

**March 2, 2017**

The Johnson City Board of Education met in regular session on Thursday, March 2, 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. John Hunter, II  
Mr. Jonathan Kinnick  
Dr. Richard Manahan  
Mrs. Stacie Torbett  
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. Students from Cherokee Elementary School led the pledge of allegiance to the flag.
- D. The opening for the meeting was provided by Cherokee fourth grade students.
- E. Art work on display during March was provided by Cherokee students.
- F. Mary Nell McIntyre, Principal, provided an update on Cherokee Elementary School.

**2. RECOGNITIONS**

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

- Kristin Kudialis, SHHS junior, won the 2017 Eastman Chemical Oratorical Contest. Her presentation was about Valerie Thomas, an African-American scientist and inventor.
- Taylor Canfield, SHHS senior, has been accepted as a National Merit Finalist. She will be considered for a National Merit Scholarship to be offered this year.
- 2017 Johnson City Schools Building-Level “Teachers of the Year”: Beth Bartchy-Smith (Cherokee), Sharon Mueller (Fairmont), Judy Tucker (Lake Ridge), Josh Johnson (Mountain View), Christus Leeper (North Side), Lauren Temm (Towne Acres), John Hughes (Woodland), Nate West (Indian Trail), Brandi Sanchez (Indian Trail), Christa Reid (Liberty Bell), Kevin Howard (Liberty Bell), Emily Stevens (Liberty Bell), Bess Laufenberg (Science Hill), Caroline Darden (Science Hill), Miguel King (Science Hill), Deidre Brown (Science Hill), and Mike Johnson (Science Hill).
- 2017 System-Wide “Teacher of the Year” Winners: Nancy Miles (South Side), David Nutter (Indian Trail), and Glenda Conner (Science Hill).
- Building-Level Spelling Bee Winners: Shreyas Singh (Cherokee), Rhianna Whitehorn (Fairmont), Allison Miller (LR), Jonathan Bennah (MV), Dominic Potter (NS), Angelina Nelson (SS), Mia Hoang (TA), Rylee Purner (Woodland), Logan Smith (ITIS), and Silas Wang (LBMS).
- District-Wide Spelling Bee Winner: Silas Wang (LBMS).

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 two addendums: (1) North Side Playground and (2) Homeless Education Grant.

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 Board heard a final report from Randall Bennett, TSBA, regarding the superintendent search. The top five finalists are: Dr. Steve Barnett, Dr. Ronnie Dotson, Dr. Greg Wallace, Dr. LaDonna McFall, and Dr. David Timbs. Bennett reported that a ballot with all five candidates' names will be provided for the Board and each board member will select two candidates they want to consider further. A ballot will not be counted unless it contains exactly two candidates' names. The board members will sign and date the ballot and the names will be read aloud.

On motion by Manahan, seconded by Hunter, and unanimously passed on a 6-0 roll call vote, the Board approved the TSBA report, the process and the list of candidates as presented. On motion by Hall, seconded by Kinnick, and unanimously passed on a 6-0 vote, the Board approved the interview guidelines as amended and the schedule for the candidates' visits as presented.

The Board agreed to meet on Wednesday, March 22, 2017, at 12:00 noon, to narrow the list of candidates to one or two that they wish to pursue further.

B. The Board accepted the *Building Projects Update* as submitted on the agenda by Dave Chupa. Hall reported the Facilities Committee had met and discussion was held regarding the capital funding loopholes. It was noted that this continues to be an area of concern. She noted that she met with Senator Crowe, Representative Hill, and Representative Van Huss during the TSBA Day-On-The-Hill activities and she felt it was a positive meeting. Hall noted that copies of the 2030 Plan had been forwarded to all City Commissioners and School Board Members since both boards have new members. The Board will meet in a special called meeting in early April to refine the 2030 Plan.

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 Torbett, and unanimously passed on a 6-0 vote, the Board approved the *Financial Report ending January 31, 2017*, as submitted on the agenda by Pam Cox.

E. The Board accepted the *Instructional Technology Update* as submitted on the agenda by Dr. David Timbs.

**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 Hall, and unanimously passed on a 6-0 vote, the Board approved the following Consent Agenda items as presented:

- A. Board meeting minutes for: December 5, 2016 – (regular session - revised), February 6, 2017 (special session – policy review), February 6, 2017 (regular session), and February 10, 2017 (special session – SHHS graduation)
- B. Overnight field trip requests: SHHS band (revised dates for All-State Band travel to Nashville, TN, April 5-April 8, 2017)
- C. Fee Lists for the 2017-2018 SY: Elementary, ITIS, LBMS, and SHHS
- D. Educare fee list for the 2017-2018 SY
- E. Request from Melanie Riden-Bacon, SHHS, to write four (4) checks in excess of \$5,000
- F. Proposed fundraising activities: LBMS Beta Club (1), LBMS Chorus (1), SHHS Varsity Cheerleaders (1), and Woodland Pre-K (1)
- G. Request from John Phillips, Lake Ridge, to write a check in excess of \$5,000
- H. Items to be Declared Surplus
- I. Request from Dr. Sharon Pickering, North Side, to: (1) accept low bid from Bliss Products for a playground structure to replace an existing outdated wooden piece on the grounds; (2) approve to write a check in excess of \$5,000 for the purchase and installation of playground structure; and (3) request to transfer site-based funds
- J. Grant submission by the Johnson City Schools Homeless Education Program

**8. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT**

- A. On recommendation of Bales and on motion by Kinnick, seconded by Torbett, and unanimously passed on a 6-0 vote, the Board approved the following policies as they were presented on first reading: 4.400, 4.502, 4.605, 4.606, 4.802, 4.804, 5.104, 5.117, 5.201, 5.401, 5.402, 5.602, 5.904, 6.200, 6.304, 6.309, 6.313, 6.4001, 6.4031, 6.4081, 6.414, 6.415, 6.503, 6.600, 6.709,
- B. On recommendation by Bales and on motion by Hunter, seconded by Kinnick, and unanimously passed on a 6-0 vote, the Board approved the following schools to accept new tuition students for the 2017-2018 school year: Cherokee, Woodland, and Science Hill.

**9. NEW BUSINESS**

There was no new business for this meeting.

**10. INFORMATION ITEMS**

The following information items were shared with the Board: Board Calendar of Events; Personnel Items; Donations to: Homeless Education Program (3), LBMS (1), South Side (1), Mountain View (10), and SHHS (1): and Proposed Fundraising Activity for Woodland PTA (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, April 3, 2017, at 6:00 p.m. in the JCS Board Room.

14. **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

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Chairman

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Secretary

attachments: Copy of Agenda

**Johnson City Board of Education Regular Meeting  
March 02, 2017 6:00 PM - Central Office**

**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 Cherokee Elementary

**1.D. Opening**

Students from Cherokee Elementary

**1.E. Art work on display**

Students from Cherokee Elementary

**1.F. Update on Cherokee Elementary**

Mary Nell McIntyre, Principal

**2. RECOGNITIONS**

Public attachment - Recognitions

**3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

#### **4. CORRESPONDENCE, DELEGATIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

#### **5. REPORTS FROM SUPERINTENDENT AND STAFF**

**5.A.** Report from Tennessee School Boards Association regarding the Superintendent's Search – Randall Bennett

**5.B.** Building Projects Update

Public attachment - Building Projects Update – Dave Chupa

**5.C.** Update on Sales Tax – PEP – Pam Cox

Public attachment - Sales Tax - PEP Update

**5.D.** Financial Report Ending January 31, 2017 – Pam Cox

Public attachment - Financial Report Ending January 31, 2017

**5.E.** Instructional Technology Update – Dr. David Timbs

Public attachment - Instructional Technology Update

#### **6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

#### **7. CONSENT AGENDA**

**7.A.** Approval of Minutes

Public attachment - M-December-05-16R Revised

Public attachment - M-February-06-17SP

Public attachment - M-February 06-17R

Public attachment - M-February-10-17S SH Grad

**7.B.** Overnight Field Trip Requests

Public attachment - Overnight Field Trip Request #1 from SHHS Band (Corrected Dates)

**7.C.** School Fee Lists for 2017-18 SY

Public attachment - Elementary School Fee List for 2017-18 SY

Public attachment - Intermediate School Fee List for 2017-18 SY

Public attachment - Middle School Fee List for 2017-18 SY

Public attachment - High School Fee List for 2017-18 SY

**7.D.** Educare Fee List for 2017-18 SY

Public attachment - Educare Fee List for 2017-18 SY

**7.E.** Request from Melanie Riden-Bacon, Principal, SHHS, to write four (4) checks in excess of \$5,000

Public attachment - Request from Mel Riden-Bacon, Principal, SHHS, to write 4 checks in excess of \$5,000

**7.F.** Proposed Fundraising Activities

Public attachment - Proposed Fundraising Activity #1 for LBMS Beta Club

Public attachment - Proposed Fundraising Activity #1 for LBMS Chorus

Public attachment - Proposed Fundraising Activity #1 for SHHS Varsity Cheerleaders

Public attachment - Proposed Fundraising Activity #1 for Woodland Pre-K

**7.G.** Request from John Phillips, Principal, Lake Ridge, to write a check in excess of \$5,000

Public attachment - Request from John Phillips, Lake Ridge, to write a check in excess of \$5,000

**7.H.** Items to be Declared Surplus

Public attachment - Items to be Declared Surplus

**7. I. North Side Playground**

**7. J. Homeless Education Grant Application**

**8. RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT FOR ACTION – Dr. Richard Bales**

**8.A. Recommendation Regarding Policies for First Reading**

Public attachment - Policies (25) for First Reading

**8.B. Recommendation Regarding Tuition for the 2017-2018 SY**

Public attachment - Tuition for 2017-2018 SY

**9. NEW BUSINESS**

**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. Donations**

Public attachment - Donation #1 to Homeless Education Program

Public attachment - Donation #2 to Homeless Education Program

Public attachment - Donation #3 to Homeless Education Program

Public attachment - Donation #1 to LBMS

Public attachment - Donation #1 to South Side

Public attachment - Donation #1 to Mountain View

Public attachment - Donation #2 to Mountain View

Public attachment - Donation #3 to Mountain View

Public attachment - Donation #4 to Mountain View

Public attachment - Donation #5 to Mountain View

Public attachment - Donation #6 to Mountain View

Public attachment - Donation #1 to SHHS Tennis Team

**10.D. Proposed Fundraising Activity #1 from Woodland PTA**

Public attachment - Proposed Fundraising Activity #1 for Woodland PTA

**11. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Public attachment - BOE Committee Reports

**12. BOARD UPDATES AND DISCUSSION**

**13. MEETING DATES**

Public attachment - BOE Upcoming Meetings

**14. ADJOURNMENT**