

MINUTES

EXHIBIT 1-D

The Dickson County Board of Education met in regular session on July 30, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. at Central Office. Present: Kirk Vandivort, Sonya Brogdon, Patricia Hudson, Steve Haley, Phil Buckner and Josh Lewis. Absent: None. The meeting opened with a moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance led by Jason Collins.

Mr. Vandivort read the following statement: In accordance with Governor Bill Lee’s Executive Order No. 51, this meeting is being held electronically due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Attendance at this meeting will be limited to attendees. Those wishing to participate may watch via livestream. The link is posted on the Dickson County Schools’ web page at www.dcastn.org. A recording of this meeting will be posted on the Dickson County Schools’ web page at www.dcastn.org.

Dr. Weeks requested the following be added to the agenda: 3.b.iii. Approval to pay step raises in August.

#2047 Motion to approve the agenda as amended

Motion was made by Patricia Hudson, seconded by Sonya Brogdon to approve the agenda as amended by adding 3.b.iii. Approval to pay step raises in August.

Roll Call Vote:	Vandivort	yes	Brogdon	yes	Haley	yes
	Hudson	yes	Buckner	yes	Lewis	yes
	Yes-6	No-0	Pass-0	Absent-0		

Motion carried.

#2048 Motion to approve the minutes from the June 15, 2020 Special Session and the June 18, 2020 regular meeting

Motion was made by Steve Haley, seconded by Sonya Brogdon to approve minutes of the June 15, 2020 Special Session and the June 18, 2020 regular meeting.

Roll Call Vote:	Vandivort	yes	Brogdon	yes	Haley	yes
	Hudson	yes	Buckner	yes	Lewis	yes
	Yes-6	No-0	Pass-0	Absent-0		

Motion carried.

CURRICULUM & INSTRUCTION

Mr. Vandivort recommended adding guidance on when action should be taken to move to the hybrid or virtual range. He recommended that when active cases reach .5% then it is an indicator to move to the hybrid range and when active cases reach 1.0% then it is an indicator to move to the virtual range.

#2049 Motion to approve adding indicators to move to hybrid or virtual

Motion was made by Patricia Hudson, seconded by Sonya Brogdon to approve guidance that when active cases reach .5% then it is an indicator to move to the hybrid range and when active cases reach 1.0% then it is an indicator to move to the virtual range.

Roll Call Vote:	Vandivort	yes	Brogdon	yes	Haley	yes
	Hudson	yes	Buckner	yes	Lewis	yes
	Yes-6	No-0	Pass-0	Absent-0		

Motion carried.

Dr. Weeks thanked all involved in the planning and implementation of opening schools both onsite and virtually. There has been a lot of positive comments from the administrative team to teachers. There is excitement and many have volunteered and gone above and beyond. Staff have been very cooperative to do whatever needs to be done to get back to school. He reported that 1,725 have registered for Distance Learning with over 600 from the high schools and the remainder from K-8. Staff have been shifted to meet class sizes and pupil-teacher ratio as well as providing Distance Learning. Dr. Mason at New Directions Academy will serve as a liaison for Distance Learning on the K-8 level and high schools will utilize Edgenuity. Distance Learning is a semester commitment. He reported work is being done to revise plans to release guidelines for sports based on new direction from TSSAA.

FINANCE

Dr. Weeks presented the monthly reports for June 2020 for all funds. He stated the report was before the accounting records are closed for FY20. There will be a final report next month. All funds are in balance and good standing.

#2050 Motion to approve the June monthly financial reports for all funds

Motion was made by Sonya Brogdon, seconded by Josh Lewis to approve the June 2020 monthly financial reports for all funds as presented.

Roll Call Vote:	Vandivort	yes	Brogdon	yes	Haley	yes
	Hudson	yes	Buckner	yes	Lewis	yes
	Yes-6	No-0	Pass-0	Absent-0		

Motion carried.

Dr. Weeks reported the Board had declared a lawnmower from Dickson County High as surplus property. Only one bid was received. He opened the bid from J. J. Merchant in the amount of \$1,892.00. The advertisement was for a minimum bid of \$6,000.00. Bid was rejected because it was less than minimum bid.

Dr. Weeks reported the Board had declared a tractor from Dickson County High as surplus property. There was a minimum bid of \$5,000.00. He opened the following bids:

J. J. Merchant \$2,191.00
 Scott Sanders \$5,051.99

He then recommended accepting the bid from Scott Sanders in the amount of \$5,051.99.

#2051 Motion to approve the bid for the DCHS tractor

Motion was made by Patricia Hudson, seconded by Steve Haley to approve the bid for the DCHS tractor in the amount of \$5,051.99 from Scott Sanders.

Roll Call Vote:	Vandivort	yes	Brogdon	yes	Haley	yes
	Hudson	yes	Buckner	yes	Lewis	yes
	Yes-6	No-0	Pass-0	Absent-0		

Motion carried.

Dr. Weeks requested permission to go ahead and pay the salary step increase in August for all employees and depending on the outcome of the budget, adjustments could be made in September.

#2052 Motion to approve paying the salary step increase in August for all employees

Motion was made by Patricia Hudson, seconded by Phil Buckner to approve paying the salary step increase in August for all employees and if adjustments are needed they will be done in September.

Roll Call Vote:	Vandivort	yes	Brogdon	yes	Haley	yes
	Hudson	yes	Buckner	yes	Lewis	yes
	Yes-6	No-0	Pass-0	Absent-0		

Mr. Vandivort and Mr. Lewis stated because their spouses are employees of the School System, they have a conflict of interest in the proposal about to be voted. However, they declared that their argument and their vote answer only to their conscience and to their obligation to their constituents and the citizens the Board represents.

Motion carried.

MAINTENANCE

Dr. Weeks stated the maintenance report will be emailed to the Board. He reported that the DCHS HVAC project is on schedule and will have a report from Hewlett-Spencer at the next meeting.

HUMAN RESOURCES

Dr. Weeks presented the human resources report for July 2020. He expressed best wishes as Ms. Amanda Nicks resigns to take a position in Clarksville-Montgomery County. He welcomed Ms. Melinda Fortner as Interim Principal at Stuart-Burns Elementary. There is not an SRO at every school but one is available for all campuses.

SCHOOL NUTRITION

Dr. Weeks recommended the purchase of a 2020 Transit-250 Cargo RWD Medium Roof Van for School Nutrition from Ford of Murfreesboro in the amount of \$26,595.50. This will be purchased from state contract SWC 209 Contract 64470.

#2053 Motion to approve the purchase of a 2020 Van for School Nutrition

Motion was made by Steve Haley, seconded by Sonya Brogdon to approve the purchase of a 2020 Cargo Van for School Nutrition from Ford of Murfreesboro in the amount of \$26,595.50 from state contract SWC 209 Contract 64470.

Roll Call Vote:	Vandivort	yes	Brogdon	yes	Haley	yes
	Hudson	yes	Buckner	yes	Lewis	yes
	Yes-6	No-0	Pass-0	Absent-0		

Motion carried.

TRANSPORTATION

Dr. Weeks reviewed the annual transportation report and expressed appreciation to the department for a job well done to transport our students safely every day.

STUDENT SERVICES

Dr. Weeks presented the names of two (2) home school students requesting permission to participate in athletics. They have submitted all paperwork to comply with Tennessee Secondary Schools Association and have met all regulations required by Dickson County Schools to be eligible to try out for participating in athletics. Activities are limited to TSSAA sanctioned sports only. Charlotte Middle will have one and Creek Wood High will have one.

#2055 Motion to approve the home school students' request for participation in athletics for the 2020-21 school year.

Motion was made by Steve Haley, seconded by Sonya Brogdon to approve the home school students' request for participation in athletics for the 2020-21 school year.

Roll Call Vote:	Vandivort	yes	Brogdon	yes	Haley	yes
	Hudson	yes	Buckner	yes	Lewis	yes
	Yes-6	No-0	Pass-0	Absent-0		

Motion carried.

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Dr. Weeks reported on the various activities of the Director. Departmental notes will be emailed to the Board. He reported there will be a delay in obtaining some Chromebooks due to recent US Department of Commerce sanctions. An order has been placed and not sure where the shipment is at this time but will report more as information becomes available. The state is supposed to be supplying cleaning kits for teachers and will deliver those as soon as possible. The district will be supplying some supplies as well. Schools will open on August 3rd and 4th with students A through L, August 5th and 6th with students M through Z then all students on August 7th. He will be sending a letter to the staff that will also be shared with the public with words of encouragement and appreciation. Dickson County is among the first school systems to start. He thanked DCEA for the input and support. There have been recent food trucks that were funded by Dickson County Schools. There will be two tax free weekends this year and school supply lists are posted on the website. He again thanked the Board, staff and vendors for the support in getting back to school and excited for the opportunity.

COMMENTS BY BOARD MEMBERS

There were words of thanks from the Board members for the work and planning that has been done. All expressed best wishes for a good year but reminded everyone that tolerance will need to be in place because there is more work yet to come. Encouraging words were given to stay positive so that the students can have a positive experience this year among all the changes taking place.

There being no further business, motion was duly made and seconded to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Kirk Vandivort, Chairman

Danny L. Weeks, Secretary