

**November 2, 2009**

The Johnson City Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, November 2, 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. Sheila B. Cox, Secretary  
Mr. Timothy S. Belisle  
Mr. Thomas B. Hager, Jr.  
Dr. Richard A. Manahan  
Dr. Ralph J. Van Brocklin  
Dr. Robbie Anderson, Director of School Improvement  
and Accountability

**I. CALL TO ORDER AND OPENING**

- Hall called the meeting to order and welcomed those in attendance.
- Luke Boegemann and Chloe Foster, students from South Side School, led the pledge to the flag.
- 4<sup>th</sup> grade students from South Side School, under the direction of Mr. Jody Smith, opened the meeting by performing two musical selections
- Artwork on display in the Board Room for the month of November was created by South Side students under the guidance of music teacher, Ms. Debra Hoilman
- Amy Stover, Principal, Principal, gave an update on South Side School.

**II. RECOGNITIONS**

Dr. Debra Bentley, Supervisor of Instruction and Communications, presented the following recognition certificates on behalf of the Board:

- BEST! Card Campaign top selling students: Johanna Hamblen (Cherokee), Maddie Anderson (Fairmont), Austin Baines (Lake Ridge), Michaela Clark (Mountain View), Amariana Johnson (North Side), Kevin Aldridge (Towne Acres), and Sierra Ford (Indian Trail).
- Madison Anderson was the system-wide BEST! Card campaign top selling student. Madison sold 274 BEST! cards.
- Fairmont was the top selling school for the BEST! Card campaign, selling over \$10,745. Congratulations to Carol McGill, Principal at Fairmont.
- Jennifer Brockett has been selected as the 2008-09 State of Tennessee Girls' Cross Country Coach of the Year.

**III. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

On recommendation by Anderson and on motion by Belisle, seconded by S. Cox, and unanimously passed on a 6-0 vote, the Board adopted the agenda as presented. A copy of the agenda is included with these minutes.

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

- Belisle offered a public apology to Brock for the interchange from the last Board meeting. He stated he had apologized to her personally but he wanted to do so publicly as well. He apologized to the staff and the Board too.

**V. REPORTS FROM DIRECTOR AND STAFF**

- The Board accepted the following reports as presented: *Facilities Update* (Dave Chupa), *Update on PEP-Sales Tax “Educational Facilities Trust Fund” for September 2009* (Pam Cox), *Update on CIP-County Bond Fund for September 2009* (Pam Cox), *Report on Mixed Block Classes* (Dr. Janie Snyder), *Update on Five-Year Plan* (Dr. Robbie Anderson), and *Update on Report Card* (Dr. Robbie Anderson). Results on the Report Card are embargoed until tomorrow so the information will be made public after that time.
- Manahan made a motion that the Fundraising Committee (for the new athletic field house and weight room ) present a formal request for any fundraising to include members of the Leadership Committee, the overall fundraising projects and strategies, and how the program will be carried out. S. Cox seconded the motion and it passed unanimously on a 6-0 roll call vote.
- Hall stated that, in the 5 p.m. meeting, the Board discussed having Chupa and P. Cox present a financial update each month regarding all facility projects and that will become a part of the 6 p.m. reports on a monthly basis.
- *Financial Report for September 2009* - On recommendation by Anderson and on motion by Manahan, seconded by S. Cox, and unanimously passed on a 6-0 vote, the Board approved the Financial Report for September 2009 as presented.
- *SACS/CASI/AdvancED District Accreditation* - On recommendation by Anderson and on motion by Manahan, seconded by Belisle, and passed on a 5-0-1 (Van Brocklin passed) roll call vote, the Board voted to begin the process for School District Accreditation. All schools are currently accredited and would continue to pursue accreditation as well.

**VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- *There was no Unfinished Business for this meeting*

**VII. CONSENT AGENDA**

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

1. Board Meeting Minutes for October 5, 2009 (Special Session – Policy Review), October 5, 2009 (Regular Session), and October 21, 2009 (Special Called Session)
2. Overnight Field Trip Requests for: (A) Science Hill High School, (B) Science Hill Alternative Learning Center, and (C) Cherokee Elementary School
3. Policies for Second Reading: Policies 3.200, 3.2001, 3.205, 3.213, 3.300, 3.301, 3.303, and 3.600
4. Contracts: (A) with Frontier Health, Inc. to provide a qualified Prevention and Early Intervention counselor, and (B) with Frontier Health, Inc. to provide personnel for the HEROES Grant project

5. Fundraiser authorizations for Cherokee Elementary School and Indian Trail Middle School
6. Request from Mary Nell McIntyre, Cherokee, to write a check in excess of \$5,000 for payment to Camp Explore (5<sup>th</sup> grade field trip)

Consent Agenda Item #7 – Budget Amendment #1. Van Brocklin asked that budget amendments be included in the Financial Report instead of Consent Agenda in the future. P. Cox answered questions Van Brocklin posed regarding Budget Amendment #1. On recommendation by Anderson and on motion by Van Brocklin, seconded by S. Cox, and unanimously passed on a 6-0 vote, the Board approved the Budget Amendment #1 for 2009-2010 for General Purpose School Fund, Federal Projects, and State Projects as presented.

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

1. ***Recommendation Regarding Agreement to Accept the Energy Efficient Schools Initiative for \$160,000 to Install HVAC Controls in Schools*** – On recommendation by Anderson and on motion by Belisle, seconded by S. Cox, and unanimously passed on a 6-0 vote, the Board approved the agreement to accept the Energy Efficient Schools Initiative for \$160,000 to install HVAC controls in schools as presented.
2. ***Recommendation Regarding Appointment of Textbook Selection Committees*** - On recommendation by Anderson and on motion by Van Brocklin, seconded by S. Cox, and unanimously passed on a 6-0 vote, the Board approved the Textbook Selection Committees as presented.
3. ***Recommendation for Approval of Policies For First Reading*** – On recommendation by Anderson and on motion by S. Cox, seconded by Belisle, and unanimously passed on a 6-0 vote, the Board approved the following policies as presented for first reading: Policies 4.200, 4.202, 4.203, 4.208, 4.209, 4.302, 4.402, 4.403, 4.605, 4.606, 4.800, 4.803, and 4.804.

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

- Hall announced that Senator Frist and members of the SCORE organization will be at Woodland Elementary School on Monday, November 9, at 10:00 a.m., to share the report with the community and other interested parties from surrounding systems. A tour of the school will take place at 9:30 a.m. to share some of our programs with the visitors. She asked Board Members to attend if their schedules permit.

#### **X. INFORMATION ITEMS**

- The following information items were shared with the Board: Board Calendar of Events, Personnel Items, and Donations to Lake Ridge, Mountain View, North Side, SHTC, RIF schools, Fairmont, South Side, and Towne Acres.

**XI. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- Reports were heard from the Finance Committee (Van Brocklin) and the Foundation Board (S. Cox)
- The next Curriculum Council meeting will be November 17, 2009, at 4 p.m. instead of November 24<sup>th</sup>

**XII. BOARD UPDATES/DISCUSSION**

- Van Brocklin
  - Shared information regarding figures for construction projects and money we have available
  - Shared concern about the too high pupil/teacher ratio for band and orchestra students
- Manahan – Shared concern that there are other programs in addition to band and orchestra that are in dire straights because of budget constraints and those types of issues need to be addressed through the appropriate budget process in order to be fair to all programs.
- Hager – Was Shaw and Shanks paid \$180,000 to design a cafeteria for the 8-9 project and, if so, who approved it? Hall stated, as far as she understood, there was money in the original design of the 8-9 campus and part of that was for a cafeteria design and that bill was paid. She stated that once the Board gets the Facilities Finance Report it should provide a good overview of all the projects and how the fees fit in the overall picture.
- Cox – Do we get the plans for the 9<sup>th</sup> grade academy if the contract with Community Tectonics is voided? Hall responded it was her understanding the answer to that question is usually no.

**XIII. MEETING DATES**

- Monday, December 7, 2009, 6 p.m., Regular Session
- Monday, December 7, 2009, 5 p.m., (Finance Committee Recommendations)
- November 19, 2009, 3:45 p.m., Communications Committee Meeting
- November 18, 2009, 1-2 p.m., Brown Bag Luncheon at Mountain View
- November 17, 2009, 4:00 p.m., Curriculum Council Meeting
- November 14-17, 2009 (TSBA Leadership Conference and Annual Convention)  
Board will get together for dinner on Sunday evening, November 15
- November 9, 2009, 9:30 a.m., Woodland, Visit from Sen. Frist & SCORE representatives

**XIV. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

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Chairman

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Secretary

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AGENDA  
Johnson City Board of Education  
November 2, 2009  
6:00 p.m.

**Suggested timeframe in parenthesis**

- I. CALL TO ORDER AND OPENING (5 minutes)
  - Call to Order and Welcome – Kathy Hall, Board Chair
  - Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag – A student from South Side School will lead the pledge of allegiance to the flag
  - Opening – 4<sup>th</sup> grade students from South Side School, under the direction of music teacher Jody Smith, will open the meeting
  - Art Work – Art work on display in the Board Room during November was created by South Side students
  - Update On South Side Elementary School – Amy Stover, Principal
- II. RECOGNITIONS (5 minutes)
  - List in packet from Dr. Debra Bentley, Supervisor of Instruction/Communication
- III. ADOPTION OF AGENDA
- IV. CORRESPONDENCE, DELEGATIONS, AND COMMUNICATIONS
  - No correspondence, delegations, or communications for this meeting
- V. REPORTS FROM DIRECTOR AND STAFF
  1. Facilities Update (Info Item) – Dave Chupa (15 minutes)
  2. Update on Sales Tax and Bond Monies (Info Item) – Pam Cox (5 minutes)
  3. Financial Report for September 2009 (Action Item) – Pam Cox (5 minutes)
  4. Report on Mixed Block Classes – (Info Item) Dr. Janie Snyder (10 minutes)
  5. Update on Five-Year Plan – (Info Item) – Dr. Robbie Anderson (15 minutes)
  6. SACS/CASI District Accreditation Process – (Action Item) Dr. Robbie Anderson (5 minutes)
  7. Update on Report Card (if unembargoed)– (Info Item) Dr. Robbie Anderson (10 minutes)
- VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS
  - No unfinished business for this meeting
- VII. CONSENT AGENDA – Action Items – (5 minutes)
  1. Board Meeting Minutes:
    - A. October 5, 2009 (Special Session – Section 4 Policy Review)
    - B. October 5, 2009 (Regular Session)
    - C. October 21, 2009 (Special Called Session)
  2. Overnight Field Trip Requests:
    - A. Science Hill High School:
      - 30 students to Indianapolis, IN., November 11-13, 2009, to attend Percussive Arts Society Convention
      - Approximately 50 students to Orlando, FL., March 24-28, 2010, to attend Choral Festival
      - Approximately 5 students to Nashville, TN., April 14-17, 2010, to attend All-State Competition
      - 18 students to Hendersonville, TN., March 18-20, 2010, to participate in Commando Softball Tournament

- 18 students to Franklin, TN., April 16-17, 2010, to participate in Sonic Softball Tournament
  - B. Science Hill Alternative Learning Center – 12 students to Paris Landing, TN., November 13-15, 2009, to attend Lead and Live Youth Conference
  - C. Cherokee Elementary School – fifth grade students to Camp Explore in Greeneville, TN., November 11-13, 2009
3. Policies for Second Reading:
    - Policy 3.200 – Buildings and Grounds Management
    - Policy 3.2001 – Energy Conservation
    - Policy 3.205 – Security
    - Policy 3.213 – Project Planning Educational Specifications
    - Policy 3.300 – Furniture, Equipment and Supplies Management
    - Policy 3.301 – Use of School Equipment and Supplies Leasing and Renting
    - Policy 3.303 – Waste Reduction and Recycling
    - Policy 3.600 – Insurance Management
  4. Contracts:
    - A. Contract between the Johnson City Board of Education and Frontier Health, Inc. to provide a qualified Prevention and Early Intervention counselor
    - B. Contract between the Johnson City Board of Education and Frontier Health, Inc. to provide personnel for the HEROES Grant project
  5. Fundraiser Authorizations
    - for Cherokee Elementary School
      - Book Fair with Scholastic Book Fairs, November 30-December 4, 2009
      - Annual Yearbook for students and staff
    - for Indian Trail Middle School
      - Visiting Author Book Sales, Spring 2010
  6. Request from Mary Nell McIntyre, Cherokee, to write a check in excess of \$5,000 for payment to Camp Explore (5<sup>th</sup> grade field trip)
  7. Budget Amendment #1 for 2009-2010 SY for General Purpose School Fund, Federal Projects, and State Projects
- VIII. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE DIRECTOR FOR ACTION (5 mins.)
1. Recommendation Regarding Agreement to Accept the Energy Efficient Schools Initiative Grant for \$160,000 to Install HVAC Controls in Schools.
  2. Recommendation Regarding Appointment of Textbook Committees
  3. Recommendation for Approval of Policies for First Reading:
    - Policy 4.200 – Curriculum Development
    - Policy 4.202 – Special Education
    - Policy 4.203 – Accelerated College Admission
    - Policy 4.208 – Adult High School Program
    - Policy 4.209 – Alternative Credit Options
    - Policy 4.302 – Field Trips and Excursions
    - Policy 4.402 – Selection of Instructional Materials (Other Than Textbooks)
    - Policy 4.403 – Reconsideration of Instructional Materials and Textbooks

- Policy 4.605 – Graduation Requirements
- Policy 4.606 – Graduation Activities
- Policy 4.800 – Controversial Issues
- Policy 4.803 – Recognition of Religious Beliefs, Customs & Holidays
- Policy 4.804 – Religion in the Curriculum

IX. NEW BUSINESS

- No new business for this meeting

X. INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Board Calendar of Events

2. Personnel Items

3. Donations

- to Lake Ridge Elementary School
  - from Ceta Investments, dba Cartridge World, \$10.50 for the school recycling program
- to Mountain View Elementary School
  - from Johnson City Area Arts Council, \$1,200 grant to Mary Anne Sowers as part of the Arts Build Communities funding
  - from Rocky Mount Historical Association, Rocky Mount Museum, \$85 as part of the Bus Subsidy Program provided by funding received from Harris Fund of the East Tennessee Foundation
  - from East Tennessee Foundation, \$560 as part of a grant for an inter-generational mentoring program
  - from following people, a total of \$1,685, for the 5<sup>th</sup> grade Camp Explore trip:
    - Cheryl White, \$70
    - Cynthia Myers, \$100
    - Gary Edwards, \$500
    - M.R.I. Inc., \$70
    - Jacqueline Runyan, \$70
    - Mark McDonald, \$70
    - Lois Deakins, \$70
    - Dr. Stephen & Marjorie Fry, \$70
    - Wayne & Gretchen Tongco, \$70
    - Tanya Ward, \$30
    - Rachel Frye, \$10
    - Margaret Albright, \$70
    - Lorene Kirk, \$25
    - Anne Darden, \$70
    - Penny Miller, \$70
    - Cynthia Holt, \$20
    - Dr. William & Marcy Walker, \$100
    - D. J. Roberts-Jessee, \$100
    - Celeste M. Rast, \$100

- to North Side Elementary School
    - from Wal-Mart, two gift cards of \$100 each in recognition of new teachers: Ms. Melony Phillips (Spec. Ed PreK) and Ms. Nicole Cross (3<sup>rd</sup> grade)
    - from Wal-Mart, \$1,000 Community Grant in recognition of the school's efforts in education
  - to Science Hill High School Technology Center
    - from Ms. Ann Dennis of Rumors Hair Salon, a new "Pibbs 5277B Samantha Backwash w/Black Bowl" shampoo sink with chair, valued at about \$1,400 retail
  - to RIF Schools (Fairmont, Mountain View, North Side, & Woodland)
    - from Reading is Fundamental (RIF) and First Book, a grant in the amount of \$4,089.80 for the purchase of new books from First Book Marketplace to give to students attending high poverty schools
  - to Fairmont Elementary School
    - from East Tennessee Foundation, \$1,600 for the purchase of an elliptical machine for PE classes
  - to South Side Elementary School
    - from McDonald's, \$676.73 for McTeacher Night
    - from Target Take Charge of Education Program, \$122.43
    - from parents to fund Intersession scholarships:
      - Kurt and Stacy Onks, \$10
      - Burt and Susan Lampson, \$10
      - Teresa Smith, \$60
  - to Towne Acres Elementary School
    - from Smokey Mountain Books from parent sales, \$4.35
- XI. COMMITTEE REPORTS (10 minutes)
- XII. BOARD UPDATES AND DISCUSSION (10 minutes)
- XIII. MEETING DATES
- The next Board meeting will be held on Monday, December 7, at 6 p.m.
  - Monday, December 7, at 5 p.m., Meeting to hear recommendations from Finance Committee
- XIV. ADJOURNMENT