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The Campbell County Board of Education met in regular session on Thursday, May 7, 2015, 6:00 p.m., at the courthouse in Jacksboro, Tennessee. The following school board members were present: Chairman Mike Orick, Clint Bane, Johnny Byrge, J.L. “Sarge” Collins, Crystal Creekmore, Wallace Goins, Faye Heatherly, Sharon Ridenour, and Danny Wilson. Board member Homer Rutherford was absent. Director of Schools, Donnie Poston was absent from the meeting. Gail Parks kept the minutes.

Prayer by Robbie Heatherly.

Pledge of Allegiance led by Danny Wilson.

I. Roll Call and Call to Order

II. Recognition of Guests

LaFollette Middle School girls basketball team.

The girls basketball team was recognized and introduced by Robbie Heatherly, principal of LaFollette Middle School. They were undefeated for the season and won the girls District Championship. The board thanked the girls for their hard work, dedication and team work. The girls team presented the lady board members and Gail Parks with a rose.

Campbell County High School and Jellico High School students.

Riley Oakes was recognized on behalf of Campbell County High School. Riley stated she and other students felt the Class Ranking policy should be updated. Class Rank is determined by GPA and is quality points/number of classes. An illustration was given:

Fred took English I, Algebra I, Biology I and World History his first semester freshman year. He made two A’s and two B’s. His current GPA is 3.5

Joe took English I, Biology I, and Office Assistant his first semester freshman year. He made two A’s and one B, exactly the same as Fred minus the gradeless class – Office. His current GPA is 3.667. Problem therefore is students who take these schedule fillers have less classes, resulting in an inflated GPA. Mrs. Katherine Ayers stated this was the current policy and it has been looked at and discussed with the central office. Board members agreed with Ms. Oakes that this was not a fair process and a fair way would be to change class rank to be determined by quality points. Board member Wilson stated he felt the board should do something to help them. Board member Ridenour asked where the Roane State grades go and do they count on GPA. Board member Bane agreed and stated those grades should be counted. It is too late to do anything about this for this year. Chairman Orick recommended for board member Ridenour to have her committee to review the policy for adequate changes. Recommendation is to change class rank to be determined by quality points.

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Chairman Orick asked Mrs. Jamie Wheeler and Karmin Wright to come up and be recognized. Karmin Wright was recognized for making a 6 on the writing assessment. She was one of 100 students to make a 100 perfect score on the assessment. Mrs. Wheeler presented Karmin with the a plaque. The board congratulated Karmin on a perfect score.

III. Approval of Consent Agenda

- A. Minutes of the previous meetings.
1. April 14, 2015, regular session meeting.
 2. April 21, 2015, special called meeting.
- B. Approve school trips for the following:
1. Campbell County High School, Jacksboro Middle School, and LaFollette Middle School Band to travel to Kings Island in Cincinnati, OH on May 8, 2015 through May 9, 2015.
 2. Jellico High School to travel to King's Island in Cincinnati, OH on May 23, 2015.
 3. Campbell County High School Odyssey of the Mind to attend World Finals at Michigan State University in Lansing, MI on May 20, 2015 through May 24, 2015.
- C. Dilapidated items.
- Jacksboro Elementary School
- 14 – Acer Monitors White Monitor – N995354409010157
Compaq Tower – I301KN8ZA877U236KN8ZA484
Black Tower – PC3550 White Tower – 07-358-9
PCS Tower – 1410650213 PC8393 PC8502 1410125500 JEAS 15 141176062
Special Ed Tower – 21012 Black Tower – 2006 4066 Dell Tower – BQ1LW11
Hatch Tower – Pre-K 2010-2011 HP Pavilion tower – MX03909994

Motion by Ridenour, second by Wilson to approve the Consent Agenda.
Orick-yes, Bane-yes, Byrge-yes, Collins-yes, Creekmore-yes, Goins-yes, Heatherly-yes,
Ridenour-yes, Rutherford-absent, Wilson-yes. Motion Passed.

IV. Approval of Regular Agenda and Addendum

Motion by Byrge, second by Ridenour to approve the Regular Agenda and Addendum.
Orick-yes, Bane-yes, Byrge-yes, Collins-yes, Creekmore-yes, Goins-yes, Heatherly-yes,
Ridenour-yes, Rutherford-absent, Wilson-yes. Motion Passed.

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V. Comments from the Chair

Chairman Orick there was a deed that the county prepared which he and Director Poston would sign which is in regard to the old tennis courts at West LaFollette. This did not get transferred when the land swap occurred with LaFollette Elementary School. Chairman Orick stated he needed permission to sign the deed.

Motion by Heatherly, second by Wilson to grant permission to the Chairman of the Board and the Director of Schools to sign said deed.

Orick-yes, Bane-yes, Byrge-yes, Collins-yes, Creekmore-yes, Goins-yes, Heatherly-yes, Ridenour-yes, Rutherford-absent, Wilson-yes. Motion Passed.

Chairman Orick recognized Lisa Leach, teacher at Campbell County High School who oversees the Odyssey of the Mind Program. This program is about teamwork and problem solving. Mrs. Leach informed the board they would be attending the World Finals this year at Michigan State University. There are 12 students who participate. One team has 7 participants and the other team has 5 participants. Mrs. Leach stated they only had enough monies for one team and she could not pick one team and leave the other behind. Mrs. Leach showed a display of a project that the students had made and was impressive to the board. Mrs. Leach asked they board if there was any way they could help financially so both teams could attend.

Motion by Heatherly, second by Wilson to approve giving \$2500.00 to Odyssey of the Mind to attend World Finals at Michigan State University.

Orick-yes, Bane-yes, Byrge-yes, Collins-yes, Creekmore-yes, Goins-yes, Heatherly-yes, Ridenour-yes, Rutherford-absent, Wilson-yes. Motion Passed.

VI. Director's Monthly Report

Mr. Nidiffer stated Director Poston was at a retirement reception given for him at Campbell County High School and invited everyone to stop by and see him after the meeting. Mr. Nidiffer updated board member Byrge regarding the transportation issues and stated he was working on the issues and would give a report at the next board meeting.

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VII. Recognize Jeff Marlow, Director of Finance

A. Monthly Financials.

141 General Purpose School Fund. Balance Sheet as of March 31, 2015

Cash With Trustee - \$8,987,890.25

Total Revenues - \$30,409,493.93

Percent of Budget – 78.9%

Total Expenditures - \$27,535,391.83

Percent of Budget – 68.8%

142 School Federal Projects Fund. Balance Sheet as of March 31, 2015

Cash With Trustee - \$562,427.65

Total Revenues - \$3,455,201.45

Percent of Budget – 66.1%

Total Expenditures - \$3,470,470.01

Percent of Budget – 66.1%

143 Central Cafeteria Fund. Balance Sheet as of March 31, 2015

Cash With Trustee - \$678,491.05

Total Revenues - \$2,654,030.39

Percent of Budget – 74.4%

Total Expenditures - \$2,521,784.69

Percent of Budget – 70.7%

Mr. Marlow gave a detailed summary of the March 31, 2015, Budget Amendments and Resolutions and requested if there were no questions they be approved at this time.

Motion by Wilson, second by Goins to approve the March 31, 2015 Budget Amendments and Resolutions.

Orick-yes, Bane-yes, Byrge-yes, Collins-yes, Creekmore-yes, Goins-yes, Heatherly-yes, Ridenour-yes, Rutherford-absent, Wilson-yes. Motion Passed.

B. Approve Budget Amendments and Resolutions.

Mr. Marlow gave a summary of the May 2015 Budget Amendments and Resolutions and requested if there were no questions they be approved at this time.

Motion by Ridenour, second by Wilson to approve the May 2015 Budget Amendments and Resolutions.

Orick-yes, Bane-yes, Byrge-yes, Collins-yes, Creekmore-yes, Goins-yes, Heatherly-yes, Ridenour-yes, Rutherford-absent, Wilson-yes. Motion Passed.

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- C. Reviewing of Bids. Nothing at this time.
- D. Request permission to advertise Bids.
 - 1. Janitorial supplies for the 2015-2016 school year.

Motion by Byrge, second by Bane to grant permission to advertise bids for Janitorial supplies for the 2015-2016 school year.

Orick-yes, Bane-yes, Byrge-yes, Collins-yes, Creekmore-yes, Goins-yes, Heatherly-yes, Ridenour-yes, Rutherford-absent, Wilson-yes. Motion Passed.

- E. Request permission to accept renewal of contracts. Nothing at this time.
- F. Update from Faye Comer regarding individual school activity funds.

Chairman Orick stated Mrs. Comer was in court and unable to attend the meeting and if anyone had any questions regarding the documents to call her.

VIII. Items for Action:

- A. Discuss and take any necessary action regarding Campbell County High School football field press box/restrooms.

Board member Byrge stated the press box was needing a new roof and expansion. Architect Dave Hemelbright has given an estimate of \$70,000. Mr. Marlow asked if anyone had given any consideration to the ADA compatible. Board member Byrge stated yes. Chairman Orick asked Mr. Marlow if he could foresee any monies left at the end of the year in Capital Projects.

Motion by Byrge, second by Wilson to approve press box work at Campbell County High School estimated at \$70,000.

Orick-yes, Bane-yes, Byrge-yes, Collins-yes, Creekmore-yes, Goins-yes, Heatherly-yes, Ridenour-yes, Rutherford-absent, Wilson-yes. Motion Passed. Mr. Marlow stated a Budget Amendment will be prepared and presented for approval at the June board meeting.

- B. Discuss and take any necessary action regarding Board of Education funding for lettering of gymnasium floor honoring Vic King.

It was discussed that an estimate of \$8,000 to \$12,000 would complete the project. Discussion continued and was decided to put the project out on bid to sand, reseal with lettering and striping.

Motion by Ridenour, second by Heatherly to advertise bids to sand, reseal with lettering and striping gym floor at LaFollette Middle School to honor Vic King.

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Orick-yes, Bane-yes, Byrge-yes, Collins-yes, Creekmore-yes, Goins-yes, Heatherly-yes, Ridenour-yes, Rutherford-absent, Wilson-yes. Motion Passed.

- C. Consider naming the Jellico High School Alternative School the J.L. "Sarge" Collins Learning Center.

Board member Collins stated he was honored for this being on the agenda and he had hoped for the Learning Center to be opened as soon as possible.

Motion by Byrge, second by Creekmore to name the Jellico High School Alternative School the J.L. "Sarge" Collins Learning Center.

Orick-yes, Bane-yes, Byrge-yes, Collins-yes, Creekmore-yes, Goins-yes, Heatherly-yes, Ridenour-yes, Rutherford-absent, Wilson-yes. Motion Passed. Board member Collins thanked the board and stated he appreciated the gesture.

- D. Approve Board of Education Summer Retreat.

Board member Heatherly stated a TSBA speaker would come and hold the retreat for \$950.00 and this would be beneficial to the board. The board will hold the retreat in June.

Motion by Ridenour, second by Bane to approve Summer Retreat.

Orick-yes, Bane-yes, Byrge-yes, Collins-yes, Creekmore-yes, Goins-yes, Heatherly-yes, Ridenour-yes, Rutherford-absent, Wilson-yes. Motion Passed.

- E. Approve Director of Schools Contract.

Board member Bane stated it was agreed upon to offer a 3 year contract to Larry Nidiffer to include a \$50,000 buyout clause for without cause. Mr. Nidiffer will officially take office on May 11, 2015.

Motion by Wilson, second by Goins to approve the Director of Schools contract with the above agreement.

Orick-yes, Bane-yes, Byrge-yes, Collins-yes, Creekmore-yes, Goins-yes, Heatherly-yes, Ridenour-yes, Rutherford-absent, Wilson-yes. Motion Passed.

IX. Items for Discussion: Nothing at this time.

X. Discuss Legal Matters. Nothing at this time.

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XI. Recognize School Board Members

Chairman Orick reminded everyone of the reception for Director Poston at Campbell County High School following the board meeting. Board member Heatherly thanked the board for reaching an agreement on the Director's Contract. Board members Bane, Byrge, Goins, Wilson, Creekmore, Collins and Ridenour welcomed Mr. Nidiffer to the position and stated they felt that everyone could work well together and looked forward to the opportunity. Board member Ridenour asked when the 100 and 120 day contracts end and when they renew. Attorney Cantrell stated the contracts would end June 30th. Mr. Marlow added he felt the budget was balanceable.

Meeting adjourned.

Donnie Poston
Director of Schools

Mike Orick
Chairman of the Board