Hill to authorize attorney Dail Cantrell and Director Poston to participate in mediation.

Parker-yes, Byrge-yes, Collins-yes, Creekmore-yes, Hill-yes, Lawson-yes, Miller-yes, Orick-yes, Rutherford-yes, Wilson-absent. Motion Passed.

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XI. Recognize School Board Members

Board member Lawson stated when the budget workshop is held he would like explanation in simple layman talk so that people can better understand. Board member Creekmore wished Anne Culver a Happy Birthday who turned 100 years old. Board member Miller stated the lights at the Alternative School were on late at night and request for someone check into the issue. Board member Miller also asked Director Poston to see if he could bid out mowing and cleaning the lawn of the Central Office building.

Meeting adjourned.

Donnie Poston
Director of Schools

Josh Parker
Chairman of the Board