

SWEETWATER CITY SCHOOLS BOARD OF EDUCATION
MINUTES
July 9, 2018

The Sweetwater City Schools Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, July 9, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. at the Administration Building.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Dr. John Fox, Chair, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Members present were: Mr. Patrick Gaines, Ms. Kenzie Lovingood, Mr. Jon Campbell, Ms. Christy McCosh, and Director of Schools, Mr. Rodney Boruff. A quorum was present. Absent: City Representative Bill Stockton

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

2. RECOGNITION OF GUESTS

Dr. Fox welcomed everyone to the meeting. Guest present were: Ms. Danielle Gross, Board Secretary; Ms. Janet Collins, Finance Administrator; Ms. Holly Kidder, Supervisor of Instruction; Principals, Mr. Darrin Nichols, Ms. Alice Tyler, and Ms. Heather Henry; faculty, staff, visitors and a representative from the Monroe County Buzz.

3. CONSENT AGENDA

Mr. Campbell made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda, which included the adoption of the agenda, minutes from the last meeting and the May financial report. A second was made by Ms. McCosh. Motion passed. Director recommended.

4. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Update of Policy 6.200 Attendance – Ms. Duncan reported on the changes to the Attendance Policy. It will be in 3 tiers. The first tier is a conference with student and student's guardian, second tier is an individualized assessment that may result in referral to counseling, community-based services or other services to address the student's attendance problem and the third could result in school based community service, participation in a restorative justice program and Saturday courses designed to improve attendance and behavior.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Consideration of computer bids – On a motion by Mr. Gaines and a second by Ms. Lovingood, members of the Board approved the lowest bid from East TN Computer Services for the teacher stations. Motion passed. Director recommended.

On a motion by Mr. Campbell and a second by Mr. Gaines, members of the Board approved the lowest bid from East TN Computer Services for the student stations. Motion passed. Director recommended.

B. Update on SJH – Things are coming along smoothly and the gym should be ready middle to late August.

6. NEW BUSINESS

A. Personnel Report - Available as information to Board members.

B. Election of Board Chair – On a motion by Mr. Campbell members of the Board elected Dr. John Fox as Chair for the Sweetwater Board of Education. Motion passed. There was not a second before the nominations ceased.

C. Election of Vice-Chair – On a motion by Mr. Gaines members of the Board elected Ms. Lovingood Vice-Chair of the Sweetwater Board of Education. Motion passed. There was not a second before the nominations ceased.

D. Board Assignments – Board members were assigned to the following committees:

Policy – Ms. Lovingood, Ms. McCosh, Director Boruff and Ms. Smith

LTVEC – Mr. Gaines

PECCA – Mr. Campbell, Director Boruff, Mr. Gaines and Dr. Fox

Health Advisory council – Mr. Campbell

Pre-K Advisory council – Ms. McCosh

Ethics – Mr. Campbell, Ms. Tyler, Dr. Fox, Director Boruff, and Ms. Lovingood

Board of Distinction – Ms. Lovingood and Dr. Fox

TLN Representative – Dr. Fox

E. Selection of delegates to the TSBA convention – Ms. McCosh and Mr. Campbell were selected as delegates.

F. Annual review of schedule for use of school facilities – Director Boruff presented to the Board the current facility rental request with no changes.

G. Annual review of transfer of duties – In accordance with policy 5.801, should the Director of Schools be unable to fulfill their duties, the immediate successor would be Ms. Kidder. If Ms. Kidder is unable to fulfill the duties of the Director, the successor will be chosen by the Board Chair from the following list as determined by the Board. Ms. Smith and Ms. Henry.

H. CIPA Compliance – Director Boruff stated that each year we make sure we are following the Children’s Internet Protection Act and have internet safety policies in place.

7. REPORT FROM THE DIRECTOR OF SCHOOLS

A. Ethics policy - Director Boruff provided a copy of the Ethics policy to members of the Board along with a signature page acknowledging receipt of the policy to be executed by each member.

B. No report on bonding.

8. REPORT FROM THE BOARD CHAIR

Next Board meeting is August 13th at 6:00 with a workshop at 5:20.

Summer Law Institute – July 21-22

SES Open House-August 6th (4-6pm)

BIS Open House-August 6th (4:30pm-6:30)

SJHS Open House-August 6th (5-7pm)

Opening breakfast – August 7th, 8:30 at SPS.

First Day of School-August 8th

9. ACCOLADES AND GRATITUDES

Mr. Campbell mentioned several of our students are playing baseball at different levels in the Dixie Youth State Tournament.

Mr. Gaines thanked Ms. Henry and the staff at Brown after working with Kiwanis at the Terrific Kids inflatable day at Brown. He met Abigail Ward and her parents. Abigail’s parents said that since she has arrived at SCS she has excelled.

Director Boruff wanted to thank those from Central Office that have taken on extra duties and hours to get jobs done due to staff changes.

With there being no other business before the Board, Dr. Fox adjourned the meeting.

Board Chair, Sweetwater City Schools

Director of Schools

Date

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