

CLEVELAND CITY SCHOOLS
CLEVELAND, TENNESSEE
MARCH 7, 2011

The Cleveland Board of Education met in regular session on the above date in the Board Room at the Administrative Office Building, Cleveland, Tennessee. Members present: Tom Cloud, Steve Morgan, Peggy Pesterfield, Dawn Robinson, Evelyn Rockholt and Richard Shaw. Dr. Murl Dirksen was absent. Joyanna Weber of the Cleveland Daily Banner and Randall Higgins of the Times Free press were in attendance along with staff members and other guests.

Chairman Peggy Pesterfield called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Chairman Peggy Pesterfield asked the board to approve the consent agenda. A motion was made by Dawn Robinson to accept the consent agenda as proposed. The motion received a second from Tom Cloud. The vote was unanimous.

In the first spotlight, the Board recognized the Teachers of the Year, Jim Burton, Erin Hattabaugh, Andi Wendorf, Bill Stockham, Jim David, Sandra Farlow, Tammy Dale, Stacy Liner, Rebecca Lay, Krislyn Martin, Ethel Cooper and Karen Malik.

In the second spotlight the Board recognized the coaches of the Cleveland High School Wrestling team and several members of the Wrestling State Champions.

In the third spotlight the Board recognized Coach Scott Carroll for being awarded Middle School Athletic Director of the Year.

In the fourth spotlight the Board voted on a proclamation to call the annual spelling bee "The Mildred Maupin Annual Spelling Bee." A motion was made by Dawn Robinson to proclaim the annual spelling bee "The Mildred Maupin Annual Spelling Bee." The motion received a second by Tom Cloud and Evelyn Rockholt. The vote was unanimous. Dr. Rick Denning then read the proclamation and awarded it to Mrs. Mildred Maupin.

In the fifth spotlight, Ms. Julie Phillips teacher at Cleveland High School introduced the student who attended Model UN held in Philadelphia, PA. The students who attended were: Ben Murphy, Brooke Muller, Ben Taylor, Cullen Mitchell, Grant Currin, Matt Drury, Joey Archer, Jonathan Swindle, Ken Connell, Jenna Stuart, Becky Han, Westin Laing, Roy Callahan and Daniel Barto. The sponsors were Julie Phillips, Athena Davis and Mike Collier.

In the sixth spotlight, the Board thanked all Cleveland City School employees who helped in the interview process for Director of School candidates. A special thanks went to Mrs. Dee Dee Finison, Principal of Mayfield School, Mr. Jim Burton president of the CEA and Debbie Creech for preparing dinner each evening. Mr. Richard Shaw thanked everyone for their questions and for the responses and comments. Mr. Robinson said the teacher input was very valuable.

Dr. Rick Denning gave the director's updates. First he commented on the newest member of Cleveland City Schools, Tucker McMahan born today.

Dr. Denning commented that he put an article from the Knox News in the board packets regarding I pads to keep the board informed of technology issues.

Also, Dr. Denning commented on the article he provided to keep the Board informed that technology is such that textbooks may be replaced by computers.

Dr. Denning then introduced Mr. Tim Davis who has been working on plans for a new aquatic center. Mr. Davis asked the board to allow him to go to the city council with their support approving the plan for the aquatic center. The Board had a lot of questions about the plan and agreed to have Tim Davis come back to the board meeting on Wednesday, March 9, at 9:00 a.m. The board asked that this item be put on the agenda for Wednesday.

On the human side, Dr. Denning brought the board's attention to the handout from Mr. Rockholt of Good News from all the schools.

Mrs. Patti Hunt gave an update on the SLC Grant shared by the three area high schools. She said the goal is to prepare students without remediation for college or careers.

Ms. Sherry Crye gave an update on the Chamber of Commerce news regarding the companies who are moving to the area from Germany. She said that on February 4th they took a tour and were impressed by what they saw. They are interested in being a part of our community. Ms. Crye added that at this time 62 Cleveland High School seniors are on track to graduate as Tennessee Scholars.

Mrs. Ann Culbreth brought two board policies for revision to the Board. Policy 5.802 Qualification and Duties of the Director of Schools. A motion was made by Mr. Richard Shaw to approve the changes to policy 5.802 on first reading. The motion received a second from Mrs. Dawn Robinson. The vote was unanimous. The second policy was policy 6.312 Use of Personal Electronic Devices in School. This policy change is brought to protect the students from pornography. The board discussed making some changes to the proposed policy. A motion was made by Mr. Richard Shaw to accept the policy with changes on first reading. The motion received a second from Mrs. Evelyn Rockholt. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Jeff Elliott, principal of Cleveland Middle School presented the budget for the Wetland Project and plans for building a council house. This project is funded with funds from the Bradley Cleveland Public Education Foundation. A motion was made by Mrs. Dawn Robinson to approve the Wetland Project for building a council house. The motion received a second by Mr. Steve Morgan. The vote was unanimous.

The Board discussed possible dates for the dedication of the Cleveland High School science wing. They discussed waiting until the fall when the building would be complete, furniture would be moved in and the landscaping would be complete. A motion was made by Mr. Steve Morgan to hold the dedication on Sunday, July 31, 2011 at 2:00 p.m. The motion received a second from Mr. TomCloud. The vote was unanimous.

The Board discussed having a retreat in April to discuss a new elementary school. The board decided to put this issue on the agenda for the April board meeting.

Mrs. Dawn Robinson gave the TLN report and the school board shared their experience at Day on the Hill.

The Board reviewed an overnight field trip which was submitted after the board packets had been mailed. Mrs. Dawn Robinson made a motion to approve the overnight field trip. The motion received a second by Steve Morgan. The vote was unanimous.

The Board reviewed their plans for a trip to Kingsport and Bristol to the home towns of the two director of schools candidates. The board agreed to begin their visit in Kingsport at 10:00 and then drive to Bristol to visit at 2:30 p.m. Chairman Pesterfield asked the Board members to meet at the Administrative Office Building at 6:00 a.m. to drive to Kingsport together.

Mr. Steve Morgan made a motion to adjourn. The motion received a second from Mr. Richard Shaw. The vote was unanimous.

Chairman

Date

Secretary