



**ACTION:** Mr. **McCORMICK** made a motion to approve the agenda, as amended. Mr. **CRABTREE** seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mr. **MAYNARD** stated the Board would address election of the 2008-2009 Board Officers.

**ACTION:** Mr. **CRABTREE** nominated David McCormick as 2008-2009 Chairman. Mr. **HARGIS** seconded the nomination.

**ACTION:** Dr. **JORDAN** made a motion to approve the nomination of David McCormick as 2008-2009 Board Chairman. Mr. **CRABTREE** seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**ACTION:** Mr. **CRABTREE** nominated Dr. Ray Jordan as 2008-2009 Vice Chairman. Mr. **BROWN** seconded the nomination. Dr. **JORDAN** declined the nomination.

**ACTION:** Dr. **JORDAN** nominated Mr. Crabtree as 2008-2009 Vice Chairman. Mr. **BROWN** seconded the nomination. Nominations ceased. Mr. Crabtree was elected by acclamation.

Mr. **McCORMICK** recognized Dr. Kathleen Airhart, Director of Schools, with announcements.

Dr. **Airhart** made the following announcements:

- Noted Fall Intersession for Secondary only, October 6 – 10, 2008, being held at each high school
- Noted Academic Banquet scheduled for Monday, April 27, 2009, being held at Tennessee Tech University
- Noted 2009 High School Graduation dates:
  - Friday, May 22, 2009 @ 7:00 PM - Monterey High School
  - Saturday, May 23, 2009 @ 10:00 AM – Cookeville High School
  - Saturday, May 23, 2009 @ 3:00 PM – Upperman High School
- Noted Tennessee School Boards Association's required School Board Academy orientation for new Board members had been scheduled for October 2 – 3, 2008, conflicting with the Regular October Board meeting; and asked if the Board would like to consider rescheduling the October Board meeting to allow the new Board members to attend their required training

The Board agreed to reschedule the Regular October Board meeting to Tuesday, September 30, 2008, at 5:30 PM.

- Noted the Tennessee School Boards Association's Annual Leadership Conference and Convention at Opryland Hotel – Nashville, Tennessee from November 15 – 18, 2008, and if planning to attend to contact Sharon Reid, Executive Administrative Assistant

Mr. **McCORMICK** stated the Board would address approval the Minutes.

**ACTION:** Mr. **MAYNARD** made a motion to approve the Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting – Thursday, August 7, 2008 @ 5:30 PM. Mr. **CRABTREE** seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mr. **McCORMICK** stated the Board would address approval of the Consent Agenda, as amended and asked if the Board had any item they would like removed for discussion.

Mr. **MAYNARD** requested to remove for discussion Consent Agenda item I.F.3.

**ACTION:** (I.A.1. – I.F.5.) Mr. **MAYNARD** made a motion to approve the following Consent Agenda, per the recommendation of the Director of Schools, as submitted and amended with the addition of Consent Agenda item I.A.13. and the removal for discussion of Consent Agenda item I.F.3.:

## **I. Consent Agenda**

### **A. Approval of Purchases/Payments**

1. Consider approval of payment in the amount of \$1,556 to Bass, Berry & Sims, PLC – Nashville, Tennessee for legal services rendered through July 25, 2008, relative to the New South PreK-8 school to be paid from 179-91300-331-NEWK8, Legal Services.
2. Consider approval of payment in the amount of \$4,863.03 to Bass, Berry & Sims, PLC – Nashville, Tennessee for legal services rendered through July 25, 2008, relative to the New Algood Elementary School to be paid from 179-91300-331-ALGOO, Legal Services.

3. Consider approval of payment in the amount of \$17,204.40 to Moore, Rader, Clift & Fitzpatrick, PC – Cookeville, Tennessee for professional services rendered through August 8, 2008, to be paid from 141-72310-331, Legal Services.
4. Consider approval of payment to Cockrill Design & Planning – Knoxville, Tennessee in the amount of \$120,241.09 for professional architectural services and reimbursable expenses related to the South PreK-8 School project through July 31, 2008, to be paid from 179-91300-304-NEWK8, Architects.
5. Consider approval of payment to Cockrill Design & Planning – Knoxville, Tennessee in the amount of \$52,858.82 for professional services and reimbursable expenses related to the Algood Elementary School project through July 31, 2008 to be paid from 179-91300-304-ALGOO, Architects.
6. Consider approval of payment to Cockrill Design & Planning – Knoxville, Tennessee for professional services related to the flooring replacement at Park View and Sycamore Elementary Schools through July 31, 2008, in the amount of \$305.50 to be paid from 141-72620-304-TILE, Architects.
7. Consider approval of payment in the amount of \$4,350.00 to GEOServices, LLC – Seymour, Tennessee for services performed from June 16 through August 2, 2008, related to Algood Elementary to be paid from 179-91300-308-ALGOO, Consultants.
8. Consider approval of payment to Professional Engineers, Inc. – Knoxville, Tennessee for professional services related to the Jere Whitson Elementary School project in the amount of \$2,150.00 to be paid from 177-91300-308, Consultants.
9. Consider approval of payment to Environmental Consulting & Testing, LLC – Knoxville, Tennessee for testing and consulting services related to the Jere Whitson Elementary School project in the amount of \$3,872.00 to be paid from 177-91300-308, Consultants.

10. Consider approval of payment in the amount of \$23,450 to GEOServices, LLC – Seymour, Tennessee for services performed from June 17 through July 1, 2008 related to the New South PK-8 School project to be paid from 179-91300-308-NEWK8, Consultants.
11. Consider approval to purchase a Video Surveillance System in the total amount of \$88,803.27 (Proposal Version 1 – customer providing cabling) for Cookeville High School (CHS) from WREN Solutions [members of The Cooperative Purchasing Network (TCPN)] to be paid from CHS general account.
12. Consider approval to purchase 3Com network switches for site network infrastructure upgrades in the amount of \$43,022.35 to be purchased from CDW-G, Inc. – Vernon Hills, Illinois on the TCPNTN ED Contract to be paid from 141-71100-722ERATE.
13. Consider approval of payment in the amount of \$1,306.37 to Moore, Rader, Clift & Fitzpatrick, P.C. – Cookeville, Tennessee for legal services associated with the estate of Willie G. Phillips (Monterey High School) to be paid from 141-72310-331, Legal Services.

**B. Bids (None Submitted)**

**C. Budget Amendments/Line Item Transfers**

1. Consider approval of the following Federal Projects Budget Amendments, Fund 142, as submitted:
  - a. Title I (101) Jere Whitson
2. Consider approval of the following General Purpose School Budget Amendments, Fund 141, as submitted:
  - a. Youth Violence and Drug Use Prevention Grant
  - b. Special Education – Social Skills/Autism Program
  - c. Tile - ParkView and Sycamore Elementary
  - d. LEAPS Grant
  - e. Voluntary expansion Grant
  - f. Voluntary Pre-K Grant

**D. Consider approval of the Overnight/Out-of-State Field Trip Report**

**E. Grant**

1. Consider approval of the Grant Report, as submitted.

**F. Other**

1. Consider approval of the Science Textbook Adoption Committee for the 2008-09 Science Textbook Adoption process, as submitted.
2. Consider approval of School Based Therapy Service Agreement between Volunteer Behavioral Health Care System, Plateau Mental Health System – Cookeville, Tennessee and Putnam County Board of Education to provide site-based counseling for TennCare eligible students, as submitted.
3. (Consent Agenda item I.F.3. was for discussion.)
4. Consider approval of the Frontline Placement Technologies (AESOP) agreement to provide an automated substitute placement service for Putnam County Schools in the total amount of \$14,450 to be paid from 141-71100-722-CURRI in the amount of \$5,800.00; 141-72210-399-MATER in the amount of \$1,350.00; 141-72210-524 in the amount of \$2,500.00 and 141-72510-599, Other Charges, in the amount of \$4,800.
5. Consider approval of the 2008-2009 school budgets, as submitted.

Mr. **CRABTREE** seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mr. **McCORMICK** stated the Board would address Consent Agenda item I.F.3. that had been removed for discussion; and recognized Jerry Boyd, Technology Supervisor.

Mr. **Boyd** stated the following regarding the lease/purchase agreement with Apple, Inc.:

- Three (3) year agreement to be reviewed and renewed annually
- No fees or charges if opt out of agreement after first year

- Only return of equipment required
- Technology equipment obsolete after even a calendar year
- Useful life a computer considered three (3) years
- Lease/purchase option keeps system current and teachers up-to-date.
- Ordering of 400 computers within budget means
- Includes Apple care for three (3) years

The Board briefly discussed the lease/purchase agreement with Apple, Inc.

**ACTION:** (I.F.3.) Mr. **MAYNARD** made a motion to approve a three (3) year, 0% interest lease/purchase agreement to be reviewed and renewed annually with APPLE INC. up to three (3) years for a total of 400 MacBook (laptop computers) in the amount of \$177,206.67 annually utilizing fund 141-71100-722TECHN with all MacBooks to be assigned and deployed to Putnam County Schools certified instructional staff during the 2008-2009 school year based upon need, pending review and approval by Dan Rader, School Board attorney. Mr. **BROWN** seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mr. **McCORMICK** stated the Board would address Agenda Item II.A., Insurance Recovery – Jere Whitson Elementary; and recognized Allen Hill, Upland Design Group Inc. - Crossville, Tennessee with a project update.

Mr. **Hill** briefly reviewed the Jere Whitson project, as follows:

- Reviewed areas of building being replaced
- Noted bid opening date of September 23, 2008, at 2:00 PM to be held at the Central Office
- Noted pre-construction meeting at the site on September 11, 2008, at 10:00 AM
- To date - total of six bidders

Dr. **Airhart** noted after approximately a year of insurance negotiations, an agreement had been reached as to what the insurance company would pay; but there would still be some cost to the Board to renovate this building due to code upgrades not covered by insurance.

Mr. **McCORMICK** stated the Board would address Agenda Item II.B., Building Projects; and recognized Aaron Miller, Cockrill Design & Planning - Knoxville, Tennessee.

Mr. **Miller** stated the following regarding the New South Elementary and Middle:

- Requested approval to bid the Early Release Site Development Package for the New South PreK-8 facility this month for the rough grading and building pad

**ACTION:** (II.B.1.a.) Mr. **MAYNARD** made a motion to approve the request to bid the Early Release Site Development Package for the New South PreK-8. Mr. **CRABTREE** seconded the motion. Motion carried.

- Met with City of Cookeville to discuss West Cemetery Road Extension for this project
- In a project of this magnitude, it is the responsibility of the owner to conduct a Traffic Study to see how it will impact the surrounding roads.
- Requested approval to have a Traffic Survey completed

The Board briefly discussed the elementary and middle school entrances to the site and the status of three or five lanes off those entrance areas.

**ACTION:** (II.B.1.b.) Mr. **CRABTREE** made a motion to authorize Cockrill Design & Planning – Knoxville, Tennessee to enter into an agreement with Cannon & Cannon, Inc. – Knoxville, Tennessee for a Traffic Survey in the amount of \$8,050.00 to be paid from 179-91300-308-NEWK8, Consultants. Mr. **BROWN** seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mr. **McCORMICK** stated the Board would address Agenda Item II.B.1.c., School Colors; and recognized Dr. Airhart.

Dr. **Airhart** stated the selection committee had met and selected the colors, as follows:

- Middle School – Predominantly blue with green accent
- Elementary School – Predominantly green with blue accent
- With the shades of blue and green to be similar to the present Prescott Central Middle School

**ACTION:** (II.B.1.c.) Mr. **BROWN** made a motion to approve the middle school colors to be predominantly blue with green accent and the elementary school colors to be predominantly green with blue accent. Mr. **CRABTREE** seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Dr. **Airhart** noted the next meeting of the selection committee had been scheduled for September 29, 2008 at 5:00 PM at the Central Office to discuss naming of the school.

Mr. **McCORMICK** stated the Board would address Agenda Item II.B.2.a., New Algood Elementary; and recognized Mr. Miller.

Mr. **Miller** stated the following regarding the requested change order #02 from Mid-State Construction:

- Asked by John Magura, Construction Manager, and Leann Taylor, Algood Principal, to look into options that would allow the front drive of the present Algood School for additional parking space to remain
- Change Order #02 would provide that option

**ACTION:** (II.B.2.a.) Mr. **MAYNARD** made a motion to approve Mid-State Construction Change Order #2 (PCO#2) in the amount of \$5,232.54 to be paid from 179-91300-399-ALGOO, Other Contracted Services. Mr. **BROWN** seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mr. **McCORMICK** stated the Board would address Agenda Item II.B.3.a, Park View Elementary – Flooring Replacement; and recognized Mr. Miller.

Mr. **Miller** stated he had reviewed the project and recommended approval of the final payment application to Harrison Industrial, as submitted.

**ACTION:** (II.B.3.a.) Mr. **MAYNARD** made a motion to approve the final pay application #03 to Harrison Industrial – Lewisburg, Tennessee in the amount of \$18,262.50 as reviewed and recommended by Cockrill Design & Planning – Knoxville, Tennessee for flooring replacement work at ParkView Elementary School to be paid from 141-72620-399-TILE, Other Contracted Services. Mr. **CRABTREE** seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mr. **McCORMICK** stated the Board would address Agenda Item II.B.4.a., Sycamore Elementary – Flooring Replacement; and recognized Mr. Miller.

Mr. **Miller** stated the payment amount had been negotiated lower than what they had originally submitted noting First Response still had work to do regarding the replacement of damaged tile and incomplete finishing work leaving a balance of approximately \$80,000 to 86,000 in the contract.

**ACTION:** (II.B.4.a.) Mr. **MAYNARD** made a motion to approve pay application #02 to First Response Inc. – Goodlettsville, Tennessee in the amount of \$46,340.00 as reviewed and recommended by Cockrill Design & Planning – Knoxville, Tennessee for flooring replacement work at Sycamore Elementary School to be paid from 141-72620-399-TILE. Dr. **JORDAN** seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mr. **McCORMICK** stated the Board would address Agenda Item II.C., Policies; and recognized Dr. Airhart.

Dr. **Airhart** stated Policy 5.310, Vacations and Holidays, was submitted to correct the policy to reflect our practice as a system for 12-month employees and to clarify for less than 12 month employees.

**ACTION:** (II.C.1.) Mr. **MAYNARD** made a motion to approve Policy 5.310, Vacations and Holidays, on third and final reading, as submitted. Mr. **BROWN** seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mr. **McCORMICK** stated the Board would address Agenda Item II.C.2., Policy 2.404, School Support Organizations; and recognized Dr. Airhart.

Dr. **Airhart** stated Mr. McReynolds, Chief Financial Officer, had given a presentation last month regarding the change in legislation effective July 1, 2008, regarding School Support Organizations; and since his presentation, Mr. McReynolds and his staff have been going from school to school to give presentations to our booster clubs, athletic groups, and PTO's.

**ACTION:** (II.C.2.) Mr. **CRABTREE** made a motion to approve Policy 2.404, School Support Organizations, on second and final reading, as submitted. Mr. **BROWN** seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mr. **McCORMICK** stated the Board would address Agenda Item II.C.3., and recognized Dr. Airhart.

Dr. **Airhart** stated additional language had been included in the policy to clarify when a student could transfer to another school within the system.

**ACTION:** (II.C.3.) Mr. **MAYNARD** made a motion to approve Policy 6.206, Transfers Within the System, on third and final reading, as submitted. Mr. **CRABTREE** seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mr. **McCORMICK** stated the Board would address Agenda Item II.C.4.

Dr. **Airhart** stated Policy 5.604, Overtime Pay of Support Personnel, was a combination of Policy 5.604 and Policy 2.802, Payroll Procedures, to basically clarify how issues of snow days for our support staff would be handled.

**ACTION:** (II.C.4.) Mr. **MAYNARD** made a motion to approve Policy 5.604, Overtime Pay of Support Personnel, on first reading, as submitted.  
Mr. **CRABTREE** seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mr. **McCORMICK** stated the Board would address Agenda Item II.C.5., Annual Policy Review of Section 4: Instructional Program; and recognized Dr. Airhart.

Dr. **Airhart** stated this review was an updating of the system policy manual with Policy Section 4 being reviewed this month and the Board could either approve the section as a group or each policy individually.

**ACTION:** (II.C.5.a. – pp.) Mr. **MAYNARD** made a motion to approve the following policies in Section 4: Instructional Program, on first and final reading, as submitted:

- a. Policy 4.100 Instructional Goals
- b. Policy 4.200 Curriculum Development
- c. Policy 4.201 Basic Curriculum Program
- d. Policy 4.202 Special Education
- e. Policy 4.203 Advanced College Placement
- f. Policy 4.204 Summer School
- g. Policy 4.205 Enrollment in College Level Courses
- h. Policy 4.206 Special Programs
  - Homebound Instruction
  - Remedial Instruction
- i. Policy 4.207 Limited English Proficient/Language
- j. Policy 4.208 Adult Education Program
- k. Policy 4.209 Alternative Credit Options
- l. Policy 4.300 Extracurricular Activities
- m. Policy 4.301 Interscholastic Athletics
- n. Policy 4.302 Field Trips and Excursions
- o. Policy 4.400 Instructional Resources and Materials
- p. Policy 4.401 Textbook Selection, Distribution and Care
- q. Policy 4.402 Selection of Instructional Materials (Other Than Textbooks)
- r. Policy 4.403 Reconsideration of Instructional Materials and Textbooks
- s. Policy 4.404 Use of Copyrighted Materials
- t. Policy 4.405 Employee-Developed Materials
- u. Policy 4.406 Use of the Internet

- v. Policy 4.407 Web Pages
- w. Policy 4.500 Community Instructional Resources
- x. Policy 4.501 School Volunteers
- y. Policy 4.502 Parental Involvement
- z. Policy 4.600 Grading System
- aa. Policy 4.601 Reporting Student Progress
- bb. Policy 4.602 Class Ranking
- cc. Policy 4.603 Promotion and Retention
- dd. Policy 4.604 Accelerated and Advanced Credit
- ee. Policy 4.605 Graduation Requirements
- ff. Policy 4.6051 Early Graduation
- gg. Policy 4.606 Graduation Activities
- hh. Policy 4.607 Waivers of Statute, Rules & Regulations
- ii. Policy 4.700 Testing Programs
- jj. Policy 4.7001 Gateway/End of Course Testing
- kk. Policy 4.701 Maintaining Test Security
- ll. Policy 4.702 Evaluation of Instructional Program
- mm. Policy 4.800 Controversial Issues
- nn. Policy 4.801 Controversial Materials
- oo. Policy 4.803 Recognition of Religious Beliefs, Customs & Holidays
- pp. Policy 4.804 Religion in the Curriculum

Mr. **BROWN** seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mr. **McCORMICK** stated the Board would address Agenda Item II.D., Supplement Committee Proposal; and recognized Denette Kolbe, Burks Middle School Principal and Supplement Committee representative.

Dr. **Airhart** stated at the last Board meeting as budget cuts were being made, the Board had approved deducting approximately \$30,000 from supplements; instructed the Supplement Committee to investigate how this could be accomplished; and requested them to bring back the committee's recommendation to the Board.

Ms. **Kolbe** stated the following regarding the Supplement Committee:

- Background
  - ❖ Started in August of last year with 22-24 members
  - ❖ Remaining three (3) members: Lane Ward (CHS), Corby King (ATMS), and Denette Kolbe (BMS)
  - ❖ Requested to change from a percentage/degree based supplement to a flat rate supplemental package

- ❖ Goals of the committee:
  - Find mathematical process for conversion to flat rate
  - Insure all current stakeholders not lose any money
  - Be fair and equitable to all stakeholders
  
- ❖ Process (16 meetings held from 2-5 hours each with much discussion)
  - Surveys (2007-2008 numbers)
    - ✓ Student participation, 1,109 students @ HS level
    - ✓ 43 athletic programs @ HS level
    - ✓ Request for information on Academic positions
  
- ❖ Mathematical process
  - 22 spreadsheets created
  - 9 flat rate conversion charts
  - 10 year cost analysis with each spreadsheet
  
- ❖ Contacted
  - TSSAA - questioned annual turnover rate
    - ✓ head coaches 20% turnover except for football and basketball those go up to 30% turnover
  - Comparable counties – Wilson County
  
- ❖ Requests for new positions
  
- Supplemented Positions
  - ❖ 202 positions (not including administrative positions)
    - 35 positions - 20+ years in education
    - 70 new coaching changes
    - 40 head coaches or Academic positions
    - 30 Assistant coaches

- Flat Rate Conversion Chart
  - ❖ Based on Bachelor's Degree with 0 experience
  - ❖ Equity: TSSAA requirements, off-season hours put in
  - ❖ Some remained the same, decreased, or increased
- Total Supplement cost for 2007-2008 = \$624,019.03
- Board added three (3) new positions last Spring: lacrosse boys, lacrosse girls, and wrestling bringing the total to \$630,519.03
- Recommended moving all new assistant coaches positions to Flat Rate Conversion for the 2008-2009 school year starting July 1, 2008, in the amount of \$599,810.90 with a savings of \$30,708.13
- Recommended each year after, as new people are hired to replace existing positions, the Flat Rate replaces the existing percentage rate.

Dan Rader, School Board Attorney, stated the following:

- Employees who had been hired as of July 1, 2008, have a one-year contract based on the terms and conditions that they were hired from July 1, 2008 thru June 30, 2009.
- Recommendation could be effective for new hires from this point forward.
- Board could put this in place commencing July 1, 2009, for all employees.
- Employees who had started work under their employment contract this year would continue under that same contract.
- If Board approved a change, the supplement would be adjusted to the new schedule.

The Board and Director had a lengthy discussion regarding payment of supplements and other supplemental issues.

**ACTION:** (II.E.1.) Mr. **CRABTREE** made a motion to approve the following method of payment for middle and high school supplements:

- Head coaches, academic sponsors, and athletic directors remain at the percentage rate
- Assistant coaches at the flat rate with the flat rate not becoming effective until they leave their present position resulting in their replacement then starting at the flat rate
- Effective date - September 4, 2008

Mr. **BROWN** seconded the motion.

Mr. **McCORMICK** stated the Board had previously approved removing approximately \$31,000 in supplement costs from the 2008-2009 budget; yet, Mr. Rader had indicated supplements already in place could not be changed this year.

Mr. **BROWN** stated if the Board did not hit the \$31,000 reduction from supplements, it would still need the dollar amount cut from the budget to come from somewhere; and requested clarification if enough people receiving supplements did not change positions, where would the Board make the necessary cuts?

Mr. **McCORMICK** stated the Supplement Committee would come back next month to inform the Board of the exact amount saved by the approved change in the supplemental pay method.

**ACTION:** (II.D.) Mr. **CRABTREE** and Mr. **BROWN** amended their motion and second to approve the motion on first reading.

**ACTION:** (II.D.) After Board discussion and amending of the motion, the following roll call vote was taken:

Mr. Crabtree – Yes  
Mr. Maynard – Yes  
Mr. Brown – Yes  
Mr. McCormick – Yes  
Dr. Jordan – Yes  
Mr. Hargis – Yes  
Motion carried.

**ACTION:** (II.D.) Mr. **BROWN** made a motion to authorize Dr. Airhart to pay supplements up to this point for existing positions. Mr. **CRABTREE** seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mr. **McCORMICK** stated the Board would address Agenda Item II.E., Monterey High School (MHS) requests.

**ACTION:** (II.E.1.a.b. and c.) Mr. **MAYNARD** made a motion to approve the following three (3) teachers to receive three (3) supplements, as listed:

a.	Randy Richards	Asst. girls basketball	5%
		Asst. boys basketball	5%
		Asst. baseball	6%
b.	Mike Phillips	ATMS Asst. 7 <sup>th</sup> football	4.5%
		ATMS Asst. 8 <sup>th</sup> football	4.5%
		MHS softball	10%
c.	Marty Cook	ATMS Asst. 7 <sup>th</sup> football	4.5%
		ATMS Asst. 8 <sup>th</sup> football	4.5%
		MHS Asst. softball	5%%

Mr. **CRABTREE** seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mr. **McCORMICK** stated the Board would address Agenda Item II.E.2., MHS request.

**ACTION:** (II.E.2.) Mr. **BROWN** made a motion to approve sanctioning pep band as a club sport at MHS for the 2008-2009 school year with no supplement required. Dr. **JORDAN** seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mr. **McCORMICK** stated the Board would address Agenda Item II.F., Transportation Department Updates; and recognized Dr. Airhart.

Dr. **Airhart** stated the following regarding Express Bussing:

- Last month, suggestions submitted for saving money in transportation
- Board requested more research on Express Bussing
- Terry Randolph, Transportation Supervisor, met with principals
- All elementary principals on board with Express Bussing
- Express Bussing started this week and was going well.
- Possible savings of \$20,000

Mr. **Randolph** stated the following regarding Express Bussing:

- Students from transfer buses not entering school buildings.
- Bus drivers monitoring student transfers

- After student transfers completed, then the students being picked up at the school are released to board the buses.
- Saving approximately 15 minutes waiting time
- Allowing teachers to complete bus duty earlier

Dr. **Airhart** stated the following regarding compliance issues:

- Running five (5) overcrowded buses
- Buses doing shifts
- Bus riders increasing due to rising cost of fuel
- Already put one (1) additional Special Education (SPED) bus online out of the SPED budget
- Recommendation to put three (3) more buses online
- Three (3) backup buses available at the bus garage
- Cost (not budgeted for) would be between \$45,000 and \$60,000 to employ three (3) more bus drivers

Dr. **Airhart** stated the following regarding the requested proposed policy – *Commercial Advertising on School Buses*:

- No other sample policies available in the state
- Submitted policy modeled after Tennessee Code

Mr. **McCORMICK** stated the Board would address Agenda Item II.G., Discuss forum for public comments; and recognized Dr. Airhart.

Dr. **Airhart** stated a Board member had requested to place this item on the agenda for discussion regarding the present public comment forum procedures.

Mr. **CRABTREE** stated the public is presently given time after the Board adjourned their regular meetings to address the Board but opportunity was not in place for the Board to comment.

**ACTION:** (II.G.) Mr. **HARGIS** made a motion to have Dr. Airhart prepare and bring back to be reviewed by the Board at the next meeting, a document which would include the procedures to be followed that would reflect Mr. Crabtree's request to provide opportunity for response from the Board during the public comment time at the conclusion of the regular board meetings. Dr. **JORDAN** seconded the motion. Motion carried.

**ACTION:** Mr. **HARGIS** made a motion to adjourn. Mr. **BROWN** seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Board adjourned at 7:30 PM.

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Date

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Chairman

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Director of Schools