

**August 3, 2009**

The Johnson City Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, August 3, 2009, at 6:00 p.m., in the Board Room at the Columbus Powell Center. The following members were in attendance:

Mrs. Kathy B. Hall, Chair  
Mrs. Jenny L. Brock, Vice-Chair  
Mrs. Sheila B. Cox, Secretary  
Mr. Timothy S. Belisle  
Mr. Thomas B. Hager, Jr.  
Dr. Richard A. Manahan  
Dr. Ralph J. Van Brocklin  
Dr. Richard W. Bales, Director of Schools

**I. CALL TO ORDER AND OPENING**

- Hall called the meeting to order and welcomed those in attendance.
- Sheila Cox, Board Secretary, led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

**II. RECOGNITIONS**

- Debra Bentley presented recognition certificates on behalf of the Board:
  - HOSA team members Sonali Kadam, Emil Montano, Dominique Peters, and Alisha Smith (placed first in nation in their event regarding the topic on training in the use of epipens)
  - Roy Fleenor, Debbie Bingham, and Roy Wagner (Fleenor Security Systems) donated 4700 family safety kits for grades 3-10
  - Keith Turner (Athletic Director) and Jeff Aldridge (Assistant Principal) successfully completed the process of "Certified Athletic Administrator" for the National Interscholastic Athletic Administrators Association
  - David Peccia and Pat Carver received recertification and Jill Clark and Kelly Bishop have earned initial certification as Lindamood-Bell teachers

Hager asked that a moment of silence be observed for Connie Williams (teacher at SHHS 8-9) and her family who were in a tragic accident this past weekend.

**III. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Brock made a motion to accept the agenda as presented with one addendum: Approval of the Official Statutory Bond for the Treasurer or Fiscal Agent (Janet Jennings, City Hall) for the Local Education Association. Belisle asked that the motion be amended to include the Lake Ridge walking trail under Unfinished Business for action since it is on the agenda under Correspondence, Delegations, and Communications. Manahan seconded the motion. The amended motion passed unanimously on a 7-0 vote. A copy of the agenda is included with these minutes.

**IV. CORRESPONDENCE, DELEGATIONS, AND COMMUNICATIONS**

The following people addressed the Board:

- James Povlich, 506 Mallard Street, updated the Board on the proposed walking trail for Lake Ridge Elementary School (to be paid for by the LR PTA)

- Ron Banton, 1300 Lake Ridge Square, LR proposed walking trail
- Alison Williams, 9 S. Foxxborough Lane, on-site stadium for SHHS
- Alex Goudreau, 712 North Hills Drive, on-site stadium for SHHS
- Lauri Hale, 210 Emerald Chase Circle, on-site stadium for SHHS
- Coach Scott Smith, SHHS, mowing of practice fields
  
- A fax was received from Ken Lyon, representing the Committee for Preservation and Responsible Spending, requesting to appear before the Board at some future date to present their concerns and to respond to the consultant's report regarding Memorial Stadium.

**V. REPORTS FROM DIRECTOR AND STAFF**

- The Board accepted the following reports as presented: *Facilities Update* (Dave Chupa), *PEP-Sales Tax "Educational Facilities Trust Fund" for June 2009* (Pam Cox), *CIP-County Bond Fund for June 2009* (Pam Cox), *2009 Value-Added Assessment* (Dr. Robbie Anderson), and *Lindamood-Bell Update* (Dave Peccia and Matthew Gardner).
  
- *Financial Report for June 2009* - On recommendation by Bales and on motion by Belisle, seconded by S. Cox, and unanimously passed on a 7-0 vote, the Board approved the Financial Report for June 2009 as presented.

**VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- *Proposed Walking Trail for Lake Ridge Elementary School* – On motion by Manahan, seconded by Belisle, and unanimously passed on a 7-0 vote, the Board approved the PTA-funded walking trail for Lake Ridge Elementary School as presented within the dollars available. The Board asked Dave Chupa and John Phillips to take appropriate steps to assure city planning requirements are met for this project.

**VII. CONSENT AGENDA**

On recommendation by Bales and on motion by Brock, seconded by S. Cox, and unanimously passed on a 7-0 vote, the Board approved the following Consent Agenda items:

1. Board Meeting Minutes for July 6, 2009 (Regular Session)
  2. Overnight Field Trip Requests for SHHS
  7. Fundraiser Authorizations for SHHS
  8. Official Statutory Bond for the Treasurer or Fiscal Agent for the Local Education Agency (Janet Jennings, City Hall)
- *#3 - Lease Agreement between Johnson City Board of Education and Heritage Baptist Church for Topper Tots Program and Child Care Classes* - Manahan asked for clarification on this lease. On recommendation by Bales and on motion by Manahan, seconded by S. Cox, and unanimously passed on a 7-0 vote, the Board approved the lease agreement with Heritage Baptist Church as presented.

- **#4 - Agreement between Mountain States Health Alliance and Johnson City Board of Education** - Brock noted she would abstain from this vote since she is on the Washington County board affiliated with MSHA. On recommendation by Bales and on motion by Hall, seconded by S. Cox, and passed on a 6-0-1 vote, the Board approved the agreement with MSHA as presented.
- **#5 - Agreement between Johnson City Schools and ETSU for Pre-K Program** – Manahan noted he would abstain from this vote since he is employed by ETSU. On recommendation by Bales and on motion by Hall, seconded by Brock, and passed on a 6-0-1- vote, the Board approved the agreement with ETSU as presented.
- **#6 - Contracts** – Van Brocklin asked about the project evaluation fees in these contracts. Snyder responded with clarification regarding the fees and to whom they are disbursed. On recommendation by Bales and on motion by Van Brocklin, seconded by S. Cox, and unanimously passed on a 7-0 vote, the Board approved the two contracts with Promise Center, Inc. for the provision of project evaluation fees for the EUDL (Enforcing Underage Drinking Laws) grant and the Project HEROES (Helping Everyone Reach Optimum Excellence and Success) grant and the contract with Lindamood-Bell Learning Processes for the 2009-2010 school year.

#### **VIII. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE DIRECTOR**

- On recommendation by Bales and on motion by Belisle, seconded by S. Cox, and unanimously passed on a 7-0 vote, the Board approved the school zone assignments (Woodland Elementary School) for the South Fork and Perma R Road proposed annexations as submitted by the Ad Hoc Committee on Zone Assignments.

#### **IX. NEW BUSINESS**

- Discussion Regarding Memorial Stadium – Lengthy discussion was held regarding this topic with each Board member giving input. Comments were also received from Keith Turner and Dr. Carson Vermillion.

Belisle made a motion that this item be tabled and no action on Memorial Stadium be taken until such time as our Learning Plan is fully approved and funded by the City Commission and the 9<sup>th</sup> grade academy project is underway. Manahan seconded the motion and stated this is not a criticism of the City Commission we just want that energy to go straight forward on this project and we will work with them anyway we can to the benefit of both bodies. The motion passed on a roll call vote of 5-2 with Brock and Van Brocklin voting “no”.

- Discussion Regarding Maintenance of Athletic Fields – Discussion was held on this topic with each Board member giving input.

On motion by Brock, seconded by Hall, and unanimously passed on a 7-0 vote, the Board voted to have the Joint School/City Facilities Committee address issues of school maintenance, particularly jointly shared facilities such as Freedom Hall, to get new clear agreements regarding responsibilities for maintenance and upkeep and that students are put first and foremost. The motion passed unanimously on a roll call vote of 7-0.

S. Cox made a motion that the school system staff mow the football practice field in between times when the City Parks and Rec staff mows every 11 days as has been the recent schedule. Van Brocklin seconded the motion. Hager asked that the motion be amended to allow Keith Turner to get the practice field mowed when needed. Hall seconded the amendment. The amendment passed on a roll call vote of 4-2 with Manahan and Van Brocklin voting “no” and Belisle not present for the vote. The main motion as amended passed on a roll call vote of 4-2 with Hager and Manahan voting “no” and Belisle not present for the vote.

**X. INFORMATION ITEMS**

- The following information items were shared with the Board: Board Calendar of Events, Personnel Items, and Donations to Fairmont, Woodland, Lake Ridge, and Towne Acres.

**XI. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- There were no committee reports for this meeting.

**XII. BOARD UPDATES/DISCUSSION**

- Van Brocklin – Regarding facilities, it would be extremely helpful if the Board could have information regarding what is needed in every one of our facilities to bring them up to where they need to be. The School Environment Committee started discussion on this last year. Once the Board has that information and the picture is understood more clearly, the needs could then be shared with the City Commission.

**XIII. MEETING DATES**

- Wednesday, August 5, 2009, 8:30 a.m., Opening Day Inservice, ETSU
- Tuesday, September 8, 2009, 6 p.m., Regular Meeting
- Tuesday, September 8, 2009, 5 p.m., Policy Review Meeting, Section 3
- Monday, September 21, 2009, 4:30 p.m., TSBA Fall District Meeting, Sullivan County, Sullivan Central High School
- Wednesday, September 23, 2009, 1 p.m., Brown Bag Lunch at Cherokee

**XIV. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

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Chairman

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Secretary

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**AGENDA**  
**Johnson City Board of Education**  
**August 3, 2009**  
**6:00 p.m.**

**Suggested timeframe in parenthesis**

- I. CALL TO ORDER AND OPENING (3 minutes)
  - Call to Order and Welcome – Kathy Hall, Board Chair
  - Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag – Sheila Cox, Board Secretary
- II. RECOGNITIONS (5 minutes)
  - List in packet from Dr. Debra Bentley
- III. ADOPTION OF AGENDA
- IV. CORRESPONDENCE, DELEGATIONS, AND COMMUNICATIONS (5 mins.)
  - Update from Lake Ridge PTA regarding proposal for walking trail
- V. REPORTS FROM DIRECTOR AND STAFF
  1. Facilities Update (Info Item) – Dave Chupa (5 minutes)
  2. Update on Sales Tax and Bond Monies – Pam Cox (5 minutes)
  3. Financial Report for June 2009 (Action Item) – Pam Cox (5 minutes)
  4. Value-Added Scores (Info Item) – Dr. Robbie Anderson (10 minutes)
  5. Lindamood-Bell Update (Info Item) – Dave Peccia (5 minutes)
- VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
  - No unfinished business for this meeting
- VII. CONSENT AGENDA – Action Items – (5 minutes)
  1. Board Meeting Minutes for July 6, 2009 (Regular Session)
  2. Overnight Field Trip Requests for Science Hill High School:
    - 200 students to Western Carolina University, October 10-11, 2009, to attend marching contest
    - 200 students to McGavin High School in Nashville, TN., October 24-25, 2009, to attend marching contest
  3. Lease agreement between Johnson City Board of Education and Heritage Baptist Church for Topper Tots Program and child care classes
  4. Agreement between Mountain States Health Alliance and Johnson City Board of Education for Provision of Business Health Services
  5. Agreement between Johnson City Schools and ETSU for Pre-K Program
  6. Contracts:
    - A. between Johnson City Schools and Promise Center, Inc., for the provision of project evaluation services for the EUDL (Enforcing Underage Drinking Laws) grant
    - B. between Johnson City Schools and Promise Center, Inc. for the provision of project evaluation services for the Project HEROES (Helping Everyone Reach Optimum Excellence and Success) grant
    - C. between Johnson City School District and Lindamood-Bell Learning Processes for the 2009-2010 school year
  7. Fundraiser Authorizations:
    - Science Hill High School
      - Pepsi & Coke Machines, July 2009-June 2010
      - Ink Cartridges (recycling), July 2009-June 2010
      - Cookie Dough Sales, Varsity Girls Soccer, August 5-14, 2009
  8. Official Statutory Bond for the Treasurer or Fiscal Agent for the Local Education Agency (Janet Jennings, City Hall)

- VIII. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE DIRECTOR FOR ACTION (5 mins.)
- Recommendations for school zone assignments as recommended by the Ad Hoc Committee on Zone Assignments:
    - South Fork proposed annexation – Woodland Elementary
    - Perma R Road proposed annexation – Woodland Elementary
- IX. NEW BUSINESS
1. Discussion Regarding Memorial Stadium
  2. Discussion Regarding Maintenance of Athletic Fields
- X. INFORMATION ITEMS
1. Board Calendar of Events
  2. Personnel Items
  3. Donations
    - to Fairmont Elementary School
      - from Mr. & Mrs. Bob Nicar in memory of Alice Bachman, \$25.00 (will be used to purchase library materials in Mrs. Bachman's memory)
    - to Woodland Elementary School
      - from Ralph Smith, \$50.00 for Brad Johnson's class
    - to Lake Ridge Elementary School
      - from Eastman Chemical, \$1,400.00 (awarded to Anthony Padelski and Niki Thomas for a math workshop taken this summer to be used for math supplies)
    - to Towne Acres Elementary School
      - from J.P. Morgan Company, \$700 for participation in an Eastman Chemical Company math program
- XI. COMMITTEE REPORTS (10 minutes)
- XII. BOARD UPDATES AND DISCUSSION (10 minutes)
- XIII. MEETING DATES
- The next Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 8, 2009, at 6 p.m.
  - A special session will be held on Tuesday, September 8, 2009, at 5 p.m., to review Section 3 of Board Policy.
- XIV. ADJOURNMENT

