

Board of Education Regular Meeting

September 6, 2011 5:30 PM

Blythe-Bower Elementary School

Attendance Taken at 5:30 PM.

Mr. Tom Cloud:	Present
Dr. Murl Dirksen:	Present
Mr. George Meacham:	Present
Mr. Steve Morgan:	Present
Ms. Peggy Pesterfield:	Present
Ms. Dawn Robinson:	Present
Mr. Richard Shaw:	Present

1. CONSENT AGENDA

1.A. Approval of Regular Agenda

1.B. Approval of minutes of August 1, 2011 Board Meeting and minutes from Board Retreat, July 26, 2011.

1.C. Approval of Resolution "Save Tennessee Summers" Bill

1.D. Approval of Resolution "Repeal or Modification of NCLB"

1.E. Approval of Science Wing Design for TSBA Award

1.F. Approval of Extended Contracts

1.G. Approval of Long-Term Care Insurance

1.H. Approval of Overnight Field Trip

2. SPOTLIGHTS

2.A. Recognition of New Teachers

Chairman Peggy Pesterfield recognized the new teachers for Cleveland City Schools as follows: Angela Allred, CHS Janet Arnold, CHS Chelsea Bancroft, Yates Laura Bible, Blythe-Bower Meghan Blackmon, Arnold Holly Brown, Stuart Shannon Dale Brown, Mayfield Cassie Cantrell, Stuart Kim Davison, Blythe-Bower Amanda Diaz, Mayfield Rachel Dimond, CHS Terry Esquinance, CMS Emily Foggin, Yates Caitlyn Fuller, Mayfield Stephanie Garcia, CMS Joy Gilliland, Blythe-Bower David Gluckner, CHS Angie Hentz, Blythe-Bower Kristina Higgins, CMS Christina Huggins, CHS John Hunter, CHS Christina Kinzer, Arnold Minday Kiser, CHS Rachel Lower, CMS Chrystal Morrison, Blythe-Bower Jonathan Moseley, CMS Danny Murphy, Ross James Chandler Patrick, Mayfield William Roby Phillips, CMS Chelsie Powers, Mayfield Heather Riingstaff, CHS J. B. Robinson, Stuart Sarah Smartt, Mayfield Christopher Stanford, CMS Lauren Steward, Mayfield Elizabeth Stooksbury, CMS Mary Katherine Turpin, Arnold Morgan Walker, Mayfield Amy McGowan, CHS

2.B. Recognition of Ariana Kim - First Alternate of Distinguished Young Women of Tennessee

Miss Ariana Kim was recognized as Cleveland's Distinguished Young Miss and the First Alternate for the Distinguished Young Miss for the State of Tennessee. Miss Kim thanked the Board of Education for having her speak today. She explained that the program builds self-esteem in many different perspectives. The program has helped her and has opened doors for her. She

further thanked the Board for allowing the contest to be hosted in Cleveland. Miss Kim's platform is "be your best self."

2.C. Green Schools - Presentation of Checks
This item was moved to next month's meeting.

3. DIRECTOR'S UPDATES

3.A. Report from New Director's Orientation

Dr. Martin Ringstaff highlighted the information he brought from the new director's orientation he recently attended in Nashville. The three day orientation included an update on health care reform from Scott Long of American Fidelity, a technology update from Apple and SMART technologies. Dr. Ringstaff believes that textbooks will be extinct in the near future. Commissioner Huffman and his entire staff were there to discuss the evaluation process, school finance issues, charter schools and the new tenure law changes for teachers and how it affects administration and teachers. Chuck Cagle presented a session called What Every New Director Needs to Know. We also had an update on the new BEP formula. We finished up with Dr. Brewer explaining the new performance contracts for principals and their relationship with the director of schools. We have given our principals a blank copy of the contract at this point which I will provide to you by email once we have finalized the outlook of it. Overall it was a very wonderful experience and I enjoyed the three days and learned quite a bit. TOSS did a very good job in presenting this orientation to the new directors of schools.

3.B. Good News from Cleveland City Schools

Dr. Ringstaff handed out the Good News from Cleveland City Schools and reported on the highlights.

3.C. Assignment of New Teachers to Meet BEP

Dr. Ringstaff announced the hiring teachers to meet BEP mandates. Cleveland City Schools has hired three teachers at Mayfield Elementary Schools, two teachers at Arnold Memorial Elementary Schools, one teacher at Cleveland Middle School and one ESL teacher.

4. *OPERATION IMPACT

Mr. E. K. Slaughter presented his idea of a mission trip for 15 FCA students. He is calling the trip Operation Impact. The mission trip is to Honduras. The objective is to secure scholarships to the students to pay for this mission trip. Liability insurance will be secured for each individual student. Dr. Murl Dirksen asked Mr. Slaughter to be sure you get a power of attorney and health survey and make sure all i's are dotted and t's crossed before going out of the country.

Motion to approve Operation Impact contingent upon checking with Chuck Cagle to be sure all forms are approved. " Passed with a motion by Ms. Dawn Robinson and a second by Dr. Murl Dirksen.

Mr. Tom Cloud: Yes

Dr. Murl Dirksen: Yes

Mr. George Meacham: Yes

Mr. Steve Morgan: Yes

Ms. Peggy Pesterfield: Yes

Ms. Dawn Robinson: Yes

Mr. Richard Shaw: Yes

Yes: 7, No: 0

5. ATTENDANCE REPORT ON SCHOOL ATTENDANCE AND ENROLLMENT

Mr. Larry Paye reported on the increase in enrollment at Cleveland City Schools. He referred to the chart attached to the board agenda which shows that we have been consistent in our growth. The Board had some question for Mrs. Finison, principal of Mayfield Elementary School regarding the increase of enrollment in her school from last year. The Board asked if she had any idea what impact Spring Creek Development has been on her enrollment. Mrs. Finison answered that a lot of her enrollment is from students attending Lee University who have families and she added there are a lot of rentals in the area. Dr. Ringstaff stated that the school system needs to do something very soon about overcrowding in our elementary schools. Mrs. Robinson made the comment that our school system is a program driven school system. If we start taking about taking special classes out of their classrooms, it is taking away from our program. If we want to continue we have got to have the room to do that. Mrs. Finison added that they lost the space that was used for a computer lab, a music room and a guidance room. At Yates Primary School, the music teachers s on wheels and the art teacher goes to the each of the classrooms. When comparing small schools to large schools, Mayfield School now has almost as many students as Blythe-Bower Elementary School. Dr. Ringstaff stated that we need to do everything right based solely on student achievement. It was added that the school system now needs two possibly three more school buses. Also, six buses are now doing double runs.

6. *BOARD POLICIES

6.A. First Reading of Policies 1.201 Duties of Officers, 1.402 Notification of Meetings and 3.210 Naming New Facilities

With regard to the first reading of Policy 1.402, the Board agreed to leave the wording in paragraph two as twenty-four (24) hours and to add a sentence. "Notification of special meetings shall be distributed by the Director's office and shall include an agenda. (The proposed wording after the word "agenda" are deleted.) With regard to the first reading of Policy 1.201, the Board agreed to add a number 11 to the first paragraph and to read 11. To call special meetings as needed. A motion was made by Steve Morgan to accept policy 1.201 as amended. The motion received a second from Richard Shaw. The vote was unanimous. With regard to the first reading of Policy 3.210 Naming New Facilities, the Board agreed to remove the sentence in the fifth paragraph "The Board Site Committee will review the applications and make a recommendation to the Board. A motion was made by Mrs. Dawn Robinson to accept the rewrite of Policy 3.210 on first reading taking out the sentence regarding recommendation of the Site Committee. The motion received a second by Dr. Murl Dirksen. The vote was unanimous:

7. SITE COMMITTEE REPORT

7.A. *Recommendation from Site Committee

The site committee brought a recommendation to the Board of Education to allow Dr. Martin Ringstaff to begin the process of negotiation a purchase price for the North Lee Highway property for a new elementary school.

Motion that we purchase as reasonably as we possibly can the Hardwick Farms property to build a new elementary school. Passed with a motion by Mr. Steve Morgan and a second by Mr. Richard Shaw.

Mr. Tom Cloud:	Yes
Dr. Murl Dirksen:	Yes
Mr. George Meacham:	Yes
Mr. Steve Morgan:	Yes

Ms. Peggy Pesterfield: Yes
Ms. Dawn Robinson: Yes
Mr. Richard Shaw: Yes
Yes: 7, No: 0

7.B. Revised Punch List from Science Wing Addition
Dr. Dirksen reviewed the items on the revised punhch list from the Science Wing Addition.

8. TLN REPORT

Bill prohibits the lowering of benefits. Cleveland already does this. Unicoi - taking on virtual school - K-12 company Funding will follow the student.

9. TSBA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Please let Rea know if you will attend

9.A. Appointment of Delegates to TSBA Convention
Dawn, George, Murl and Tom

10. APPOINTMENT OF BOARD MEMBER TO INSURANCE COMMITTEE

George Meacham appointed to insurance committee.

11. FINAL PLANS FOR TSBA FALL DISTRICT MEETING

meet at a AOB at 4:00

12. "B" AGENDA

12.A. Financial Report

12.B. Personnel Appointments

12.C. Board Calendars September - November

13. ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson

Superintendent