MINUTES

The Dickson County Board of Education met in regular session on August 24, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room at Central Office. Present: Kirk Vandivort, Sonya Brogdon, Steve Haley, Philip Chadwick, Joe Underwood and Aaron Parker. Absent: None. The meeting opened with a moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by Burns Middle School 8th Grade Student Council members: Lilly Scott, Bella Sassy, Barrett Ramey and Gideon Williams.

#2414 Motion to approve the agenda as amended

Motion was made by Aaron Parker, seconded by Joe Underwood to approve the agenda as amended to add 3.g.i. Bus Bid-ESSER; 4.h. Board Videos; 4.g. Policy 6.316 and to swap #8 and 9 so that the Executive Session is the last business item.

| Roll Call Vote: | Vandivort | yes | Brogdon yes | Hale | y yes |
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| | Chadwick | yes | Underwood ye | es Parke | r yes |
| | Yes-6 | No-0 | Pass-0 | Absent-0 | Abstain-0 |

Motion carried.

Public Comment on Actionable Agenda Items

No one present for public comment.

#2415 Motion to approve the minutes from the July 27, 2023 regular meeting

Motion was made by Aaron Parker, seconded by Sonya Brogdon to approve minutes of the July 27, 2023 regular meeting.

| Roll Call Vote: | Vandivort | yes | Brogdon yes | s | Haley | yes |
|-----------------|-----------|------|--------------|--------|---------|--------|
| | Chadwick | yes | Underwood ye | es | Parker | yes |
| | Yes-6 | No-0 | Pass-0 | Absent | t-0 Abs | tain-0 |

Motion carried.

RECOGNITIONS

Dr. Weeks recognized the following for various accomplishments during the 2022-2023 school year:

| Green Apple Awards | Katy Miller-White Bluff Elementary School; Riley Perkins- Dickson County High School |
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| Support Staff of the Year | Debbie Tucker-The Discovery School Penny DeLoach-Charlotte Middle School Jeremy Baker-Creek Wood High School |
| Teacher of the Year | Traci Robinson-Centennial Elementary School Shannon Britt-Dickson Middle School Margie Shelby-Dickson County High School |

Student Board Representatives were introduced, Heath Albright-Creek Wood High and Madelyn Pitney-Dickson County High. Each student introduced themselves and reported on the beginning of school and activities both academic and athletic.

FINANCE

Dr. Weeks presented the final annual financial report for FY23 for all funds. The 4th quarter reports will be presented to the County Commission.

<u>#2416 Motion to approve the final annual financial report for FY23 and 4th quarter reports</u> <u>for all funds</u>

Motion was made by Sonya Brogdon, seconded by Philip Chadwick to approve the final annual financial report for FY23 and the 4th quarter reports for all funds.

| Roll Call Vote: | Vandivort | yes | Brogdon yes | Haley | yes |
|-----------------|-----------|------|---------------|---------------|-----|
| | Chadwick | yes | Underwood yes | Parker | yes |
| | Yes-6 | No-0 | Pass-0 Abser | nt-0 Abstain- | 0 |

Motion carried.

MAINTENANCE

Dr. Weeks presented a list of items from schools, the Maintenance Department as well as items from the School Nutrition Department.

#2417 Motion to declare items as surplus for disposal

Motion was made by Aaron Parker, seconded by Sonya Brogdon to declare items as surplus for disposal as recommended by Dr. Weeks.

| Roll Call Vote: | Vandivort | yes | Brogdon yes | Haley | yes |
|-----------------|-----------|------|---------------|--------------|-----|
| | Chadwick | yes | Underwood yes | Parker | yes |
| | Yes-6 | No-0 | Pass-0 Abse | ent-0 Abstai | n-0 |

Motion carried.

HUMAN RESOURCES

Dr. Weeks reviewed the Human Resource report for August 2023 and recognized those who are retiring.

TRANSPORTATION

Dr. Weeks recommended purchasing 2-84 passenger Blue Bird All American Type D school buses at \$152,498.00 and 7-78 passenger Blue Bird Vision Type C school buses at \$139,904.00 for a total of \$1,284,324.00. They will be purchased from Central States Bus Sales through Sourcewell contract number 063020-BBB and will be paid from ESSER 3.0 funds.

<u>#2418 Motion to approve the purchase of buses through Sourcewell for a total of</u> <u>\$1,284,324.00</u>

Motion was made by Aaron Parker, seconded by Joe Underwood to approve the purchase of 2-84 passenger Blue Bird All American Type D school buses at \$152,498.00 each and 7-78 passenger Blue Bird Vision Type C school buses at \$139,904.00 each for a total of \$1,284,324.00. They will be purchased from Central States Bus Sales through Sourcewell contract number 063020-BBB and will be paid from ESSER 3.0 funds.

| Roll Call Vote: | Vandivort | yes | Brogdon yes | Haley | yes |
|-----------------|-----------|------|---------------|--------------|-----|
| | Chadwick | yes | Underwood yes | Parker | yes |
| | Yes-6 | No-0 | Pass-0 Abse | nt-0 Abstair | n-0 |

Motion carried.

STUDENT SERVICES

#2419 Motion to approve the special permissions

Motion was made by Sonya Brogdon, seconded by Aaron Parker to approve the special permissions for DCHS Choir, WJMS Cheer, CWHS HOSA Leadership Camp and DCHS Volleyball.

| Roll Call Vote: | Vandivort | yes | Brogdon yes | 5 | Hale | у | yes |
|-----------------|-----------|------|--------------|-------|------|-----------|-----|
| | Chadwick | yes | Underwood ye | es | Park | er | yes |
| | Yes-6 | No-0 | Pass-0 | Absen | t-0 | Abstain-(|) |

Motion carried.

ADMINISTRATION

Dr. Weeks presented the enrollment numbers for the beginning of school. Total students for Pre K through 12 is 7,838 which is an overall decline of 3.41%. Centennial Elementary, The Discovery School, Burns Middle, White Bluff Elementary, Vanleer Elementary and NDA/DCDLA showed increases in enrollment.

Jamie Spencer of Hewlett Spencer updated the Board on the Charlotte Middle and Dickson Elementary projects. He stated that with some changes in the plans there could be a possible savings of \$2.7M. He stated in order to move forward there are some inspections, reports and surveys that need to be completed and he reviewed those. The cost for the early services and testing on the projects would be \$50,000.00.

#2420 Motion to approve the expenditure of \$33,000 for surveys and inspections on Charlotte Middle School and New Directions Academy

Motion was made by Joe Underwood, seconded by Steve Haley to approve the expenditure of \$33,000 for Hewlett Spencer to conduct inspections and surveys on Charlotte Middle School and New Directions Academy

| Roll Call Vote: | Vandivort | yes | Brogdon yes | Haley | yes |
|-----------------|-----------|------|---------------|---------|----------|
| | Chadwick | yes | Underwood yes | Parker | yes |
| | Yes-6 | No-0 | Pass-0 Abs | ent-0 A | bstain-0 |

Motion carried.

There was discussion concerning the CTE building at Creek Wood High and what could take place for that to happen. Mr. Underwood requested that the possibility of a soccer practice field be considered if the CTE building is constructed on the existing soccer field.

Dr. Weeks reviewed the short-term projects that have been previously discussed.

Recess 9:07 p.m.

Reconvene 9:12 p.m.

Chairman Vandivort announced Planning Sessions will be held on August 31 and September 21, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. each night.

Dr. Weeks recommended the following be named members of the Discipline Hearing Authority for 2023-2024 school year:

| Steve Sorrells, Chair | | Jessica Alberson |
|-----------------------|-----|------------------|
| Ernestine Adams | | Gerald Clifton |
| Andrea Beaubien | | Robbie Faulkner |
| Mary Collins | | Melissa Garton |
| Linda Frazier | | Malissa Johnson |
| Hillary Hall | | Ben Lewis |
| Ray LeComte | | Robbie LeComte |
| Vivian McCord | | Julie Outlaw |
| Mary Morrow | | Andrea Rawls |
| Amber Potter | | Troy Williams |
| Christie Southerland | | |
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#2421 Motion to approve members of the Discipline Hearing Authority

Motion was made by Aaron Parker, seconded by Steve Haley to approve members of the Discipline Hearing Authority as recommended by Dr. Weeks.

| Roll Call Vote: | Vandivort | yes | Brogdon ye | S | Haley | yes |
|-----------------|-----------|------|-------------|--------|---------------|-----|
| | Chadwick | yes | Underwood y | es | Parker | yes |
| | Yes-6 | No-0 | Pass-0 | Absent | t-0 Abstain-0 |) |

Motion carried.

Dr. Weeks reviewed the student vaccination report as compiled by Mary Morrow, School Nurse Coordinator.

Dr. Weeks presented the following policy revisions for approval on first reading:

1.400 School Board Meetings

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| 3.202 | Emergency Preparedness Plan |
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| 3.204 | Threat Assessment Team |
| 3.205 | Security |
| 4.2051 | Summer Instructional Programs |
| 5.106 | Application and Employment |
| 5.119 | Employment of Retirees |
| 5.307 | Physical Assault Leave |
| 5.600 | Staff Rights and Responsibilities |
| 6.202 | Home Schools |
| 6.309 | Zero Tolerance Offenses |
| 6.4001 | Student Surveys, Analysis and Evaluations |
| 6.402 | Physical Examinations and Immunizations |
| 6.701 | Extracurricular Activities |

#2422 Motion to approve the policy revisions on first reading

Motion was made by Steve Haley, seconded by Philip Chadwick to approve the policy revisions on first reading.

| Roll Call Vote: | Vandivort | yes | Brogdon ye | S | Hale | ey | yes |
|-----------------|-----------|------|---------------|----------|------|-----------|-----|
| | Chadwick | yes | Underwood yes | | Park | ker | yes |
| | Yes-6 | No-0 | Pass-0 | Absent-0 | | Abstain-0 | C |

Motion carried.

Aaron Parker addressed Policy 6.316, Placement in lieu of school suspension. It was noted that this policy had not been updated on the website and that would be taken care of immediately.

Philip Chadwick discussed allowing the board meeting videos to remain online for a longer period that just a few months.

#2423 Motion to approve for board meetings to stay online for a period of two (2) years

Motion was made by Philip Chadwick, seconded by Aaron Parker to approve for board meetings to stay online for a period of two (2) years.

| Roll Call Vote: | Vandivort | no | Brogdon yes | Haley | yes |
|-----------------|-----------|------|---------------|-----------------|-----|
| | Chadwick | yes | Underwood yes | Parker | yes |
| | Yes-5 | No-1 | Pass-0 A | Absent-0 Abstai | n-0 |

Motion carried.

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DIRECTOR OF SCHOOLS' REPORT

Dr. Weeks reported that Level 5 TVAAS schools were celebrated this week. It has been a good start to another school year. There is a need for TSBA delegates to which Mr. Underwood, Ms. Brogdon, Mr. Parker and Mr. Chadwick volunteered to serve. TSBA fall district meeting will be September 25 at Creek Wood High. He reviewed the director's activity report.

COMMUNICATIONS

Ms. Tonya Albright addressed the Board requesting that policy to be changed to allow Dickson County citizens the opportunity to challenge books in the school libraries.

DCEA COMMENTS

Rhonda Madden, President of the Dickson County Education Association, thanked all who attended the Back to School Bash which was a success. Thankful for the new window clings that Hawk Nest Press has designed and installed. She invited everyone to the Ballpalooza on September 14, 2023 at Stuart Burns Elementary.

COMMENTS BY BOARD MEMBERS

Board members welcomed the Student Representatives and expressed appreciation for those in attendance. Mr. Vandivort stated he wanted the Board to consider the renewal of the Director's contract and it be placed on the agenda for August 31, 2023 planning session.

Board recessed to an Executive Session at 9:48 p.m. and reconvened in regular session at 10:10 p.m.

#2424 Motion to approve the purchase of security materials

Motion was made by Aaron Parker, seconded by Philip Chadwick to approve the purchase of security materials from ESG (Energy Systems Group LLC) Quote B in the amount of \$125,665.00 TIPS GSA Contract #47QSHA21D001J

| Roll Call Vote: | Vandivort | yes | Brogdon ye | s Hale | ey yes |
|-----------------|-----------|------|-------------|----------|-----------|
| | Chadwick | yes | Underwood y | res Park | ter yes |
| | Yes-6 | No-0 | Pass-0 | Absent-0 | Abstain-0 |

Motion carried.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 10:12 p.m.

Kirk Vandivort, Chairman