



Richard Hardy Memorial School

Board Meeting Minutes

October 29, 2021 @ 6:00 PM

Opening Prayer: Chairman Bill Stuart

Meeting called to order: Meeting called to order by Chairman Bill Stuart.

- I. **Reading of the August 23rd , 2021 minutes... (Approval/Disapproval):**
Barbie Blansett made the motion to approve the August 23rd meeting minutes; Missi Cox 2nd the motion; motion carried.
- II. **Standard Business:**

Principals Report: Sandra Crabtree

- Fire Prevention program with Cory Comstock for Pre-K- 2nd, October 7th.
- Ruritan Club/Interact Club-presented 3rd graders with dictionaries.
- Cameron Perry is conducting ACT Prep information sessions. (9/14-Math/Science; 9/30—Reading/ELA)
- Gallaher & Associates came and checked fire system.
- Meeting with Jostens on Thursday 9/22 about last year's yearbook.
- School pictures are September 29th; Senior pictures—October 1st.
- Have enrolled in the TN Principals' Academy -first session is 9/30.

- Two meetings with high school regarding behavior due to TikTok trend—deviantlick; suspensions due to vaping and a fight.
- Volleyball games are being made up and should be completed by the end of this week in time for the district tournament at Whitwell.
- Safe Schools grant due September 30th, --finishing fencing of grounds; monitors; walkie-talkies, etc.
- Working with Version3 to get Amplify and MyPearson (K-5 ELA) online resources available for teachers.

Financial Report: Jennifer Olton

There are no new financials to report currently. We still have some PATH payables still out, but it's a small amount.

III: Old Business:

Progress on PATH: Most everything is complete with our PATH project. We are pleased with how it all turned out.

Historical Building Construction: Ms. Webb has been speaking to “engineers” and companies about our “cement” molding that fell a few months ago. The one quote included welding pins in the eyelet then drill in the back of the stone to connect each one and caulk. This quote was extremely high, and Chairman Bill Stuart suggested that we get another one. Another option with which ever way we go, is to only do those stones that were priority first.

Maintenance Position: Our maintenance position has been filled. We are pleased to have Rick Mullins join our RHMS family.

COVID Update: Mrs. Webb reported that the school made the decision earlier this month to close for 2 weeks to allow our students and staff to re-coop due to high numbers in absenteeism due to COVID and quarantining. We are also doing our own contacting tracing. We are also serving breakfast and lunch in the classrooms to help with slowing down the spread of COVID.

Special School Tax: Mrs. Webb talked to Chuck Cagle about the special school tax increase. Mr. Cagle will have to go through legislation to propose a special school tax increase. Mrs. Webb will have to follow up with Mr. Cagle to make sure that he is on course with getting this presented.

IV: New Business:

Virtual School: Chairman Bill Stuart had concerns with whether we were losing students to “virtual school”. Mrs. Webb stated that this has not been an issue at this time. However, the teachers have been instructed that google classroom needs to be up and available in case we do need to have another shut down due to COVID. Then students will have the capability going virtual.

Trainings/Workshops/Field trips/Fundraisers

Field Trips: Seniors: “Friendsgiving” at Cracker Barrel...date TBA (most likely a Thursday) in November. This will be during school hours; event will be attended by senior sponsors.

Seniors would like to have a Smores Campfire—date TBA; once the weather cools down and after the time changes (most likely a Friday). This will be on school property. We will use a pavilion outside, baseball fields to play kickball, and green area between the baseball field and the high school building. A fire pit will be used to contain flame and protect the grass from damage. Students will not be in the building unattended. Event will be attended by senior sponsors.

Seniors would like to have movie/pajama day on October 8th.

Science Class: Ms. Fox would like to take her science class to the Aquarium on October 21st to go along with the Bio unit they are on. (Doesn't have all the details worked out).

FCA: Going to Jasper Baptist Church for a “leadership” training on September 23rd.

Barbie Blansett made the motion to approve all workshops/trainings/field trips/fundraisers; Missi Cox 2nd the motion; motion carried.

Next Meeting will be held Thursday October 28, 2021 @ 6:00 pm.

Meeting adjourned.

Chairman, Bill Stuart

Director, Beth Webb