

**RUTHERFORD COUNTY SCHOOL SYSTEM**  
**Board of Education Meeting**  
**2240 Southpark Drive**  
**Murfreesboro, TN 37128**

**Minutes of February 3, 2016**

**Board Members Present**

**Wayne R. Blair, Chairman**

**Terry Hodge, Vice Chairman**

**Jim Estes**

**Aaron B. Holladay**

**Jeff Jordan**

**Lisa Moore**

**Coy Young**

**Marvin D. Odom, Director of Schools**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Board Chairman called the meeting to order at 5:00 P.M. Jeff Jordan led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**2. MOMENT OF SILENCE**

The Board Chairman called for a moment of silence, and asked the audience to remember the Jeff McCann family in the loss of his wife, Tammy McCann.

**3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Motion made by Mr. Hodge, seconded by Mr. Estes, to approve the agenda as presented.

**Vote: All Yes**

**4. APPROVAL OF CONSENT AGENDA**

**A. Minutes: January 14, 2016**

**B. Community Use of Facilities**

**C. Routine Bids:**

**Bid #3168 – Audio Visual Equipment**

**D. School Salary Supplements and Contract Payments**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>School</b>	<b>Funded By</b>	<b>Description</b>
Brenda Williams ***	400.00	Blackman High	School Funds - Chorus	Piano Accompanist
Brenda Williams ***	100.00	Christiana Middle	School Funds - Chorus	Piano Accompanist
Lemuel Holifield *	150.00	LaVergne Middle	School Funds - Various teams	Sports complex lawn service - May - July - Total approved is now \$900
Amanda Jones	NTE 3,000.00	Riverdale	School Funds - Band	Winter-guard Instructor
Tiffany Phillips *	250.00	Riverdale	School Funds - Football	Launder football uniforms - Total approved is now \$1,250
Deborah Hice	1,000.00	Rockvale Middle	School Funds - Band	Assistant Band Director
Brenda Williams ***	84.00	Rock Springs Middle	School Funds - Chorus	Piano Accompanist
Donovan Freeman	1,500.00	Siegel High	Wrestling Boosters	Assistant Coach + mat maintenance
Philip Gregory ***	300.00	Siegel High	School Funds - Chorus	DJ for winter formal
Eric Shelton	1,000.00	Siegel High	Wrestling Boosters	Bus Driver
Barbara Collie	800.00	Stewarts Creek High	School Funds - Girls Basketball	Basketball duties
Covin Skelton *	NTE 200.00	Whitworth-Buchanan	School Funds - Girls + Boys Basketball	Scorekeeper for Tournament - Total approved is now \$600
Annah Slayton	NTE 800.00	Oakland High	School Funds - Musical Theater	Choreographer
Karl Wingruber	NTE 300.00	Riverdale	School Funds - Band	Jazz Band
Phillip Jones	20.00 per lesson	Rockvale Middle	School Funds - Band	Private Low Brass lessons
Abigail Coffey	NTE 10,000.00	Siegel High	Siegel High Band Boosters	Private Flute lessons + Band Camp instruction
Phillip Jones	NTE 10,000.00	Siegel High	Siegel High Band Boosters	Private Trombone lessons

Kathryn Frazier	70.00 per month per student	Stewarts Creek High	Stewarts Creek Music Boosters	Oboe lessons
Karl Wingruber	70.00 per month per student	Stewarts Creek High	Stewarts Creek Music Boosters	Individual lessons
Karl Wingruber	NTE 5,000.00	Stewarts Creek High	School Funds - Band	JV Jazz Band
Ricky Plaisance **	Hourly	Blackman High	Clubs, Athletics + Outside Groups	Additional Custodial work during the 2015/2016 school year
Lori Mitchell	NTE 2,745.00	Rock Springs Elementary	Universal Sports League of LaVergne	Open / close gym for basketball games and practice

- \* approved previously for an amount \$500 or greater
- \*\* not less than regular rate – or overtime rate if over 40 hours during the week
- \*\*\* anticipate amounts over \$500 this school year
- \*\*\*\* amend prior approval

**E. Non-Faculty Coaches:**

**According to Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association (TSSAA) guidelines, Board of Education approval is required to allow non-faculty coaches to participate in the school athletic programs.**

**The following non-faculty coaches are for the 2015-2016 school year:**

<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Sport</u>
Brown, Mark	Eagleville High	Softball
Chalmers, Brian	Stewarts Creek High	Tennis
Coffer, Abigail	Blackman Middle	Band
Frazier, Kathryn	Stewarts Creek High	Band
Guerra, Ali	Smyrna High	Boys Soccer
Jones, Phillip	Rockvale Middle and Siegel High	Band
Vondohlen, Christopher	Stewarts Creek Middle	Baseball
Vaught, Amanda	Blackman High	Softball
Wingruber, Karl	Stewarts Creek High and Riverdale High	Band
King, Roy	Rock Springs Middle	Baseball
Cortez, Alma	Blackman High	Softball

Motion made by Mr. Holladay, seconded by Ms. Moore, to approve the consent agenda items as presented.

**Vote: All Yes**

## 5. VISITORS

Kent Shingleton, 10579 Cedar Grove Road, Smyrna, Tennessee, representing Hope Fellowship Church, spoke to the Board in favor of churches meeting in Rutherford County Schools. Hope Fellowship Church presently meets at Rock Springs Elementary.

Tammy Sharp spoke to the Board in opposition to vouchers.

Emily Mitchell, 2626 Big Eagle Trail, representing the REA, spoke to the Board against vouchers.

Butch Campbell, representing Murfreesboro City Schools, spoke to the Board thanking them for their working relationship with the Murfreesboro City Board and their opposition to vouchers.

Deborah Hunt, 9528 Mt Ayre Way, Murfreesboro, representing the REA spoke to the Board against voucher legislation.

## 6. SPOTLIGHT ON EDUCATION

### **LaVergne High School Dual Enrollment Academy**

LaVergne High School Principal Dirk Ash, Assistant Principal Tori Ruis, Graduation Coach Terry Campbell, and seniors, Faith Hart and Daniel Pledger, gave a presentation to the School Board about the Dual Enrollment Academy at the school. The program now has 265 juniors and seniors participating. In the past two years, students in the academy have earned nearly 4,000 college credit hours before graduation from LaVergne High School.

## 7. FACILITIES

### **A. Blackman High School JROTC Building/Multi-Use Building**

**A presentation was given by Colonel Houchens and Colonel Spry on a concept for the fundraising and the construction of an approximately 70 feet by 100 feet pre-engineered metal building to be used by Blackman JROTC and other school related activities. Dr. Justus requested approval for this concept, and the Engineering and Construction Department has helped choose the site location and utility paths.**

**The Construction and Engineering Department will bring this project back for final approval of construction once plans are developed and funds are in place. The entire project will be funded by Blackman JROTC fundraising at no cost to the Rutherford County School Board.**

Motion made by Mr. Hodge, seconded by Ms. Moore, to approve the concept of a JROTC/Multi-Use Building at Blackman High School for the purpose of planning and fundraising for the project as presented. The entire project will be planned and constructed at no cost to the School Board.

**Vote: All Yes**

**B. Eagleville Phase I Deductive Change Order**

**The final cost for the Phase I Eagleville School Additions and Renovations project from the general contractor, Robert S. Biscan Company, is \$5,356,100.00. The bid amount for this project was \$5,415,100.00. The final change order, Deductive Change Order #1, amount is a CREDIT of (\$59,000.00). The project is complete with the exception of a minor warranty issue with the roof.**

Motion made by Mr. Holladay, seconded by Mr. Jordan, to approve the final Deductive Change Order from Robert S. Biscan Company on Eagleville Phase I for a CREDIT in the amount of (\$59,000.00).

**Vote: All Yes**

**C. Rocky Fork Site Clearing Change Order**

**Bomar Construction Company has submitted the Final Change Order for the Rocky Fork Site Clearing contract. The cost includes surveying, additional detention area with nonporous baffle and cemetery survey, evaluation, and grave count for a total of \$101,436.74. The Board approved a contingency of \$140,000.00 at the time the bid was approved so this change order comes out of that amount leaving a balance of \$38,563.25 to go toward site development.**

Motion made by Mr. Holladay, seconded by Mr. Estes, to approve Rocky Fork Site Clearing Change Order to Bomar Construction Company in the amount of \$101,436.75.

**Vote: All Yes**

**D. Eagleville Property**

**Mr. John L. Turner is in the process of donating another acre of property to Rutherford County Schools adjacent to the three acres that we recently acquired from him at the west side of the school and adjacent to the County EMS building. Eagleville High School football is currently using it for a practice field. Mr. Turner is in the process of having the other acre surveyed at this time. This will make a total of four acres at that site.**

**During Assistant Superintendent Clardy's negotiations with Mr. Turner, he has offered just under another acre for sale at a price of \$40,000 per acre. The Engineering and Construction Department thinks this would be a good deal for the county in case there is need of an annex building on the Eagleville Campus at some point in the future. The added approximate acre would bring that total tract size to approximately five acres.**

Motion made by Mr. Hodge, seconded by Mr. Young, to approve purchase of just less than one acre of property from Mr. John L. Turner adjacent to the recently acquired tract for the amount of \$40,000 per acre. Mr. Jeff Reed will handle the purchase and closing and the funds will come from the Rutherford County Schools Account 76100 - Other Capital Outlay.

**Vote: All Yes**

## **8. INSURANCE UPDATE**

The insurance update included trends in our self-insured medical plan and recommendations for the time period for the wellness campaign, a revision to the medical plan eligibility requirements for retirees, and the Willis group being the consultant for the self-funded plan.

## **9. TENNESSEE LEGISLATIVE NETWORK (TLN) UPDATE**

The Board discussed their continued opposition to the proposed voucher program in Tennessee and legislators should look for ways to fix failing schools instead of abandoning them. The Board says it is adamantly against public tax funds being diverted from public schools to private schools. The Board expressed that the state should use successful school districts, such as Rutherford County Schools, as a model to fix those schools in the state that are failing.

The proposed voucher program is all about money and not about creating opportunities for students. Board member Lisa Moore explained that private interest groups and lobbyists are contributing hundreds of thousands of dollars to legislators because they are interested in capturing taxpayer money not helping children. Board member Coy Young said he is a Rutherford County constituent and is bothered that the Rutherford delegation is not listening to constituents. Board member Jim Estes says private schools will not want interference from the state and doesn't understand why they would be interested in vouchers. Board member Jeff Jordan said if vouchers pass, it will be because legislators don't understand how difficult it is to provide education. Board members Terry Hodge and Chairman Blair expressed their opposition to vouchers along with the Director of Schools Don Odom. Board member Aaron Holladay expressed strong opposition to vouchers and stated the legislators are interested in money. All Board Members expressed strong opposition to the voucher program.

10. **FEDERAL RELATIONS NETWORK (FRN) UPDATE – No report at this time.**

11. **GENERAL DISCUSSION BY BOARD MEMBERS**

At the Board Work Session on Tuesday, February 2, 2016, Mr. Odom announced that Andrew Hodge has been employed with the Rutherford County Board of Education in the Engineering and Construction Department.

Board Member Jeff Jordan shared comments about the Read to Succeed Selection Book *The Girls of Atomic City*. The book is about women who worked at Oak Ridge in the late 30's to middle 40's.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 6:55 P.M.

Wayne R. Blair, jm  
Wayne R. Blair, Board Chairman

2-19-16  
Date

Marvin D. Odom  
Marvin D. Odom, Director of Schools

2-18-16  
Date