

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

Call to Order

The February 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, Will Duncan, Nancy Roth, Randy Stamps, and Ronnie Stubblefield were present. Director of Schools Benny Bills and Attorney Jim Fuqua were present.

ADOPTION OF AGENDAS

A. Mr. Becker moved and Ms. Bradley seconded approval of the *Consent Agenda* as presented, with a note that items #9 and #10 in the list of bids include rationale for not taking the lowest submitted prices. The motion passed 6-0. (*on file in Minute Book*)

B. Mr. Becker moved and Mr. Stamps seconded approval of the *Regular Agenda*. The motion passed 6-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. Mr. Stamps moved and Mr. Duncan seconded approval and adoption of the draft minutes from the Board's January 17, 2006, Regular Meeting, as presented. The minutes were approved 6-0.

RECOGNITIONS / HEARING OF DELEGATIONS

A. SCEA President Manny Lopez had no comments.

B. Mr. Adam Briley, 201 Ragland Road, Cottontown, urged the Board to purchase 1.8 acres of land adjacent to the Oakmont Elementary School campus.

C. County Commissioner John Smart spoke in favor of purchasing the property adjacent to Oakmont Elementary and urged the creation of JROTC classes at all high schools.

Ms. Bradley reported that the owner of the land has lowered his asking price to \$58,000. Ms. Bradley moved and Mr. Duncan seconded purchasing the 1.8 acres of land. Mr. Becker moved and Ms. Stamps seconded deferral of the matter to allow for geological testing to be completed, with results to be reported to the Board as soon as possible. Ms. Bradley reported that the land owner wants an answer about the purchase by Friday, Feb. 24. The motion to defer was approved 4-2, with Ms. Bradley and Mr. Duncan voting no.

D. Ms. Marilyn Malone, 1212 S. Russell Street in Portland, expressed concerns about a proposed elementary school site on S. Russell Street.

E. Mr. Don Long, 1363 Drakes Creek in Hendersonville, spoke in opposition to proposed modifications of the Director's contract.

F. Mr. John Bradley, 196 Cherokee Road in Hendersonville, offered details concerning the proposed Oakmont land and how the current owner obtained it, and he spoke in opposition to proposed modifications of the Director's contract.

G. Mr. Bobbly L. Thompson Jr. informed the Board that reported that he and his sister are the owner's of the proposed S. Russell Street land in Portland and that they were approached about selling the land to the school district.

MATTERS INVOLVING COUNSEL

A. Mr. Fuqua had nothing to report.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM BOARD

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

B. Mr. Stamps moved and Ms. Roth seconded approval of the revised Director's Contract on first reading as negotiated by Chairman Stubblefield and Mr. Bills at the Board's direction. The motion passed 4-2, with Ms. Bradley and Mr. Duncan voting no. Chairman Stubblefield publicly announced that the contract would be considered on final reading at the Board's scheduled meeting on March 21, 2006.

C. Mr. Stamps moved and Mr. Becker seconded approval of revised Board Policy CEI, *Evaluation of the Director*, on first reading. The motion passed 4-1, with Mr. Duncan voting no and Ms. Bradley abstaining.

D. Mr. Becker moved and Ms. Roth seconded approval of a Board Resolution 2006-01 urging the General Assembly to defeat legislation calling for a return to elected superintendents. The motion passed 4-2, with Mr. Duncan and Ms. Bradley voting no.

E. Mr. Becker moved and Mr. Stamps seconded that a community request to rename Wessington Place Elementary School in honor of Mr. George Whitten be placed on the Board's February 28 Study Session for discussion and input from citizens. The motion passed 5-1, with Mr. Duncan voting no. Mr. Stamps asked that minutes involving the naming Benny Bills Elementary School be attached to these minutes.

REPORTS FROM THE DIRECTOR

A. Director Bills reported that preliminary budget meetings with principals are 50 percent complete.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. 1. Board members acknowledged the *Phase III Building Program Financial Report* dated Feb. 13, 2006.

2. Mr. Becker moved and Mr. Stamps seconded approval of final retainage release for the White House High Annex renovation project. The motion passed 6-0.

B. 1. Mr. Stamps moved and Mr. Becker seconded that the option to purchase land on S. Russell Street in Portland be allowed to expire without any further action. The motion passed 6-0.

2. Mr. Stamps moved and Mr. Becker seconded approval of a \$5,000 option to purchase the Searcy property near the current Portland High School. The motion was approved 6-0. The Director will make a recommendation on final purchase of the property following the completion of geotechnical surveys.

C. Mr. Becker moved and Mr. Stamps seconded approval of two amendments to the 2005-06 General Purpose School Fund Budget dated Feb. 2, 2006. The motion was approved 6-0.

D. Mr. Stamps moved and Mr. Duncan seconded approval of a six-month extension for Sumner Life Church to use facilities at Knox Doss Middle School. The motion passed 6-0.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Mr. Stamps moved and Mr. Duncan seconded approval of a new Board Policy entitled *Alcohol Misuse, Illegal Drugs, and Fitness for Duty* on first reading. The motion passed 6-0.

B. Mr. Becker moved and Mr. Stamps seconded approval of a new Board Policy entitled *Employee Standards of Conduct* on first reading. The motion passed 6-0.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon completion of the agenda, Chairman Stubblefield declared the meeting adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

Approved: 3/21/06

Benny Bills, Director of Schools

Ronnie Stubblefield, Board Chairman