



Richard Hardy Memorial School

Board Meeting Minutes

March 29th, 2022 @ 6:00 PM

Opening Prayer: Chairman Barbie Blansett

Meeting called to order: Meeting called to order by Chairman Barbie Blansett.

- I. Director Beth Webb was absent for March 29th, 2022, meeting.
- II. **Reading of the March 29, 2022, minutes. (Approval/Disapproval):** Fred Newcome made the motion to approve the March 29th, 2022, minutes; Missi Cox 2nd the motion; motion carried.
- III. **Standard Business:**

Principals Report: Sandra Crabtree

- March 1 – Juniors taking the ACT – we had 2 Juniors that made 19+
- School-wide fundraiser – kickoff March 22 – April 5 – cookie dough
- March 4 – 1:30 K-3 magic program – TDOT Litter campaign
- Life maze – May 9 for grades 7-12 – program in conjunction with CSH
- March 11 – 6:00 -8:00 – Princess Ball
- Think fast program - State of TN – March 24
- Game Day – K-5 (moms and sons) - April 8
- March 29 – PreK-5 puppet show through FRC – TN Arts Council
- I attended Truancy Court on March 7. Court will be held on April 25 and May 2 for students who have not improved on their attendance
- Should have teacher observations completed around the middle of April except for professionalism rubric
- Declan Swafford, Mrs. Swafford's son, will be here on April 8 to speak with the students about STEM to middle and high school students
- TCAP/EOC schedules are completed – testing will be conducted during the weeks of April 18 and 25.

- We received the Botvin Life Skills Training Middle School program grant today. See attached award letter.

Financial Report: Jennifer Olton

Jennifer reported that Phase 2 in which ESSER 3.0 funds are being used, is in progress. It will consist of removing carpet in 6 classrooms in the historical building and laying laminate flooring. There are 2 other rooms that do not have carpet, but the flooring is peeling, these will also be replaced. All other financials are currently up to date.

III: Old Business:

Follow up on Bids for Historical Building....Tabled until next month.

Follow up with Special School Tax.....Tabled until next month.

Final Copy of Cell Phone Procedures:

A final copy for the cell phone revisions was not available at the meeting. Teresa Lakey told all board members that it would be ready in the next few days and would be sent out for final approval. *(New procedures were made that stated "NO" cell phone would be held at the school either for the weekend, or overnight. Cell phones will be returned to students at the end of each day and turned back into the school each day for the duration of the appropriate discipline action taken).* (Prior to the typing of the board minutes the final phone procedures were approved by the board).

IV: New Business:

Updated Polices:

We have 2 polices that are needing to be updated; due to the absence of Director Beth Webb these will be sent through email for approval when they have been updated. The 2 policies were 6.206 (Transfers within the system) and 1.102 (Board Members Legal Status). (Prior to the typing of the minutes; both polices were approved by the board).

Proof of Residency:

Currently when a student chooses to attend RHMS they must show proof of residency, however the form(s) that are presented at enrollment may not be sufficient. The board along with the Attendance Secretary made several suggestions on how to make this requirement a more defined process to eliminate the chance of “out of state” or “out of district” students attending that avoid paying for tuition. Suggestions for proof of residency: water/electric bill; driver’s license, require the document to be notarized, and require a random check of the information through out the school year at the Attendance Secretary’s discretion. Missi Cox made the motion to approve the changes for proof of residency; Fred Newcom 2nd the motion; motion carried.

SY23 Budget:

Jennifer presented to the board that she is currently working on the SY23 budget and was open for suggestions on how to budget and use our money. Some suggestions were a bicycle rack to lock up the students bikes that ride to school, new chairs for the computer lab, and repair the High School gym walls. Jennifer will also be ordering new agenda books for the students.

Trainings/Workshops/Field trips/Fundraisers:**Fundraisers:**

Alumni Basketball Game on April 14th, all proceeds would go into a scholarship fund in Tanner O’leary’s name.

BETA/Interact would like to do a blood drive on April 8th.

Fieldtrips:

BETA club would like to go to the Chattanooga Zoo, Aquarium and eat at the Mellow Mushroom, on April 11th. They would like to do this in place of the regular Beta Induction.

May 16th and 18th, Whitwell Middle School Chorus Performance grades 2nd and 3rd, 4th and 5th and 6th-8th will be attending.

May 13th—Marion County High School Ag Day (4H 10th grade).

Missi Cox made the motion to approve all fundraisers and fieldtrips; Fred Newcom 2nd the motion; motion carried.

Director Contract:

Chairman Barbie Blansett brought up that the current directors' contract ends on April 1, 2022 and needs to be extended until June 30th, 2022. Fred Newcom agreed to get with our attorney Jay Blevins to get a renewed contract written up. Further discussion pertaining to the director's contract will be discussed at the next board meeting on April 21, 2022. (Board Agenda will go out to board members early; discussions on the Directors Contract has to be listed on our Agenda at least 15 days prior to the meeting).

Next Meeting will be held Thursday April 21st, 2022 @ 6:00 pm.

Meeting adjourned.

Public Comment: No public comment was presented.

Chairman, Barbie Blansett

Director, Beth Webb