

**SUMNER COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES - APRIL 18, 2006**

Call to Order

The April 18, 2006, regular meeting of the Sumner County Board of Education was called to order at 7 p.m. by Vice-Chairman Ken Becker. 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, and Randy Stamps were present. Director of Schools Benny Bills and Attorney Jim Fuqua were present. Board Chairman Ronnie Stubblefield was noted absent.

ADOPTION OF AGENDAS

A. Mr. Stamps moved and Ms. Bradley seconded approval of the *Consent Agenda*, with a request that bids 2, 3, and 4 be moved to the *Regular Agenda*. The motion passed 5-0. (*on file in Minute Book*)

B. Mr. Stamps moved and Mr. Duncan seconded approval of the *Regular Agenda* with the addition of a request for cooperative hockey approval from Hyde Magnet School and Station Camp High School (*the emergency is the need to submit this request to the appropriate oversight group for consideration as soon as possible*), and consideration of land purchase options in Portland and White House (*the emergency is the need to expedite these options if possible to assist the Board in purchasing land for new schools while it is available*). The motion, with the two additions, passed 5-0.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

B. Mr. Stamps moved and Mr. Duncan seconded approval and adoption of the draft minutes from the Board's April 4, 2006, Special Called Meeting. The minutes were approved 5-0.

RECOGNITIONS / HEARING OF DELEGATIONS

A. SCEA President Manny Lopez asked the Board to publicly assert its support for a noticeable increase in teacher salaries for the teacher contract now being negotiated.

B. *News Examiner* News Editor Linda Bryant recognized the following teachers of the year for the 2005-06 school year: Anita Hinricher, a kindergarten teacher at Jack Anderson Elementary School; Jennifer Estes, a family living teacher at Portland Middle School; and Pat Highers, a language, English, and social studies teacher at Gallatin High School.

C. Mr. Bills recognized Gene Brown Elementary students Courtney Cox and Danielle Chambliss for their extraordinary efforts to help their bus driver, who became sick and incapacitated on the ride home.

D. Mr. Doremus recognized the 14 high school juniors who recently represented Sumner County at the statewide Student Congress on Policies in Education.

MATTERS INVOLVING COUNSEL

A. Mr. Fuqua reported on the progress of requested state legislation involving the use of school property by for-profit entities.

COMMUNICATIONS FROM BOARD

A. Board members acknowledged the *Executive Committee Report* dated April 18, 2006.

REPORTS FROM THE DIRECTOR

A. Director Bills praised the district staff for its performance when a tornado struck the county on April 7.

B. Board members acknowledged the *Approved Field Trips Report* dated April 18, 2006.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Mr. Stamps moved and Ms. Roth seconded approval of the Director's recommendation to hire Johnson & Bailey Architects for the Indian Lake Elementary addition project. The motion passed 5-0.

B. Board members acknowledged the Phase III Building Program Financial Report dated April 10, 2006.

C. Mr. Stamps moved and Ms. Bradley seconded approval of two amendments to the 2005-06 Federal Projects Budget dated March 29, 2006. The motion was approved 5-0.

D. Mr. Stamps moved and Mr. Duncan seconded approval of a request to consider naming the new Adult Education facility and an included conference room. The motion to consider the request passed 5-0, and the matter was put on the April Study Session agenda for public comments.

E. After hearing from Pastor Jerrell Somerville, Ms. Bradley moved and Mr. Duncan seconded approval for Freedom Church to continue holding services at Hendersonville High School for up to eight additional months if necessary pending completion of the congregation's new facility. The motion passed 5-0.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Mr. Stamps moved and Ms. Roth seconded approval of the city of Gallatin's request to obtain a 30-foot easement from Maple Street to Green Wave Drive on the Gallatin High School campus, with the stipulation that the city put up a fence and replace trees that are removed, and the understanding that the Executive Committee will determine if any federal or state funds are available to the city that could be transferred to the Board in exchange for the property. The motion passed 5-0.

B. Ms. Bradley moved and Mr. Stamps seconded approval of the recommendations made by the 2005-06 Textbook Adoption Committees. The motion passed 5-0.

C. Mr. Stamps moved and Mr. Duncan seconded approval of a request from Hyde Magnet School and Station Camp High School to allow cooperative competition in ice hockey. The motion passed 5-0.

D. Ms. Bradley moved and Mr. Stamps seconded approval of land options on parcels in Portland (Riggsbee property and Searcy property) and White House (Floyd property). The motion passed 5-0.

E. Mr. Stamps moved and Ms. Bradley seconded approval of bids 2, 3, and 4 that were removed from the *Consent Agenda*. The motion passed 5-0.

Mr. Stamps asked that a discussion of textbooks be placed on a future Study Session, and he asked that Ms. Durski prepare and present information as soon as possible comparing district employee salary increases over the past several years to increases in the cost of living, pay increases received by county employees, and salary increases received by county officials.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon completion of the agenda, Vice-Chairman Becker declared the meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

Approved: 5/16/06

Benny Bills, Director of Schools

Ronnie Stubblefield, Board Chairman