

June 1, 2009

The Johnson City Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, June 1, 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. 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. She recognized Tammy Pearce, principal of Indian Trail Middle School. Pearce introduced Katie Powell, a student from ITMS, who led the pledge of allegiance to the flag. Pearce David Holley (band director) and members of the 6th grade band who opened the meeting. Hall noted the art work on display in the board room was from ITMS students under the direction of art teacher Michele O'Patrick-Ollis.

Pearce presented an update on Indian Trail Middle School. She stated the school was recognized and chosen as one of seven preferred learning focused schools in the United States. Three of the teachers have earned the trainer-of-trainer status so they can actually train other teachers in the system on the learning focused strategies and that will help cut down on budget costs. With the new standards coming down the pike, teachers have been working since last summer to align the curriculum with the new state standards, creating new unit plans, pacing guides, and cognitive assessments and that work will continue. She stated the things they continue to do that separates them from the rest is to continue to focus on student achievement, data, assessment, differentiation for students, and they continue to realize that it is the people, not the programs, that bring success and to see the possibilities in every student. Also, they continue to realize the high power of expectations. They have proactive attitudes – making connections with every student every day – and they believe in a rich tradition. She stated she appreciated the support of the board, the teachers, the parents, and the students. She stated the reason they are successful is because of the hard work and dedication of the teachers. The board thanked Pearce for her update.

II. RECOGNITIONS

Dr. Debra Bentley presented the following recognition certificates on behalf of the Board of Education:

- Pat Herrin, a senior at Science Hill High School, has been selected to participate in the U.S. Naval Academy Summer Seminar Program in Annapolis, MD. Pat is one of 2,250 young men and women invited from a select group of high school students from around the nation and world to attend.
- The SHHS Showstoppers competed in the Tennessee High School Speech and Drama League Championships in Nashville in April and brought home three state championships.

Individual winners are:

- Zach Ross – Poetry Interpretation – State Champion
- Hannah Hasch – Poetry Interpretation – 3rd place
- Corie Johnson – After-Dinner Speaking – 3rd place
- Jordan Mallory – After-Dinner Speaking – 4th place
- Hannah Miller – Storytelling – 3rd place

The one-act play of “Dining With David Ives” won first place in the state, garnering three all-star cast selections and Best Actress in the state:

- Hannah Miller – voted Best Actress in the State
- Sam Love – voted State All-Star Cast
- Zach Ross – voted State All-Star Cast

Other cast members are: Tricia Fowler, Hannah Hasch, Zack James, Courtney King, Jordan Mallory, and Zakk Massingill.

Rick Marshall, Director of the Science Hill Showstoppers, was voted “State Educator of the Year” for the Tennessee High School Speech and Drama League.

- The Johnson City School Food Service Department was awarded the “District of Excellence in School Nutrition Distinction” by the School Nutrition Association. This recognition is awarded to school districts that complete the Keys Express self-assessment and then demonstrate best practices.
- Several Science Hill High School students participated in the Tennessee Mathematics Teacher Association math competition held at Northeast State University on April 21st. Students received rankings according to the number of problems they got correct. This is a very rigorous opportunity for students and we are very proud of their accomplishments:
 - Algebra I – Stephen Wang, Peter Torok, Christopher Smith, Fred Lam, Abhinayaa Udayansankar, Laura Lcabaniss, Summer Church, Austin Cole, Katie Deal, Justin Thornburgh, Brennan Day, Martha McCoy
 - Geometry – Eliza Chang, Eric Chu, Kerri Slaughter, Joseph Dunham, Nicholas Clanton, Melanie Smith, Ryan Caveney, Michael Chen, John Flaherty, Andreas Montano, Lydia Cob
 - Algebra 2 – Akina Anand, Lauren Mills, Andy Karsai, Peter Hoilman, Lauren Holden, Cyrus Alavi, Paul Poland, Jessie Feathers, Hannah Heise, Kathleen McGreevey, James Jones
 - Statistics – Butch Cross, Amanda Jester, Gantt Ward, Johneshia Good, Alyse Swihart, Sarakay Johnson, Julieanne Rabon, Ariel Swihart
 - Pre-Calculus – Seif Atyia, Tanner Strickland, Pooja Jagadish, Elizabeth Williams, Deranshu Agrawal, Nikhil Holla, Samantha Gosey, Ellen Bier, Sirmad Chaudhary, Dustin Shipley, Taylor Wilson

- Calculus and Advanced Topics – Sarah Kramer, Layla Marshall, Phillip Huffman, Joshua Whitaker, Isaiah Greer, Eleanor Middlemas, John Duncan, Alice Brading, James Foster, Joshua Adelman, Chase Duty
- The Tennessee PTA Student Awards winners were announced in May. The following students were recognized for their exemplary achievements:
 - Citizenship Essay – Division 2 (Grades 1-2) Award of Merit: Madison Richmond, Towne Acres Elementary School
 - Citizenship Essay – Division 4 (Grades 6-8) Award of Merit: Emily Nagy, Indian Trail Middle School
 - Reflections – Dance Choreography – Intermediate Division Award of Merit: Halle Hausman, Woodland Elementary School
 - Reflections – Dance Choreography – Junior/Middle Division Award of Excellence: Hannah Hausman, Indian Trail Middle School
 - Reflections – Film/Video Productions – Junior/Middle Division Award of Excellence: Eunice Michieka, Indian Trail Middle School
 - Reflections – Literature – Junior/Middle Division Award of Excellence: Ana Picaza, Science Hill High School and Award of Merit: Martha McCoy, Science Hill High School
 - Reflections – Literature – Senior Division Award of Merit: Marion Michieka, Science Hill High School
 - Reflections – Musical Composition Primary Division Award of Merit: Marilou Carr, Towne Acres Elementary
 - Reflections – Musical Composition Intermediate Division Award of Merit: Adrianna Leicht, South Side Elementary School
 - Reflections – Photography Primary Division Award of Merit: Georgia Link, Towne Acres Elementary School
 - Reflections – Photography Junior/Middle Division Award of Excellence: Collin Vandersommen, Indian Trail Middle School and Award of Merit: Emily Nagy, Indian Trail Middle School
 - Reflections – Photography Senior Division Award of Merit: Pooja Jagadish, Science Hill High School
 - Reflections – Visual Arts Senior Division of Merit: Andrew Weems, Science Hill High School
 - Safety Poster – Grades K-2 Award of Merit: Allison Baker, Towne Acres Elementary School; Marilou Carr, Towne Acres Elementary School; Cammie Smith, Fairmont Elementary School; and Jacob Smith, South Side Elementary School
 - Safety Poster – Grades 6-8 Award of Merit: Autumn Barnett, Science Hill High School and Blair Latimer, Science Hill High School
- Winter and Spring Sports Teams from Indian Trail Middle School and Science Hill High School
 - 7th Grade Girls Basketball coached by Joe Ebart – undefeated conference champions and tournament champions

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- 8th Grade Girls Basketball coached by Rick Conner – undefeated conference champions, area champions, and East Tennessee State Sectional champions
- 8th Grade Boys Basketball coached by Andy Bennett – undefeated conference champions, conference tournament champions, and area champions at the East Tennessee Sectional
- 9th Grade Boys Basketball coached by John Good – regular season champions and tournament champions
- Varsity Boys Basketball coached by Ken Cutlip – regular season champions, district tournament champions, regional tournament champions, sub-state champions, and state tournament qualifiers
- Girls Wrestling Team coached by Jon Renner – state champions
- Boys Wrestling Team coached by Jeff Price – conference champions, district tournament champions, regional tournament champions, and top five in the state tournament
- Boys and Girls Swimming and Diving coached by Chris Corriago – conference champions, regional champions, state tournament qualifiers and Kyle Owens was state champion in two events
- Boys 8th Grade Soccer coached by David Strickland – undefeated conference champions, tournament champions
- 9th Grade Baseball coached by Robert Hyder – tournament champions
- Varsity Baseball coached by Ryan Edwards and Josh Carter – regular season champions, district tournament champions, and regional tournament champions
- Girls Tennis coached by Pete Zannis – regular season champions, district tournament champions, regional tournament champions, and state champions
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- Girls Track coached by John Hyatt and Ken Hyatt – conference champions, Big-East champions, sectional champions, and state champions. Allie Scalf was state champion in the 3200 and 1600 meter. The relay team was also state champions.
- Boys Middle School Golf coached by Nelson Arblaster – district champions and fourth place in the state

III. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

On recommendation by Bales and on motion by Belisle, seconded by S. Cox, and unanimously passed on a 6-0 vote, the Board adopted the agenda as presented.

IV. CORRESPONDENCE, DELEGATIONS, AND COMMUNICATIONS

- There was no correspondence, delegations, or communications for this meeting.

V. **REPORTS FROM DIRECTOR AND STAFF**

- ***Johnson City Public Schools Foundation, Inc.*** – Bonnie Sampson presented board members a copy of the new Foundation brochure that lists the new board members. She reported the following:
 - Foundation Assets (as of 4/30/09) total \$106,990.33 (\$31,990.33 in checking at First Tennessee Bank and \$75,000 in three certificates of deposit where the interest is used to grant two \$1,500 need based scholarships yearly to Science Hill seniors)
 - Best Card Sales for the 2008-09 School Year totaled \$61,075.00
 - Monies Returned to Schools from the Foundation totaled \$55,595.00 (\$30,095 Best Card Profit Share; \$18,000 wish list grants; \$5,000 Johnson City Public Schools Technology Conference; and \$2,500 Science Hill IB program subsidy)
 - Other Awards, Grants, Contributions Made Through the Foundation totaled \$4,048 (\$3,000 Science Hill Scholarships; \$500 Shirly Underwood Scholarship; \$500 Sponsorship to Girl's State; and \$38.00 Bonnie Sampson, E Sharp Awards to Science Hill seniors)
 - Donations Received totaled \$6,530 (\$5,000 Eastman Chemical Company Grant – applied to Wish List allocation; \$1,020 Memorial Gifts; \$300 Tipton Fund Contribution; and \$200 Private Donation)
 - Organizations With Their Own Funding Using the Foundation's 501(c)(3): \$94,289.71 (Kermit Tipton Football Scholarship Fund Managed by The Tipton Organization - \$4,000 scholarship granted yearly to a SHHS senior football player); \$25,826.13 (Carroll Long Fund – interest from CD paid yearly to South Side Library); \$525 (Carol Kiener Memorial Fund designated for use by Literacy Council/Adult Ed); and \$709 (PTA Council Staff Development Fund)

The Board thanked Sampson for the financial report from the Johnson City Public Schools Foundation.

- ***Facilities Written Report*** – Dave Chupa gave the following written update on facilities:
 - ◆ The ESG project is in the controls stage. Several questions have arisen about the controls products and the questions have been sent to the engineers of ESG for explanation before the submittals are approved.
 - ◆ Fairmont groundbreaking is May 28. The bids for excavation are on this evening's agenda for approval. Excavation will begin immediately.
 - ◆ Ken Ross Architects has submitted an engineering report on the CMU cracks at Mountain View Elementary and this was included in the board's packet for this evening's meeting.
 - ◆ Shaw and Shanks continue meetings with staff and work toward renovation of the Career Technical Center. We are working to develop a plan for this three million dollar project. A great deal of the cleaning requirements of equipment

will fall on school staff (custodians and maintenance) with supervision from McCurry Environmental for cost savings.

- ◆ Chupa met with Tommy Burleson to discuss his role as Construction Manager with the Fairmont School Project. The Construction Manager contract is submitted in the school board packet for board review.
- ◆ The SH 8/9 project continues with some problems related to duct detectors. We are attempting to find resolution to the problems of alarms and their disruption to the school day.
- ◆ Towne Acres has had the pre-construction meeting and is on schedule to begin work immediately on the HVAC project.
- ◆ The May 21 City Commission agenda will consider an agreement with Community Tectonics for design at SHHS.

Chupa commended the staff at SHHS for the excellent job they did with the Science Hill graduation ceremonies. He also commended Tim Buck and the maintenance staff for their part in getting every thing ready for the ceremony.

- ***Questions From the Board Facilities Oral Report***

- ◆ Brock asked there is an update regarding ESG. Chupa stated everyone is very pleased with what has occurred to this point: the lighting project, the water reduction program, etc. He stated all the major parts of the project including the windows and things of that nature are pretty much completed. One major project that is going on is the HVAC at Towne Acres. He stated he had received some information regarding the controls and the concern that we had about things we may not be able to do with the update but that has been worked out with Trane and we continue to get the things that we had gotten before. Brock stated it was discussed that we may do metering at each of our schools and asked if that was still a possibility. Chupa responded his understanding is that they are in the process of doing some sub-metering. A lot of work is being done to make sure Science Hill will get some sub-metering and that will give us a better idea of school use, park and rec use, and Freedom Hall use. Bales noted the ESG work has been very good over all but there have been issues at certain locations where the maintenance department has had to step in – at Mountain View they were working with insulation and sprinklers (over the weekend or a holiday) and it ended up flooding, and at North Side we had water coming back into the school. Chupa noted another issue was, with the decreased water, particularly with flushing, there have been some back-ups in some of our sewer pipes. We don't know if that is a result of the incline on the pipe and not enough water going through. We have asked their engineers to look at that more specifically and work with our maintenance department and city folks to see what might be causing that.

- ◆ Hall noted there had been some problems with alarms and duct-work at the SH 8-9 campus. Chupa stated they had their people looking at that this weekend and there is some question about whether it is a sub-contractor issue or an engineering issue.
- ◆ Van Brocklin thanked Chupa for getting the contract for Tommy Burleson in the packet and the information on the cracks at Mountain View. He stated he liked getting that type of information in the packets because it is useful to him.
- ◆ Van Brocklin asked if Chupa could give the Board an idea of what is going on over at the Vocational-Technical School because he is hearing reports that there are some huge estimates coming in and some of what we initially talked about doing may not be possible particularly in the clean-up effort. Chupa responded, at the first meeting they had with the City Manager, there indeed was a proposal placed on the table but it was basically the Cadillac of proposals (if you had all the money in the world, what would you do) and we quickly told them we did not have all the money in the world. In the meeting last Friday, they looked at a three million dollar budget for that project and Shaw and Shanks indicated they were prepared to deliver a report regarding construction activities. Mr. Peterson indicated he wanted to do that at a joint meeting. In the meantime, the process has already begun because we already have the contract. Chupa noted the bad thing about this project that will make it a bit of a challenge is there is not a general contractor and a lot of this will be sub-contracted out.
- ◆ Brock asked if Chupa had been through the process with the city folks on how Burleson will interact and where the authority points are because that would be good for us to know so we don't breach the boundaries that are being established. Chupa responded a meeting was held last Thursday and the role of the construction manager in the Fairmont project was discussed. It was determined that the same process would continue as far as billing and reporting of work – things will come to the school board, then to the City Commission before invoices are approved and paid. They also talked about how they would be working during the process of construction.
- **Facilities Oral Report** – Dave Chupa gave the following oral update since the written report is compiled a couple of weeks before the Board meeting:
 - ◆ The Mayor has prepared an agenda for Tuesday evening's meeting that will include: introduction of the board and the commission, a presentation by the Director of Schools on the Learning Plan, finance report by the City Manager, Community Tectonics presentation from Don Shell, and that will be followed by a question and answer session.

- ***Update on Sales Tax and Bond Monies***

PEP – Sales Tax “Educational Facilities Trust Fund” – Pam Cox reported, as of April 30, 2009, there was a balance of \$589,960.73 for this account. Sales tax deposits for the month include \$81,186.15 for the school portion of the quarter cent sales tax and \$144,829.94 for the city portion. Interest earnings for the month were \$38.18. Disbursements for the month were \$3,666.67 for the monthly Mountain View payment. She noted, as we talked about last month, we will be making a very large payment in May for the non-callable part of the 1997 PEP bonds. We will not have enough sales tax collections to make this payment and will owe the city \$599,000 plus .10% interest (or the current rate) until sales tax comes in to cover this amount. We will have other principal and interest payments due in June, August, and September. The red ink will probably continue until August 2009 when we will have a few days in the black and go back to red in early September 2009 and then finally get into the black at the end of September 2009 and hopefully stay until May 2010 when this large payment comes due again. At the time of this report, P. Cox did not have any further information on the refinancing of the PEP bonds. She had included in the packet, Ms. Jennings’ latest analysis of the PEP account. This assumption is based on a 3% sales tax growth and it compares the last projection to their current projection. They are estimating that we will go into a permanent deficit situation in May 2012.

CIP – County Bond Fund – Pam Cox reported, as of April 30, 2009, there was a bank balance of \$4,518,369.71 in this account. She reported the following disbursements were made for the month: two payments to Armstrong Construction on the 8th Grade Building were made for a total of \$571,040.90; two retainage payments were made totaling \$30,054.79; two payments to Shaw and Shanks totaling \$8,137.21 were made; and a payment to Glenn Allen Shelnett was made for \$9,850.00. Total disbursements for the month were \$632,919.90. She reported we have received the twenty-seventh allocation from the 2007 Washington County TN-Loans Program in the amount of \$246,970.05. The checking account balance of the 2007 Washington County Capital dollars after this deposit and less the above listed disbursements is now \$4,518,369.71. She reported our investment balance at 4-30-09 was \$40,761,373.74. She had included the April statement along with the recap sheet for the Board’s review. She reported we have earned a total of \$761,373.74 in total interest earnings and currently the money is yielding 2.93% on average.

- ***Financial Report for April 2009*** – Pam Cox reported this is an un-audited financial report for the month ending April 30, 2009. She reported the revenues for the month were \$4,739,411.19 coming primarily from local option sales tax, BEP, the monthly appropriation from the city, and from Washington County Property Tax. She noted total revenue exceeds expenditures at this point in time by \$3,431,387.42 but asked the board to please remember that we will not receive

a BEP payment in May plus the majority of the sales tax and property tax revenues have already been collected for this year. Sales tax collections for the month were \$820,062.09 which is down \$18,209.67 from April 2008. We are now over our budget estimate by 1.71% or \$181,352.84 which is a decrease from last month by \$56,604.64. The total we have collected over this time last year has decreased to \$22,295.23. She thinks we will collect our budget for this year; however, she does not expect collections to exceed budget by more than twenty thousand or so. The Washington County Property Tax collections for the month were \$292,087.91. Year-to-date collections in this account exceed last year by \$700,207.97 due to the six-cent increase in Washington County Taxes last year. We are 98.08% collected and she is a little more confident that we will meet this budget by year end. Expenditures are very typical for this time of year and we spent \$4,315,348.33 this month. We are 83.33% through the fiscal year with this report. She noted that most major categories have around 23% of their budget remaining which is good considering we have 16.67% of the fiscal year left. Overall, we have 23.82% of our budget available or remaining to be spent. She stated she had compared the major expenditure groups on the spreadsheet she prepared for the Board. She stated the Washington County Trustees office has made our annual ADA adjustment with this report. They prorate what we share with Washington County based on the previous year ADA percentage on all the money that comes through the Washington County Trustees' office. They have been giving us money all year on 44.19%. When those numbers came in for the current school year, our share was actually 44.62% so we have gone up a little over four-tenths of a percentage point which netted us around \$150,000. They will continue to use that percentage until we get the new percentage this time next year. The caution there is, if we go down in our ADA percentage as compared to Washington County, we would lose money this time next year.

P. Cox reported the Insurance Trust Fund financial report for April 2009 was included in the board packet. The fund balance at the end of April was \$2,499,187. This is a decrease of \$62,748 from last month. She stated they have started the insurance part of negotiations and things are going well. She stated they are continuing to talk to faculty and staff about our insurance situation and are answering questions as they arise.

On recommendation by Bales and on motion by Belisle, seconded by S. Cox, and unanimously passed on a 6-0 vote, the Board approved the Financial Report for April as presented.

- ***Budget for the 2009-2010 SY Year***

P. Cox stated she had given the board an updated draft of the budget. She stated the main difference between this draft and the last draft the board had seen is that the State has approved for us to use half of the IDEA/AARA money in this budget for general purpose items. In order to do that, we have to reduce our special

education maintenance of effort. In the detailed budget, the major account code 71200, the teacher line item has been reduced and the corresponding benefits. That total major category is down \$350,000 from the previous budget the board looked at. That \$350,000 has been put into technology, LMB coach, benchmark testing, 3M class software, and Got Diploma software. She stated she would like for the Board to have another budget meeting because the first reading of the City is June 18. She stated the budget before the Board tonight is \$651,000 out of balance. The budget the City has is this exact budget with the \$651,000 coming from fund balance because we can't present them a budget that is out of balance.

Van Brocklin stated, along the lines of where we stand with the budget, that each Board member had received a copy of his transcript of the April 15 meeting and he gave each Board member a copy of a motion he would like to have the Board consider this evening. He stated that he thinks the Board needs to clarify in this evening's minutes that the actions that were reported previously for the April 15 meeting and the follow-up at the May 4 meeting that the Board had moved to approve and had approved all Level I cuts suggested by the Director was not, in fact, what had occurred. He moved that the following be inserted in this evening's minutes to reflect a clarification of the actions taken at the April 15, 2009, budget meeting: "Review of the recording of the April 15, 2009, Budget Session revealed that the Board voted to cut positions from the Level I list of proposed cuts that would then be able to be paid through ARRA funding. The Board did not vote to accept the entire list of proposed Level I cuts." He further moved that references indicating that all Level I cuts were accepted be asterisked and reference to this motion be made. (References: April 15, 2009 – page 5, Lines 28-30 "On recommendation by Bales...\$2,033,469." May 4, 2009 – Page 13, Lines 33-46 and Page 14, Lines 1-2 "The Board discussed...on a 7-0 vote.") Brock seconded the motion. She stated she felt that Ms. Cox, herself, at other meetings had brought up their concern that they were confused about what transpired that night thinking they had not voted for all those cuts because they wanted to go through them and that they had only voted for those positions that would be funded by ARRA, particularly because of the sensitivity of this issue. Now these lists have been floating out there and we are all getting calls about them. She stated we need to be very, very careful when we are discussing these areas and make sure we are accurate. She stated she would like for these kinds of very, very serious decisions to have the motion read before it is voted on and she would even suggest that there be a roll call vote on these things. Hall stated that she agreed that one of her lessons learned on this is that it is very important that we are clear and she will be asking people to clarify a motion instead of a "so moved" and she would be asking for that to be done for the record. She stated anytime anyone would like to have a roll call vote on any motion, to please let her know. She stated that she knows different people have different feelings about whether it was clear on what we were voting or not. She stated she understood

Van Brocklin's motion but, to her, it would be a cleaner motion to rescind our acceptance of the minutes, clarify the motion that was there, and then vote on that motion. Brock asked Hall to restate that. Hall asked Herrin to jump in if she is saying something that is not right. Hall stated that rather than asterisking and footnoting former minutes, she would like to rescind our acceptance of the April 15 minutes, ask Belisle or someone else to clarify the motion about the cuts, and vote on that motion. Brock asked if Hall was saying some Board members are confused about what we voted on even after reading the transcript. Belisle stated there are two people that he knows of who have actually listened to the minutes of that meeting and they conflict: one is Ms. Dugger and one is Dr. Van Brocklin. He stated he has not personally had a chance to listen to the recording but his recollection is consistent with what Ms. Dugger reported. He stated to say that they voted differently than that without his going back and actually listening to minutes, he was not prepared to do that. He stated he was prepared to do what Ms. Hall said and to restate his motion and see if that flies with the rest of the Board. Hall pointed out that none of these cuts are final until the Board approves the final budget. S. Cox stated that is where her confusion is because the Board still does not know how much money, if any more, that we are going to get and nothing is final until we know all that. Brock asked if other Level I cuts have been made. Bales responded he had shared at that workshop, depending on when the Board takes action, he still has to take action because you can't wait until July 1 and make a cut for someone who starts July 1. In most cases, you can add them back in. Brock asked if they had been notified by a certain date that their position may be cut. Bales responded they had all been notified and they all know they could also be added back in. Brock asked if positions have been terminated. Bales responded there weren't very many terminations. Most were losses in the amount of time they were working; the two eleven month people, the assistant maintenance position, the band position, the preschool position, and the ROTC position (which we had to do a contract on). Bales noted those could be added back in – basically it's just a matter of reposting the positions. Brock stated the thing that concerns her, at the end of the day we have that responsibility when people are terminated, that we still need the opportunity to go through the budget to see if there are other avenues, other places that are non-instructionally based that we can find dollars. It doesn't take much to find money for one month of a person's salary. She stated she feels like the Board needs that opportunity to work through this. These are tough times and to let people go would be our last resort. She stated, with respect to what Mr. Belisle is saying, that was not her understanding. She would not have voted that night, in fact, to make those Level I cuts. Hall stated that Bales has said before that there are systems that cut all non-tenured people every year and then add them back in as needed. He had to make decisions to give April 15 notifications and that is his decision on hiring. Whether the position is there or not, the hiring and cutting of positions is his decision so some of those did have to be made by that deadline. Van Brocklin stated he thinks there is a different issue in notification versus a definite cut in

something and he thinks that is a distinction that needs to be made here. There is no doubt that we have to give notification if there is a possibility that it may occur. But what we are saying, based upon those notes that were taken from the April 15 meeting that we have in our record, we are saying that we actually voted to cut those. Despite the fact that some of our Board members have not had a chance to take a look at the transcript, and he respects the fact that they may wish to, he could tell them that the transcription he had given them is very accurate and that, in fact, is not what we voted to do. He stated his problem with voting to rescind, he really doesn't have a problem with rescinding the notes from last meeting but then going back and opening it up to vote tonight on whether or not we want to again cut all Level I cuts, is that we find ourselves again in the position of not having adequate time to go through item, by item, by item and discuss unless someone wants to go zerox off all those cuts and we sit here and spend an hour or two discussing it. He stated he would much rather that would be pursued in the way we have spoken about before and have that discussed during a budget meeting. He stated that accomplishes two things at that workshop rather than one thing now and possibly having to then go back and delve into it again at the workshop as well. Hall stated she was one of the people who would like to listen to the minutes and, with Ms. Dugger being gone, that has not been possible. Van Brocklin stated he understood. He stated, if it would make the Board feel better, he would certainly be happy to withdraw this until the budget meeting and vote on it then. He stated he does want to clarify that he thinks it is important to have it clarified in a meeting at some point whether it be this one or the budget meeting. Hall stated she would like to have a chance to review the recording herself and she was sorry she was not able to do it before this but circumstances have been difficult. Van Brocklin stated he would withdraw this with the knowledge that he would be able to reintroduce it at a subsequent meeting. Brock asked exactly where we are then with Level I issues – what action has taken place. Hall asked Bales if there is any action that will take place with Level I issues between now and the budget workshop. Bales responded there is nothing irrevocable other than the ROTC which is cut one month in terms of what has actually happened. Van Brocklin asked if the Board could go a step beyond that and say we won't take any actions on any of these until after the budget meeting. Bales responded he didn't think there were any actions to take. P. Cox stated that she felt like we had voted on all the Level I cuts because that was the budget we presented to the City Commission. That was the way she understood the motion and that is why she made all the cuts in the budget. She stated we had to name all those other things specifically because of the ARRA and we will have to do that for special education at the next budget workshop. We will have to name four and a half positions and say we are officially cutting those out of the general purpose budget. She stated she has made all the changes in the budget the Board has before it. Bales stated there was enough money to continue the Summer Youth Program this summer based on the funds we had in the budget already. He stated the people who were actually notified were in non-tenured positions so basically it

is a matter of reposting the positions. Hager asked P. Cox, out of the sources of funding that we have, if she had a gut feeling we will get any additional money from any source. P. Cox responded we will have \$235,000 in BEP funds and we'll generate around \$30,000 additional, hopefully, from tuition. She stated the last estimate from BEP was about \$70,000 more and she had estimated \$70,000 less. She recommended the Board do nothing on that until she gets the June estimate. She stated, with the loss of interest earnings and BEP make it about a \$35,000 decrease in revenues total bottom line.

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- *There was no Unfinished Business for this meeting*

VII. CONSENT AGENDA

On recommendation by Bales and on motion by S. Cox, seconded by Hall, and unanimously passed on a 6-0 vote, the Board approved the following Consent Agenda items:

1. Board Meeting Minutes for May 4, 2009 (Regular Session)
2. Textbook Adoption for high school (9th grade Honors Biology and Family & Consumer Science) for the 2009-2010 SY
3. Site-Based Budgets, Internal Activity Accounts Budgets, Educare Budgets, and Encumbrances
4. Pulled for Discussion (GPS, SSP, and SFP Budget Amendments)
5. Pulled for Discussion (Coordinated School Health Grant Continuation Application)
6. Request from John Phillips, Principal, Lake Ridge School, to write a check to Lifetouch Publishing for approximately \$6,574.03 which is the balance of LR yearbook and is approximate because they may have some to return for credit
7. Overnight Field Trip Requests:
 - Science Hill High School
 - 16 students to Crossville, TN., November 27-28, 2009, to participate in the King of the Mountain Basketball Tournament
 - 20 students to Cleveland, TN., November 27-28, 2009, to participate in the Thanksgiving Classic
 - 20 students to London, KY., December 19-23, 2009, to participate in a basketball tournament
 - 16 students to Sparta, TN., December 28-30, 2009, to participate in the Sonic Shoot-Out Basketball Tournament
8. Pulled for Discussion (Student Code of Conduct for the 2009-2010 SY)
9. Pulled for Discussion (Declare Vehicles as Surplus Property)
10. Fundraiser Authorizations for Lake Ridge School
 - Scholastic Book Fair, January 28, 2010
 - Yearbook, August 2009-May 2010
 - Pictures, August 1, 2009-May 31, 2010
 - Vending Machines, July 1, 2009-June 30, 2010

11. Policies for Second Reading

- Policy 5.101 – Lines of Authority
- Policy 5.106 – Application and Employment
- Policy 5.108 – Supervision
- Policy 5.114 – Personnel Records
- Policy 5.1141 – Teacher Effect Data
- Policy 5.116 – Staff Positions
- Policy 5.200 – Suspension/Dismissal of Tenured Teacher
- Policy 5.201 – Separation Practices for Non-Tenured Teachers
- Policy 5.202 – Separation Practices for Classified Employees
- Policy 5.203 – Non-Tenured Teacher
- Policy 5.204 – Resignation
- Policy 5.205 – Retirement
- Policy 5.301 – Emergency and Legal Leave
- Policy 5.306 – Military Leave
- Policy 5.400 – Personnel Health Examinations/Communicable Diseases
- Policy 5.500 – Discrimination/Harassment of Employees (Sexual, Racial, Gender, Ethnic, Religious)
- Policy 5.602 – Staff Time Schedules
- Policy 5.607 – Non-School Employment
- Policy 5.801 – Director of Schools' Recruitment and Selection
- Policy 5.804 – Director of Schools' Compensation, Benefits, and Expenses

12. Request from Richard Church, North Side, to make transfers within NS Site-Based Account (2008-2009 budget) \$185.00 from postal charges to communications and \$382.00 from instructional equipment to instructional supplies and materials

The Board discussed Consent Agenda Item #4 – GPS, SSP, and SFP Budget Amendments – Brock stated she would like Pam Cox to walk through the budget amendments since we are having all these financial challenges. P. Cox reported revenues increased by a total of \$460,000. \$435,000 is BEP growth money-state's estimate. \$25,000 will be placed in the substitute teacher account which has gone over budget so far for this year and this estimate will cover through the end of the year. \$30,000 is going into the Trustees' Commission as our revenues grow, sales tax, property tax, etc. that 1% goes up. We have added \$30,000 into the upcoming budget as well for that. \$360,000 is going into utilities for this fiscal year. We have upped that line item by \$310,000 in the upcoming budget. \$20,000 will cover the ESG payments for this year. That is what \$435,000 will go for. We have increased Adult Ed tuition by \$25,000 – they have collected more in the evening school program this year than what we had in the original budget and you will see that reflected by \$12,000 going into the instructional part of adult ed and \$13,000 going into the support side of instruction. Also, under expenditures, she is reducing \$50,000 out of the instructional side of technology simply moving that \$50,000 to the support side of instruction because the schools have spent that money a little differently than

what we estimated. She stated she had broken those numbers down a little differently in the upcoming budget year to monitor, if there is any technology money left, what we will do for the classroom and non-classroom for the upcoming year. Brock asked P. Cox to go through the utility issue one more time – the \$360,000. P. Cox responded that we knew when we put this budget together that we did not have enough money in the electricity line item and then rates went up again. It was the plan all along when we put the original 08-09 budget together that when we programmed the growth money from the state, we would need to put money in the electricity line item. That is so very important so that we have enough money in the upcoming budget to pay the ESG payments. She stated when you look at the current utility budget in the 09-10 budget, it looks a little funny because it is less in the electricity than what it is for the current year and the reason is that money is moved down to the ESG bond principal and interest payment. Hopefully, the entire school system will do what we need to do to make sure the energy savings are realized. Van Brocklin asked if P. Cox feels we are budgeted appropriately for 09-10 for electricity. P. Cox stated with the energy savings, conservation and rate reductions she hopes that it is adequate and she feels it is. Brock noted there have been two rate reductions in the last six to eight months. Van Brocklin asked P. Cox to run through the Trustees Commission again for him and asked if he understood that it is 1%. P. Cox responded there are a couple of things that are around 2% but basically it is a 1%. There is a cap on BEP monies that was put into place around 1992 when BEP came through the first time so that, as the monies grew and they phased in BEP, there wouldn't be continual money that we lost to the Trustees office but basically it is roughly 1%. As the sales tax, property tax, business tax, and in lieu of tax goes up, the dollar amount we pay goes up as well. On recommendation by Bales and on motion by Brock, seconded by Belisle, and unanimously passed on a 6-0 vote, the Board approved the GPA, SSP, and SFP budget amendments as presented.

The Board discussed Consent Agenda Item #5 – Coordinated School Health Grant Continuation Application – Bales stated he had received word this week that we should expect additional cuts in this area. This application does not include any lesser dollars because we don't know what that dollar amount actually is at this time. He stated he would ask the board to give tentative approval and then an amendment could be brought back to the Board after we know what the dollar amount actually is. Van Brocklin stated it looks like they are suggesting about a 25% reduction from the current level. He asked if that, in fact, does occur, will the Board need to supplement those monies from the general budget or how will that be handled. Snyder stated several different options might be available. Bales stated we would basically redesign some element of the plan to compensate for those dollars. Van Brocklin noted it looks like we are looking at about a 25% decrease on extended contract funds as well, according to the latest TLN update he received. He asked if we have plans to address that and, if so, how. Bales responded that is a budget question and that would be a priority in terms of what he would recommend to the Board for reinstatement of those particular dollars but the Board would have to find those dollars from somewhere.

Van Brocklin asked what we had decided on for this year. Bales responded it was \$190,000. On recommendation by Bales and on motion by Van Brocklin, seconded by S. Cox, and unanimously approved on a 6-0 vote, the Board approved the Coordinated School Health Grant Continuation Application in the amount of \$100,000 as presented.

The Board discussed Consent Agenda Item #8 – Student Code of Conduct for the 2009-2010 SY – Hall stated that last year at this time when we had the new cell phone policy approaching us, we opted not to put it in the Student Code of Conduct but wait for the Student Handbook to talk about the 30-day suspension of phone use in school since it was a trial period. She stated the Policy Committee looked at this and got recommendations from the principal and staff and they decided to keep that as it is with the phone being taken away for 30 days. She stated the more we can say that, the more places people can read that, the better off we'll be. She suggested that the disciplinary action to be taken with regard to cell phone usage in school be placed in the Student Code of Conduct on page 6. S. Cox stated in Rule 7, line 2, she thinks the word "other" should be added before "object". She also stated on page 8, under "Dress and Appearance" there should not be an apostrophe in the word "students". She asked about the change in "C" on page 21 where "weapon" had been struck out and the word "firearm" was included. She asked if that was a change in law and Herrin responded it was. Van Brocklin stated on the page for Board of Education, the officers need to be changed and on the Table of Contents, the very last line, the brackets need to be finished. On recommendation by Bales and on motion by Hall, seconded by Brock, and unanimously passed on a 6-0 vote, the Board approved the Code of Conduct as presented with these additions/changes.

The Board discussed Consent Agenda Item #9 – Declare Vehicles as Surplus Property – Brock asked what those three vans are and Bales responded they are athletic vans that have been inspected and can no longer be used to transport students. Brock asked if they could be used in other departments and Bales and Buck stated they could not. She asked about the new legislation that just passed (from fifteen years to seventeen years) and how that affects our fleet. Van Brocklin said there is no assurance that the legislation will pass. On recommendation by Bales and on motion by Brock, seconded by S. Cox, and unanimously passed on a 5-0 vote (Belisle was not in room at the time of this vote), the Board approved declaring the three vehicles as surplus property as presented by Keith Turner: 1980 Maroon Chevy Van, #10 1993 Chevy Van, and 1990 Dodge 15-passenger Van.

VIII. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE DIRECTOR

There were no recommendations from the Director for this meeting.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

- **Discussion/Action Regarding Tuition Policy for the 2009-2010 SY** – Hall stated S. Cox has brought forth at our last meeting an issue regarding the tuition policy and asked that it be placed on the agenda for this month. S. Cox asked that this item be tabled until the July meeting so she could prepare her presentation.

- **Committee Appointments by Board Chair for the 2009-2010 SY** – Hall made the following committee assignments for the 2009-2010 SY:

Athletic Committee – Tim Belisle

City/County Liaison – Dr. Richard Manahan

Communications Committee – Sheila Cox

Curriculum Council –

- August – Kathy Hall
- September – Jenny Brock
- October – Sheila Cox
- November – Tom Hager
- January – Kathy Hall
- February – Dr. Richard Manahan
- March – Dr. Ralph Van Brocklin
- April – Tim Belisle
- May – Jenny Brock

Facilities/Capital Improvements/Site Selection Committee – Kathy Hall,
Jenny Brock, and Sheila Cox

Finance Committee – Dr. Richard Manahan, Dr. Ralph Van Brocklin, and
Tim Belisle

Foundation Board – Sheila Cox

Freedom Hall Advisory Committee – Dr. Ralph Van Brocklin

Insurance Task Force – Jenny Brock

Policy Committee – Board Chair plus one other member:

<u>Section</u>	<u>Committee Meets</u>	<u>Board 5 p.m. Review</u>	<u>Board Member</u>
One	July	August	Jenny Brock
Three	August	September	Tim Belisle
Four	September	October	Dr. Van Brocklin
Two	November	December	Tom Hager
Six	Dec./Jan.	Jan./Feb.	Sheila Cox
Five	Feb./March	March/April	Dr. Manahan

School Environment Committee – Kathy Hall, Tom Hager

School Zone Assignment Advisory Committee – Kathy Hall, Tim Belisle

Sick Leave Bank Trustee (first year of a three-year term) – Tom Hager

Tennessee Legislative Network (TLN) – Dr. Ralph Van Brocklin

Brock stated she thought it would be really good, since we are beginning this new year, if the Board could come up with some objectives on what we want to try to accomplish during the year with these committees. Hall stated she thought that would be a good Retreat discussion. Brock stated, for the committees we have been appointed to, it might be good to come to the Retreat with two or three objectives that would at least get the conversation going. She stated it could also be discussed about how we report back to the Board.

- **Set Date for School Board Retreat** – Hall stated the Board will talk about this at the end of the meeting when it talks about a budget workshop. She stated the Retreat is typically during the month of August.

X. INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Board Calendar of Events (Hall stated she would ask Evelyn to also include on the calendar each month the rotating committee members so Board members can see on a monthly basis who is assigned to what committee)
2. Personnel Items
3. Donations
 - to Cherokee Elementary School
 - from American Chemical, \$200.00 for 4th grade field trip transp.
 - from Ceto Investments, LLC, \$154.50 for recycling cartridges
 - from Cherokee PTA, \$1,650.00 for 5th grade trip to Camp Explore
 - from Chuck E Cheese, \$165.96 as % of sales
 - from General Mills Boxtops, \$1,094.20
 - from JC Schools Foundation, \$5,377.50 as 50% of Best Card Sales
 - from JC Schools Foundation, \$3,207.51 for Wish List
 - from McDonald's, \$761.98 as % of sales
 - from McDonald's, \$85.00 for McTeacher's Night
 - from Mount Zion Baptist Church, \$50.00 as thank you for use of risers
 - from Pepsi, \$1,061.97 commission of sales
 - from Rocky Mount Museum, \$150.00 to assist with travel expense for 3rd grade field trip to museum
 - from Target, \$219.85 for 1% of sales made by Cherokee supporters
 - from various donors, \$1,695.00 for Jan Holmes' Memorial Fund:
 - ◆ for bench
 - Vicki Kimball, \$20.00
 - Carol Garrison, \$50.00
 - Terri Davis, \$25.00
 - Debbie Weaver, \$50.00
 - Cherokee School PTA, \$100.00
 - Peggy Kirk, \$20.00
 - Lynne Albright, \$50.00
 - Mary Nell McIntyre, \$50.00
 - April McSpadden, \$20.00

- Dianne Cantrell, \$100.00
- Yvonne Hollifield, \$40.00
- Evelyn Tripodi, \$40.00
- James Holmes, \$500.00
- Connie Humston, \$50.00
- Wendell Messimer, \$150.00
- Buffy Bales, \$50.00
- Lane Owen, \$50.00
- Judy Christian, \$50.00
- ◆ for library
 - Thomas & Harriett Hager, \$25.00
 - John Bullington Company, \$50.00
 - Mark & Penny Pfeiffer, \$25.00
 - Patrick & Victoria Koppel, \$50.00
 - Michael & Linda Gallagher, \$100.00
 - Pansy Messimer, \$30.00
- to Fairmont Elementary School
 - from Flora Joy, \$275.00 to be used as librarian Anne Kitchens wishes
 - from the Upper East Tennessee Science Fair, \$50.00 for participating in the Upper East Tennessee Science Fair on April 30, 2009
 - from Mr. John King, \$400.00 to be divided equally between Mrs. Duty and Mrs. Kitchens for use at their discretion
- to Lake Ridge Elementary School
 - from Flora Joy, \$123.50 to the LR Library
 - from Ceta Investments, dba Cartridge World, \$20 for a recycling prog.
- to North Side Elementary School
 - from the Upper East Tennessee Science Fair, \$50.00
 - from the Tennessee Hemophilia & Bleeding Disorders Foundation, \$100.00
- to Towne Acres Elementary School
 - from the Box Tops for Education Program, \$479.70
 - from Novo Nordisk Matching Gift Program for employees, \$120.00
- to Woodland Elementary School
 - from the following people to help with field trip expenses for several field trips:
 - Charles Muse, \$68.00
 - Laura Rainwater, \$33.00
 - Charlotte Malone, \$18.00
 - Bradley & Becky Tucker, \$96.00
 - Laura Evans, \$32.00
 - Marjorie Fry, \$64.00
 - Sally Fowler, \$168.00
 - Sarah Guinnin, \$8.00
 - Ed & Becky Hausman, \$32.00

- Krista Wharton, \$32.00
- Tammy Hyatt, \$32.00
- Anna Harrell, \$21.50
- Mary Harrell, \$32.00
- Sarah Fagan, \$42.00
- from the following people to help with the expense of 5th grade graduation:
 - Jackie Jarrett, \$5.00
 - Todd & Suzanne Williams, \$15.00
 - Kendra Jenkins, \$10.00
 - Luanna Rolston, \$5.00
 - Kent & Lisa Holley, \$10.00
 - Annie Stinnett, \$5.00
 - Penny Cochran, \$5.00
 - Hannah Hendrix, \$5.00
 - Greg & Amber Stewart, \$500.00
 - Barbara Martinez, \$5.00
 - Hannah Joseph, \$10.00
 - John & Deborah Buchanan, \$40.00
 - Brandy Arwood, \$5.00
 - Ken & Cheryl Turman, \$5.00
 - Melissa Phillips, \$5.00
 - Kristy Davenport, \$5.00
- from Madeline Rizzo, \$10.00 to help with the expense of the 5th grade graduation
- from ETSU, 10 PAST computers to be used by Woodland students (will be used to update lab computers as well as classroom computers)
- to Johnson City Schools
 - from East Tennessee State University, three Cisco switches, a Crestron multi-media control center, a sound mixer, and two DVD players
- to Mountain View Elementary School
 - for transportation and camp fees of 5th grade students:
 - from Robert VanDeVuurst, \$500.00
 - from Jesse & Jesse Attorneys, \$500.00
 - from Judy Barry, \$130.00
 - from Tri-City Pediatric Cardiology, \$100.00
 - from Rachel & Roger Walk, \$260.00
 - from Mountain View PTA, \$500.00
 - from Emergency Care Physicians, \$100.00
 - from Johnson City Schools, \$70.00 (for specific student)
 - from Johnson City Schools, \$45.00 (for specific student)
 - from Partners In Education Program, \$1,000.00
 - from American Chemical Northeast Tennessee Section, \$125.00 to help pay cost of transportation for 4th grade trip to Eastman

- from Johnson City Schools Foundation, \$1,762.50 for Best Card sales
- from Johnson City Sports Foundation and the Johnson City Cardinals, \$3,000.00 to Mary Anne Sowers for the ballet program
- from Johnson City Area Arts Council, \$80.00 as student ticket subsidy grant to Jody Smith for his chorus students' transportation to symphony performance
- from Johnson City Area Arts Council, \$1,050.00 as a student ticket subsidy grant to LaDonna Boone for kindergarten students' transportation and admission to a Bristol Theatre performance
- from Johnson City Area Arts Council, \$842.50 as a student ticket subsidy grant to Mary Anne Sowers for her ballet students to attend "The Nutcracker"
- from Johnson City Public Schools Foundation, \$750.00 provided by the law firm of Baker, Donelson, Bearman, Caldwell, and Berkowitz, PC in response to a request from David Peccia, assistant principal, to help pay for students to attend the summer reading program
- from Johnson City Public Schools Foundation, \$1,054.94 from Foundation funds received in the 2008-2009 Best Card Campaign and money from Eastman Chemical Company

XI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

- Communications Committee – Hall stated that the Communications Committee normally meets on a quarterly basis. She stated she and Bentley have talked about having another meeting on an off-month where they and S. Cox can talk specifically about Board communication to the public, events coming up, etc. Brock stated if we had some kind of system so when a lot of these events are going on we at least have one Board member in attendance. Hall said she had asked for that as well. She stated there was a calendar that was set up and the Board had access but a lot of things didn't get put on it. Bentley noted there are calendars on other web sites and there may be software available where the schools could type in information and it could be merged into a master calendar for Board review. Brock stated the "Grand Ole Opry" program that was done at Mountain View is a perfect example of what could be posted on-line for everyone to see as well because that got a lot of good publicity, even nationally.
- Foundation Board – S. Cox stated the Foundation Board report was presented by Bonnie Sampson earlier in the meeting. Cox noted she is very excited about the grant writer who seems to be very energetic and competent. The first grant she will be working on is English as a Second Language for parents so they will be able to help their children with homework, etc. Brock asked if there is any way to get the alumni organized in this town. Cox responded they tried that several years ago but there was no response. She stated she works with her husband on the Kermit Tipton event and they have had a good turnout for that. She stated we might could target every five years and get a key contact person, it might work.

Brock stated she felt we are missing some sources of contributions that we are missing because alumni are giving money to schools they didn't even go to. Bales stated his first year as Director he tried to work with the Foundation on a real mission and a real focus that they wanted to sell to the community for where the dollars would be going. Brock stated there is no staff person to really focus on that. Bales noted we could throw a technology force out there and people know that is what their dollars would be going toward, it would help. S. Cox said the really big thing that the Foundation has done is the Best Card Campaign. Brock stated we have an opportunity with Fairmont because Ken Ross had mentioned having an alumni wall with the old brick. S. Cox asked if this could be discussed at the Retreat so the Board could give her ideas to present to the Foundation. Brock stated we could really get a dynamic team together that are alumni-based that could be kind of a sub-committee for the Foundation. Hall stated she feels planned giving could be a big deal for the Foundation too. Van Brocklin stated he, too, was excited about the grant writer being on board now. He stated the Foundation Board is a group of people who have a great deal of interest in the schools but they have a great deal of things going on in their lives and, unfortunately a lot of times too and he thinks that might be why we see limited effort on their part as far as some of the things they might be able to do for the schools. What gets done are things that don't require a great deal of effort on their part and he is not sure that we will see anything different unless it is something that is really focused like the wall at Fairmont that might change things quite a bit. He will certainly do all he can to help that endeavor.

- Bales stated another topic he would like to discuss at the Retreat is the process for bringing dismissal charges against tenured teachers.
- School Zone Assignment Committee – Bales stated one of the things he has suggested is that this committee go ahead and draw the lines for the new school zones so the people know well in advance where they will be attending school and new people moving in will know as well.
- Tennessee Legislative Network (TLN) – Van Brocklin reported on the following:
 - the extended contract funds in Governor Bredesen's budget have been cut again. Right now we are looking at a reduction from 24 million dollars statewide down to about 15 million in a cut from what was earlier proposed from 20 million down to 15 million dollars so we are seeing about a 25% cut there. He stated the Board will need to try to figure out how we are going to address this and he hopes that will be one of the things we discuss during the upcoming budget session since it is a really important program for our youth.
 - Coordinated School Health Funds - it wasn't a 25% reduction, it is from 15.6 million to 10.5 million in the Governor's budget so that is about a third it is being cut by so that will be significant
 - School Bus Life Update (vote was to take place in House and Senate today)
 - Negotiations Strategy Session Legislation – was approved by both the House and Senate and has been signed by the Governor. Boards are able to meet in strategy meetings outside of open forums. That is a positive force as we negotiate.

- Van Transport of Students Bill – was signed by the Governor on 5-7-09 so there are some restrictions on what kind of vehicles can be utilized now. Our vehicles do not fall within that so that is really not a problem for us.
- Maintenance of Effort – deferred until 2010
- Special School Districts – legislation dead for year
- Random Drug Testing – deferred until 2010

XII. BOARD UPDATES/DISCUSSION

- Brock stated she would like to put a pitch in for getting a Master Calendar so that the Board members could know what is going on in all the schools. The end-of-year activities were really terrific. She asked principals to let Board members know when events are coming up so they can plan to attend. She commended Boyd and his staff on the SHHS graduation ceremony. She stated the students were incredible and we should be really proud of them.
- Hall commended the principals on a great school year.
- S. Cox asked about the Dual Enrollment Issue – Bales stated that is something that we probably need to look at because there is no clear definition of when is appropriate and when is not appropriate. He suggested it start out in the Policy Committee and then bring it to the full Board. Hall stated she feels it is unfortunate that the Policy Committee does not meet until July. Van Brocklin asked if, prior to the Policy Committee, we get input from the department chairs. Bales responded Dr. Boyd has gotten input from the various people and will be able to share that. S. Cox stated she feels there are two students who have been hindered by our current practice and she doesn't want to hinder any student. Brock stated there is even another issue to this – that the access to information and study now includes electronic courses, etc. so it probably needs to be addressed very broadly. Hall stated there is another policy that deals more with distance learning which is not the case here so all the policies need to be looked at with regard to how they relate to college level courses. Belisle asked Bales and his staff to look at this and bring a recommendation to the July Board meeting following a called Policy Committee meeting (to which all Board members would be invited to attend).

XIII. MEETING DATES

- The next regular board meeting will be held on Monday, July 6, 2009, at 6 p.m., in the Board Room at the Columbus Powell Center.

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned.

Chairman

Secretary

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