



Richard Hardy Memorial School

Board Meeting Minutes

April 21st, 2022 @ 6:00 PM

Opening Prayer: Chairman Barbie Blansett

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

- I. **Reading of the March 29th, 2022, minutes. (Approval/Disapproval):**
Missi Cox made the motion to approve the March 29th, 2022, minutes; Fred Newcom 2nd the motion; motion carried.
- II. **Standard Business:**

Principals Report: Sandra Crabtree

- School-wide fundraiser – kickoff March 22 – April 5 –cookie dough – \$17,473.47 total sales – we will get 40%-45% of this amount to go toward gymnasium repairs.
- Book Fair -over \$3366.16 in total sales – Scholastic fee will need to be taken out of it. Ms. Vicki was also able to purchase over \$500.00+ in Scholastic books when the book fair was going on.
- Family Reading Night was held on Thursday, April 7. Mrs.Perry also had a Dual Enrollment meeting for parents with Chattanooga State during that time.
- Game Day for mothers and sons was held on Friday, April 8.
- Seniors went to Chattanooga State this past Friday, April 15.
- Spring Formal middle school dance was also this past Friday, April 15.

- The First Annual Alumni Game for Tanner O'Leary was held on Saturday, April 16. \$1200 was made for the scholarship in his name.
- TCAP and EOC Testing is being conducted during this week - April 18 and next week - Make-ups, etc. – April 25.
- Declan Swafford, Mrs. Swafford's son, was here on April 8 to speak with the students about STEM to middle and high school students – did a wonderful job. Gave him a certificate and he and his friends Subway gift cards.
- I have finished my TASL Principal Academy as of yesterday. This consisted of monthly online modules (2 hours), a required monthly Zoom meeting with facilitator and other principals across the state (1 hour), and a Case Study (final assignment-turned in last week).

Financial Report: Jennifer Olton

Jennifer reported that our gas bill has went up but compared to last year it is still lower. Phase 2 of our ESSER 3.0 funds which consists of putting new flooring in several of the rooms in the historical building will begin on Monday, May 2nd. All other financials are up to date.

III: Old Business:

Bids on Historical Building: We have 2 bids for repairing the top part of our historical building. One bid is just sealing/repairing the blocks. The other bids include replacing the metal. Both quotes were sent in several months ago, and Chairman Barbie Blansett made the motion to have both quotes update; Missi Cox 2nd the motion; motion carried.

Special School Tax: We still do not have any updates from legislation.

Chromebooks: Howard Technology could supply us with chrome books and computers. Chairman Barbie Blansett made the motion to approve Howard Technology as the supplier; Fred Newcom 2nd the motion; motion carried.

IV: New Business:

Director Retirement: Director Beth Webb will be retiring after serving 40 years in Education. Her director contract will expire on June 30th, 2022.

Director Opening/Qualified Candidates: Chairman Barbie Blansett stated that the board would like to only consider internal candidates with at least 5 years' experience. Chairman Barbie Blansett asked Teresa Lakey who at RHMS would qualify for the Director Position and was interested. Sharon Allison has been at RHMS for 17 years and has served as the Federal Programs Director for 8 years. Chairman Barbie Blansett acknowledged that Sharon Allison would be considered for the Director Position and would be interviewed at the next board meeting and voted on. Chairman Barbie Blansett made the motion to approve the internal candidate, Sharon Allison; Missi Cox 2nd the motion; motion carried.

Fred Newcom stated that he would not be part of the interview or voting due to conflicting interests with the candidate.

(Chairman Barbie Blansett stated that this Agenda/Notice must be sent out 15 days prior to the May 26th, 2022, board meeting).

Critical Race Theory: The Critical Race Theory has been questioned throughout the education system. At RHMS we teach Tennessee State approved curriculum.

CEP (Community Eligible Program): Teresa Lakey reported that the school would once again qualify for free breakfast and lunch to all students for the next four years.

Inter-quest Detection Canines: It is time to renew our contract with the drug/canine unit. Fred Newcom made the motion to renew our contract with Inter-quest; Missi Cox 2nd the motion; motion carried.

Trainings/Workshops/Field trips/Fundraisers:

Fundraisers:

Stones River would like to come and do their paranormal even on September 16th and 17th 2022. This would be a fundraiser for our prom committee. Staff would have the option of coming to the event on Friday night for a cost.

Fieldtrips:

May 9th, Kindergarten, and 1st grade would like to go to the Chattanooga Zoo and Warner Park; lunches will be provided by the cafeteria. They are asking that there be 1 chaperone per child, this is to cover child booster seats. If a student does not have anyone that can go, the teachers have made provisions to take them.

Next Meeting will be held Thursday May 26th, 2022 @ 6:00 pm.

Meeting adjourned.

Public Comment: Summer Grider was present and ask if the board had any other options/ideas for transportation for taking the Seniors to Six Flags. Tennessee law does not allow any vans to transport students whether it be 10 passenger or 15 passengers.

Chairman, Barbie Blansett

Director, Beth Webb