

**SUMNER COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES - MARCH 21, 2006**

Call to Order

The March 21, 2006, regular meeting of the Sumner County Board of Education was called to order at 7 p.m. by Chairman Ronnie Stubblefield. The meeting was held in the Board Meeting Room of the District Central Office, located at 695 E. Main Street in Gallatin. Board members Ken Becker, Mary Ralph Bradley, Nancy Roth, Randy Stamps, and Ronnie Stubblefield were present. Director of Schools Benny Bills and Attorney Jim Fuqua were present. Board member Will Duncan was noted absent.

ADOPTION OF AGENDAS

A. Mr. Becker moved and Mr. Stamps seconded approval of the *Consent Agenda* as presented, with Mr. Becker asking that Exhibit 6, declaration of band uniforms as surplus, be moved to the *Regular Agenda*. The motion passed 5-0. (*on file in Minute Book*)

B. Mr. Stamps moved and Ms. Bradley seconded approval of the *Regular Agenda*. The motion passed 5-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Mr. Stamps moved and Mr. Becker seconded approval and adoption of the draft minutes from the Board's February 21, 2006, Regular Meeting, as presented. The minutes were approved 5-0.

RECOGNITIONS / HEARING OF DELEGATIONS

A. SCEA President Manny Lopez had no comments.

B. Ms. Teresa Crownover, representing Classified Employees, asked the Board to consider a six percent raise for Classified workers in the 2006-07 budget.

C. County Commissioner Anthony Holt, Ms. Tiffany Gann of 440 Watt Nolen Road in Cottontown, Mr. David Gipson of 839 Bug Hollow Road in Gallatin, and Ms. Laura Macri of 329 Watt Nolen Road in Cottontown spoke in opposition to the proposed rezoning of Knox Doss Middle School.

D. Ms. Deborah Howell of 1013 Tyree Ct. North in White House spoke in opposition to moving the H.B. Williams Elementary School fifth grade to White House Middle School this fall.

E. County Commissioner John W. Smart spoke in favor of buying 1.8 acres of land next to Oakmont Elementary School.

F. Mr. Ben Bush of 106 Parisian Drive in Hendersonville spoke in favor of renaming Wessington Place Elementary School in honor of Mr. George A. Whitten.

Mr. Becker moved and Mr. Stamps seconded renaming Wessington Place Elementary School in honor of Mr. George A. Whitten. Mr. Doremus reported that no alternative suggestions nor any communications in opposition to the renaming have been received since the Board's public hearing on the topic, which was held February 28. The motion to rename the school George A. Whitten Elementary School passed 5-0.

Mr. Becker moved and Ms. Roth seconded approval of the Director's recommendation to move the H.B. Williams Elementary fifth grade to White House Middle School this fall, with the grade to be moved out of the middle school upon the opening of a second elementary school in the White House community. The motion passed 5-0.

Board members discussed the proposed rezoning of Knox Doss Middle School. Without objection, the Chairman announced that consideration of the matter would be deferred until a special called meeting at 7 p.m. on April 4.

MATTERS INVOLVING COUNSEL

A. Mr. Fuqua had nothing to report.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM BOARD

A. Board members acknowledged the *Executive Committee Report* dated March 21, 2006.

B. This item considered earlier on the agenda.

C. Mr. Becker moved and Mr. Stamps seconded approval of the revised Director's Contract on final reading following approval on first reading Feb. 21, 2006. The motion passed 4-0, with Ms. Bradley abstaining.

D. Mr. Stamps moved and Mr. Becker seconded approval of revised Board Policy CEI, *Evaluation of the Director*, on final reading. The motion passed 5-0.

REPORTS FROM THE DIRECTOR

A. Director Bills thanked the Board for extending his contract.

B. Board members acknowledged the *Approved Field Trips Report* dated March 21, 2006.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Ms. Bradley asked about the testing of land adjacent to Oakmont Elementary School. Mr. Henderson reported on the engineering analysis of the site. Mr. Henderson recommended that the site not be purchased due to the results of the analysis. Mr. Becker moved that core drilling take place on the property to better identify the condition of the land and for the Board to enter into negotiations with the owner of property behind the school that could be used for an addition and for septic system expansion. The motion was withdrawn after not receiving a second.

Mr. Stamps moved and Mr. Becker seconded that the owner of the land being considered for purchase pay for additional soil investigations recommended by the Board's contracted site engineer, with the testing to be performed by a firm acceptable to the Board, and for the Director to continue investigating the possibility of securing other property adjoining the Oakmont campus. The motion failed with Mr. Becker and Mr. Stamps voting aye, and Ms. Bradley, Ms. Roth, and Chairman Stubblefield voting nay.

B. Mr. Becker moved and Ms. Roth seconded approval for New Vision Ministries to continue using Westmoreland Middle School for weekly services, with the church being urged to move forward with its efforts to secure a permanent facility. The motion passed 5-0.

C. Mr. Stamps moved and Mr. Becker seconded approval of new Board Policy GH, *Alcohol Misuse, Illegal Drugs, and Fitness for Duty*, on final reading. The motion passed 5-0.

D. Mr. Becker moved and Mr. Stamps seconded approval of new Board Policy GG, *Employee Standards of Conduct*, on final reading. The motion passed 5-0.

E. Mr. Stamps moved and Mr. Becker seconded approval of 10 amendments to the General Purpose School Fund budget dated Feb. 21, 2006, through March 14, 2006, and six Federal Projects Fund budget amendments dated March 10 and March 13, 2006. The motion passed 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Mr. Becker moved and Mr. Stamps seconded authorization for the Executive Committee to approve improvements to the concession stands and restrooms at the Gallatin High Stadium, with the stipulation that any use of district funds or labor will require approval by the full Board. The motion passed 5-0.

B. Mr. Becker moved and Mr. Stamps seconded approval of a request from the Sumner County Emergency Management Agency to place a communications tower on the Portland Middle School campus after consulting with the principal. The motion passed 5-0.

C. Mr. Becker moved and Ms. Roth seconded approval of the low bid from Superior Siding and Steel to re-roof Guild Elementary School. The motion passed 5-0.

D. Mr. Becker moved and Ms. Bradley seconded approval of Jack Anderson Elementary School's request to install a new sign near the school's entrance, with the stipulation that city regulations be followed. The motion passed 5-0.

E. Mr. Becker moved and Ms. Roth seconded approval of Gallatin High School's request to declare old band uniforms as surplus for disposal, with proceeds from the sale of the uniforms being deposited in the Gallatin High Band Boosters account for the purchase of uniforms in the future. The motion passed 5-0.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon completion of the agenda, Chairman Stubblefield declared the meeting adjourned at 9:26 p.m.

Approved: 4/18/06

Benny Bills, Director of Schools

Ken Becker, Board Vice-Chairman