

MINUTES
Special Called Meeting
Putnam County Board of Education
December 4, 2008

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

The Putnam County Board of Education met in the office of the Putnam County Education Building, Cookeville, Tennessee on Thursday, December 4, 2008. Vice-Chairman Vern **CRABTREE** convened the meeting at 3:45 P.M.

PRESENT.....4
Vern Crabtree, Vice-Chairman
Robert Hargis
Dr. Ray Jordan
Jerry Maynard

ABSENT.....2
Eric Brown
David McCormick, Chairman

Mr. **CRABTREE** recognized Sharon Griggs, Curriculum Supervisor.

Ms. **Griggs** read the following statement:

“The purpose of this hearing is to comply with the Family Curriculum requirements of Tennessee Code Annotated, which are found in Tennessee Code Annotated S49-6-1301-1304. The State Legislature enacted this statute. The legislature required that the “program of family life education shall emphasize abstinence from sexual relations outside of marriage, the right and responsibility of a person to refuse to engage in sexual relations, basic moral values as well as obligations and consequences which arise from intimacy.” The State also required that the program include a component, which specifically addressed the nature and prevention of AIDS and other sexually transmitted diseases.

The State Board of Education has approved textbooks to teach this curriculum and those textbooks are in use in our school system for grades K-12.”

Mr. **CRABTREE** read the following statement:

“Members of the public will be allowed to address this panel. This meeting will conclude no later than 4:00 PM. In an effort to allow as much input as possible, each speaker will be limited to no more than three to five minutes. We will listen to the views of each of the speakers and those views will be taken into

consideration. This will not be a question and answer session, nor will it be a discussion. If any parent or student has any specific questions regarding the curriculum, they should make an appointment to discuss this privately with their teacher.

State law allows that if the parents or guardians confer directly with the student's instructor, guidance counselor or principal, and the parent or guardian finds all or portions of the Family Life instruction objectionable, they may file a written request to have the student excused from this instruction. The student will be excused and alternate health or social studies lesson will be provided.

If there are any questions about your child's program we encourage you to schedule a meeting with your child's teacher, principal or guidance counselor so that your privacy and that of your child can be protected.

Copies of the Family Life Curriculum Law are available and text books and other teaching materials will be available for inspection, as requested."

Mr. **CRABTREE** noted there were no individuals present from the public to address the Board regarding the Family Life Curriculum.

Mr. **CRABTREE** adjourned the meeting.

The Board adjourned at 3:50 PM.

Date

Chairman

Director of Schools