

**RUTHERFORD COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
2240 Southpark Drive
Murfreesboro, TN 37128**

**Special Called Policy Committee Meeting
June 8, 2016**

Board Members Present

**Wayne R. Blair, Chairman
Terry Hodge, Vice Chairman
Lisa Moore
Aaron B. Holladay
Jeff Jordan
Jim Estes
Coy Young
Marvin D. Odom, Director of Schools**

Committee Members Present

**Kenneth Curlee
Dr. Andrea Anthony
Bill Tollett
Claudia Belden
Kim Franklin
Regina Harvey**

Others Present

**Angel McCloud
Jeff Reed
Richard Zago
Jeff Sandvig
James Evans**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Board Chairman, Mr. Wayne Blair, called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

2. POLICY 3.500 – SCHOOL NUTRITION MANAGEMENT

The policy committee discussed revisions to Policy 3.500 School Nutrition Management. The policy has been updated to allow students to charge meals, without limitation, if they do not have adequate funds on account or in hand. Charge notifications will be sent home weekly from school nutrition managers. Children who have inadequate funds will receive the regular reimbursable meal offered that day.

Motion made by Mr. Coy Young, seconded by Ms. Regina Harvey, to approve the proposed revisions.

VOTE: All Yes

3. POLICY 1.407 – SCHOOL BOARD RECORDS

The policy committee discussed revisions to Policy 1.407 (School Board Records). The policy was updated to address new changes to the Tennessee Public Records Act. The new law requires districts to incorporate additional information in their records polices and to identify positions within the district that are responsible for handling open records requests.

Motion made by Mr. Jim Estes, seconded by Ms. Claudia Belden, to approve the proposed revisions.

VOTE: All Yes

4. POLICY 3.202 – EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS PLAN

The committee discussed revisions to Policy 3.202 (Emergency Preparedness Plan). The policy has been updated to address the new requirement to conduct a CPR and AED drill in schools that have an AED (Automated External Defibrillator). The new law requires schools to perform an annual drill for employees and students to ensure they are aware of the steps that will be taken in the event of a medical emergency.

Motion made by Ms. Kim Franklin, seconded by Dr. Andrea Anthony, to approve the proposed revisions.

VOTE: All Yes

5. POLICY 4.605 – GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

The committee discussed revisions to Policy 4.605 (Graduation Requirements). The policy was updated to reflect changes to TCA 49-6-6001, which currently requires students to take the ACT Suite of assessments in grades 8, 10 and 11. The new law removes the testing requirements in grades 8 and 10 and allows students to retake the ACT if funds are available.

Motion made by Mr. Jeff Jordan, seconded by Ms. Lisa Moore, to approve the proposed revisions.

VOTE: All Yes

6. POLICY 4.700 – TESTING PROGRAMS

The policy committee discussed revisions to Policy 4.700 (Testing Programs). The policy was updated to reflect a change in the ability of parents to access questions and answers on their student’s state-required tests. The new law requires districts to publicly disseminate how parents can access their student’s questions and answers.

Motion made by Ms. Lisa Moore, seconded by Ms. Claudia Belden, to approve the proposed revisions.

VOTE: All Yes

7. POLICY 4.804 – RELIGION IN THE CURRICULUM

The policy committee discussed revisions to Policy 4.804 (Religion in the Curriculum). The policy was updated to reflect the enactment of a new law requiring districts to adopt a policy regarding the appropriate inclusion of religion in local curriculum and instructional materials. The new law also requires districts to allow public comment before adoption of the policy.

Motion made by Mr. Coy Young, seconded by Mr. Kenneth Curlee, to approve the proposed revisions.

VOTE: All Yes

8. POLICY 6.304 – STUDENT DISCRIMINATION/BULLYING AND INTIMIDATION

The committee discussed revisions to Policy 6.304 (Student Discrimination/Bullying and Intimidation). The policy was updated to reflect legal requirements for bullying investigations. Once a bullying report is received, the district must initiate the investigation within 48 hours and complete the investigation within 20 calendar days unless appropriate documentation can be produced justifying a longer investigation period. The law also requires districts to immediately notify the parents/legal guardians of a student involved in an act of discrimination/bullying or intimidation.

Motion made by Mr. Jeff Jordan, seconded by Ms. Lisa Moore, to approve the proposed revisions.

VOTE: All Yes

9. POLICY 6.411 – STUDENT WELLNESS

The policy committee discussed revisions to Policy 6.411 (Student Wellness). The policy was updated to reflect the requirement for new physical activity standards. Students in grades K-6 are required to receive certain periods of non-structured physical activity per day, while students in grades 7-12 are required to receive ninety (90) minutes of physical activity per week.

Motion made by Mr. Jeff Jordan, seconded by Mr. Coy Young, to approve the proposed revisions.

VOTE: All Yes

10. POLICY 6.415 – STUDENT SUICIDE PREVENTION

The policy discussed the adoption of Policy 6.415 (Suicide Prevention). The policy was created due to the enactment of Public Chapter 623. The new law requires all employees of the school district to attend the annual in-service training on suicide prevention. The policy must also include procedures relating to suicide prevention, intervention and postvention. The committee added a requirement that schools compile information related to suicide threats during the school year which require implementation of this policy.

Motion made by Ms. Claudia Belden, seconded by Mr. Jim Estes, to approve the adoption of Policy 6.415 as presented.

VOTE: All Yes

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 5:50 p.m.


Wayne R. Blair, Chairman

6/9/16
Date


Marvin D. Odom, Director of Schools

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