

April 3, 2017

The Johnson City Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, April 3, 2017, at 6:00 p.m., in the Board Room at the Columbus Powell Center. The following members were in attendance:

Mr. Timothy Belisle, Chair
Mrs. Kathy Hall, Vice Chair
Mr. Thomas Hager, Jr., Secretary
Mr. John Hunter, II
Mr. Jonathan Kinnick
Dr. Richard Manahan
Dr. Richard Bales, Superintendent of Schools

1. CALL TO ORDER AND OPENING

- A. Belisle called the meeting to order and welcomed those in attendance.
- B. A moment of silence was held.
- C. Aiden Roller and Emmarae Bradley, student ambassadors from ITIS, led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.
- D. The opening for the meeting was provided by members of the ITIS Chorus
- E. Art work on display during April was provided by ITIS students.
- F. James Jacobs, Principal, provided an update on Indian Trail Intermediate School

2. RECOGNITIONS

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

- SHHS students are finalists in the TN Statewide Marimba Solo Competition: Andy Holmes, Graham Hurter, Coleman Numbers, and Caleb Lonon.
- James Jacobs, Tennessee PTA's Outstanding Principal of the Year
- Dr. Richard Bales, Tennessee PTA's Outstanding Superintendent of the Year

3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

On recommendation by Bales and on motion by Hall, seconded by Hunter, and unanimously passed on a 6-0 vote, the Board adopted the agenda as presented with one addendum: Accept CDW-Gs proposal for Cisco switches and SFPs.

A copy of the agenda is included with these minutes.

4. CORRESPONDENCE, DELEGATIONS, AND COMMUNICATIONS

There were no correspondence, delegations, or communications for this meeting.

5. REPORTS FROM SUPERINTENDENT AND STAFF

- A. The report from SHHS students regarding the *SCOPE Conference* was removed from the agenda due to conflicts with schedules. The report will be on the May board agenda.
- B. The Board accepted the *Building Projects Update* as submitted on the agenda by Dave Chupa.
- C. The Board accepted the *Update on Sales Tax – PEP* as submitted on the agenda by Pam Cox.

- D. On recommendation by Bales and on motion by Hall, seconded by Manahan, and unanimously passed on a 6-0 vote, the Board approved the ***Financial Report ending February 28, 2017***, as submitted on the agenda by Pam Cox.

Manahan noted that County Mayor Eldridge had been quoted in the *Johnson City Press and Johnson City News and Neighbor* recently where he questioned the board's comments on Washington County's property tax breakdown. He further noted that the way the county pays for capital projects with cash rather than bonds is a "loophole" to keep from paying Johnson City's fair share of bond monies. He asked what the Board's position is with regard to a response to the Mayor's comments. Belisle replied that the board needs to take its time and work on a position and a measured response because there are clearly inaccuracies in what the Mayor reported. One example was that the JC schools only have \$12 million in capital needs. He noted the board had shared copies of its 2030 Plan with the City and County Commissioners and that plan clearly shows there are more than \$12 million in capital needs. Hall noted the work on the position and response needs to include City Commissioners since they own the city school buildings and they are the funding body for the school system. Hager noted the two bodies (City Commission and JC BOE) need to go through each paragraph of the Mayor's report and list the things that are not true. He stated he felt the response should be done after the Mayor makes his report to the County Commission Board that he referred to in the article. Kinnick noted the Mayor's numbers change each time too. He stated he thinks the Mayor tends to forget there is an incorporated part of the County. Hager stated this board has not ever said anything about trying to kill the Washington Way or the academic magnet school. He said he had a major concern that someone in the Mayor's position to make such a comment does our school system no good, does him no good, and does the Washington County School System no good. He stated the Mayor should be working with the two school systems to bring everybody together instead of making these statements that are not true. Hall agreed with Hager's statement noting the two school systems work closely with each other. She stated we would not do anything to injure another school system but the plan to not fund capital needs in the city through a loophole is injurious to our system. Belisle will contact the City Commissioners to see what their thoughts are about coming together around this issue and, when the timing is right, a joint meeting can be held to discuss it as a group. Manahan noted he just wants everyone to be professional, honest, and trustworthy throughout the process.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

There was no unfinished business for this meeting.

7. CONSENT AGENDA

On recommendation by Bales and on motion by Manahan, seconded by Hunter, and unanimously passed on a 6-0 vote, the Board approved the following Consent Agenda items as presented:

- A. Board meeting minutes for: March 2, 2017 (regular session), and March 22, 2107 (special session)
- B. Proposed fundraising activities: 6 for SHHS and 1 for LBMS SGA

- C. Pulled for discussion (policies)
- D. Overnight field trip request for SHHS Drama
- E. Purchase of mini excavator for maintenance department
- F. Request from Melanie Riden-Bacon, SHHS, to write checks (3) in excess of \$5,000
- G. Purchase of 3 self-contained dental treatment units (\$20,643) from Perkins funds
- H. Addendum: Accept CDW-Gs proposal for Cisco switches and SFPs at a cost of \$33,759.95 to be paid from 2017-18 general purpose technology funds

The Board discussed Consent Agenda Item #7C – *Policies for Second Reading*. Patterson noted Policy 6.200, page 1, line 29, has been revised to limit the number of college visits to 5 per request from the high school. She also noted that policies 4.605 and 4.606 need further discussion. The board pulled these two policies and asked that they go back through the Policy Committee. On recommendation by Bales, and on motion by Kinnick, seconded by Hall, and unanimously passed on a 6-0 vote, the Board approved the following policies as presented on second reading: 1.407, 3.202, 3.211, 4.400, 4.502, 4.802, 4.804, 5.104, 5.117, 5.201, 5.401, 5.402, 5.602, 5.904, 6.200 (as revised above), 6.304, 6.309, 6.313, 6.4001, 6.4031, 6.4081, 6.414, 6.415, 6.503, 6.600, and 6.709.

8. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

- A. On recommendation of Bales and on motion by Hunter, seconded by Kinnick, and unanimously passed on a 6-0 vote, the Board approved the tuition rates for the 2017-2018 SY as follows: Inside Washington County = \$1,650.00 (employee rate = \$825.00) and Other Counties = \$2,150.00 (employee rate = \$1,075.00).
- B. The recommendation for approving the Five-Year Strategic Plan was moved to the May meeting when all board members will be in attendance.

9. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Consideration of Superintendent’s Contract
On recommendation of the Superintendent’s Compensation Committee and on motion by Kinnick, seconded by Hunter, and unanimously passed on a 6-0 roll call vote, the Board approved the contract for Dr. Steve Barnett. Belisle noted the contract is for three years and includes \$130,000 base salary, \$2,000 annually for an IRA plan, \$500 per month for auto allowance, dues to professional associations, \$1,000 per year for professional library, professional liability coverage, professional growth opportunities, and 20 vacation days per year with ability to carry over up to 20 additional unused vacation days per year. The contract begins on July 1, 2017. The Board thanked Dr. Barnett for his cooperation in getting the contract negotiations finalized.

10. INFORMATION ITEMS

The following information items were shared with the Board: Board Calendar of Events; Personnel Items; Correspondence on Behalf of the Board; and Donations to: Lake Ridge (1), SHHS (2), Coordinated School Health (1), Fairmont (2), and Cherokee (1).

11. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Board members reported on various committee meetings

12. **BOARD UPDATES/DISCUSSION**

Board members shared updates and discussed items of interest to the Board/school system.

13. **MEETING DATES**

- The next regular Board meeting will be held on Monday, May 1, 2017, at 6:00 p.m. in the JCS Board Room.

14. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Chairman

Secretary

attachments: Copy of Agenda

**Johnson City Board of Education Regular Meeting
April 03, 2017 6:00 PM – Agenda**

1. CALL TO ORDER AND OPENING

Public attachment - JCS Beliefs, Mission, Vision, & Goals

1.A. Call to Order and Welcome

Tim Belisle, Board Chair

1.B. Moment of Silence

Tim Belisle, Board Chair

1.C. Pledge of allegiance to the flag

Students from ITIS

1.D. Opening

Students from ITIS

1.E. Art work on display

Students from ITIS

1.F. Update on Indian Trail Intermediate School

James Jacobs, Principal

2. RECOGNITIONS

Public attachment - Recognitions

3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

4. CORRESPONDENCE, DELEGATIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

5. REPORTS FROM SUPERINTENDENT AND STAFF

5.A. Report on SCOPE (Student Congress on Policies in Education) Conference
Students from SHHS who attended the conference: Colin Wharton, Olivia McGowan, Abby Knox, and David Thomas. Jessica Schiwitz, teacher, was their chaperone.

5.B. Building Projects Update
Public attachment - Building Projects Update
Dave Chupa

5.C. Update on Sales Tax - PEP
Public attachment - PEP-Sales Tax Report
Pam Cox

5.D. Financial Report Ending February 28, 2017
Public attachment - Financial Report Ending February 28, 2017
Pam Cox

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

7. CONSENT AGENDA

7.A. Approval of Minutes
Public attachment - Minutes for March, 2, 2017 Regular Session
Public attachment - Minutes for March 22, 2017 Special Session

7.B. Proposed Fundraising Activities
Public attachment - Proposed Fundraising Activities #1-4 for SHHS
Public attachment - Proposed Fundraising Activities #5-6 for SHHS
Public attachment - Proposed Fundraising Activity #1 for LBMS SGA

7.C. Policies for Second Reading
Public attachment - Policies for Second Reading

7.D. Overnight Field Trip Requests
Public attachment - Overnight Field Trip Request #1 from SHHS Drama

7.E. Purchase of Mini Excavator for Maintenance
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7.F. Request from Melanie Riden-Bacon, SHHS, to write checks (3) in excess of \$5,000
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7.G. Purchase of 3 Self-Contained Dental Treatment Units (\$20,643) from Perkins Funds
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7.H. Addendum to Consent Agenda

Public attachment - Addendum to Consent Agenda: Accept proposal for Cisco switches and SFPs

8. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT FOR ACTION

8.A. Recommendation Regarding Tuition Rates for the 2017-2018 SY

Public attachment - Tuition Recommendation for 2017-18 SY

Dr. Richard Bales

8.B. Recommendation Regarding the Five-Year Strategic Plan (2017-2022)

Public attachment - Five-Year Strategic Plan (2017-2022)

Dr. Richard Bales

9. NEW BUSINESS

9.A. Consideration of Superintendent's Contract

Tim Belisle, Board Chair

10. INFORMATION ITEMS

10.A. BOE Calendar of Events

Public attachment - BOE Calendar of Events

10.B. Personnel Items

Public attachment - Personnel Items

10.C. Correspondence on Behalf of the Board

Public attachment - Correspondence on Behalf of the Board

10.D. Donations

Public attachment - Donation #1 to Lake Ridge

Public attachment - Donation # 1 to SHHS

Public attachment - Donation #2 to SHHS

Public attachment - Donation #1 to Coordinated School Health

Public attachment - Donation #1 to Fairmont

Public attachment - Donation #2 to Fairmont

Public attachment - Donation #1 to Cherokee

11. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Public attachment - BOE Committee Reports

12. BOARD UPDATES AND DISCUSSION

13. MEETING DATES

Public attachment - BOE Upcoming Meetings

14. ADJOURNMENT