

MINUTES
Putnam County Board of Education
August 6, 2009

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

The Putnam County Board of Education met at the Board of Education Building – Cookeville, Tennessee on Thursday, August 6, 2009. Chairman David McCormick convened the meeting at 5:00 PM.

PRESENT.....5
Eric Brown
Vern Crabtree (Arrived at 5:10 PM)
Robert Hargis
Jerry Maynard
David McCormick

ABSENT.....1
Ray Jordan

Mr. **CRABTREE** requested the Board to have a moment of silence for Susan Hickey, Jere Whitson teacher, who had passed away this week.

Mr. **McCORMICK** stated the Board would address approval of the agenda noting the following clarifications:

- Add as Consent Agenda Item I.E., Approval of Grant Report, as submitted.
- Add as Consent Agenda Item I.F.4., Approval of Quarterly Report, as submitted.
- Add at the beginning of Agenda Item II., Discussion, Request from DeKalb County – Contract for Services
- Add as Agenda Item II.A.8., Approval of the purchase of installation from Citizens Telecom for Jere Whitson in the total amount of \$5,689.04, as submitted.
- Add as Agenda Item II.B.2.h., Approval of plaque for Algood Elementary, as submitted (Option 1 or Option 2).
- Add as Agenda Item II.B.2.i., Approval to bid Algood Elementary Security System

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

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

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

- Reported on the following *School Opening Plans*
 - 8/7/09 – Countywide Inservice
 - 8/10/09 – First Day of School – 10:00 AM Dismissal - Bus Service
 - 8/11/09 – Teacher Workday
 - 8/12/09 – First Full Day of School
- Official Ribbon Cutting Ceremonies, Open House, and Tours, as follows:
 - Algood Elementary – 8/27/09 from 4:00 – 6:00 PM
 - Jere Whitson Elementary – 8/31/09 from 4:00 – 6:00 PM
- Noted Energy Efficiency Schools Initiative (EESI) Award to Putnam County Schools in the amount of \$22.00 per student in the total amount of \$227,919 in grants and \$66.00 per student for a loan noting a meeting was scheduled with Ron Graham, Executive Director of EESI, next week
- Noted Tennessee School Boards Association (TSBA) Fall District Meeting on September 17, 2009, and requested the Board notify Sharon Reid, Executive Administrative Assistant, if they will be able to attend.
- Recognized and congratulated Ed Wheaton, Sycamore Principal, who was selected as Upper Cumberland Principal of the Year and is now moving forward as a Regional Finalist

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

ACTION: Mr. **CRABTREE** made a motion to approve the following Minutes: Special Called Board Meeting – Friday, July 31, 2009 @ 12:00 Noon.

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

ACTION: Mr. **CRABTREE** made a motion to approve the following Minutes; Regular Board Meeting – Thursday, July 9, 2009 @ 5:00 PM. Mr. **BROWN** seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mr. **McCORMICK** stated the Board would address approval of the Consent Agenda, as submitted and amended.

ACTION: (I.A.1. – I.F.4.) Mr. **BROWN** made a motion to approve the following Consent Agenda, as amended, per the recommendation of the Director of Schools:

I. Consent Agenda

A. Approval of Purchases/Payments

1. Consider approval of the payment to Tennessee School Boards Association (TSBA) for TSBA 2010 Membership Dues in the total amount of \$8,127.00 to be paid from 141-72310-320, Board of Education Dues & Membership.
2. Consider approval of payment to Local Government Corporation for Finance Department's Software and Computer Hardware support from July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010, in the amount of \$13,356.38 to be paid from 141-72510-399.

B. Bids

1. Approval of Bid

- a. Consider approval of the ParkView Elementary Gym AC bid from the low bidder, Montgomery Electrical – Gainesboro, Tennessee, in the total amount of \$32,502.00.

C. Budget Amendments/Line Item Transfers (None Submitted)

D. Consider approval of the Overnight/Out-of-State Field Trip Report (None Submitted)

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

F. Other

1. Consider approval of a request from Avery Trace Middle School (ATMS) to sanction Girls and Boys Tennis as a "Club Sport" for the 2009-2010 school year with no supplement required.

2. Consider approval of the replacement 2009-2010 Hourly Non-Exempt Payment Scale with a 0.00% change from the 2008-2009 Payment Scale (Note: Grade 1, Level 1, 2 and 3 were changed to reflect new Federal Minimum Wage Law), as submitted:
3. Consider approval of the following Federal Job Descriptions, as submitted:
 - a. RTI Math Consulting Teacher (Grades K-12)
 - b. School Based Technology Integration Specialist (CMS)
 - c. Reading Specialist K-12 (UHS)
 - d. Graduation Coach – Title I Schools (Grades 5-12)
4. Consider approval of the Quarterly Report, as submitted.

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

Mr. **McCORMICK** stated the Board would address Agenda Item II. Request from DeKalb County to contract for student services; and recognized Dr. Airhart.

Dr. **Airhart** stated the following regarding the DeKalb County request to contract for student services:

- Service needed for a fifth grade deaf student
- Unsuccessful contacts for services with individuals in Cookeville
- Approached Putnam County knowing program already in place
- Discussed with Special Education Supervisor possibility of serving this student
- Presently, we have fifth grade student with speech/language interpreter.
- Presently, we pay the entire cost for interpreter.
- If Board approved this request, both fifth grade students could use the same interpreter services.
- DeKalb County willing to pick up half the cost of the interpreter.
- Spoke today with Gina Arnold, DeKalb County Special Education Supervisor
- Contract for one year at a time

Ms. **Arnold** stated the following regarding the request:

- Requesting interpreter services for DeKalb County fifth grade deaf student
- Presently sending staff to training noting it is a two-year program
- Desire to serve this student in DeKalb County ASAP

- Confirmed DeKalb County would be responsibility for the student's transportation to and from Putnam County.

The Board discussed the position previously taken by the Board regarding accepting students from other counties.

ACTION: Mr. **MAYNARD** made a motion to approve the DeKalb County request to contract for services for an interpreter for a fifth grade deaf student pending satisfactory contract between DeKalb County and Putnam County and including DeKalb County being responsible for all travel expenses, any fees or liability involved. Mr. **HARGIS** seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mr. **McCORMICK** stated the Board would address Agenda Item II.A.1., Insurance Recovery – Jere Whitson Elementary Project Update, and recognized Dr. Airhart.

Dr. **Airhart** stated the following regarding the Jere Whitson Elementary Project:

- Briefly reviewed Jere Whitson Expenditure Account Update dated 8/6/09 prepared by Mark McReynolds
- To date obligated \$893,635.65 from PCMS sale funds
- Estimated balance at the end of Jere Whitson Construction = \$1,513,489.32

Mr. **McCORMICK** recognized Allen Hill, Upland Design Group – Crossville, Tennessee, with a Jere Whitson Elementary Project Update.

Mr. **Hill** stated the following regarding the Jere Whitson Elementary Project Update:

- Project is occupied.
- Received Certificate of Occupancy from the Fire Marshall
- Project ahead of schedule
- Site work still in progress
- Mid-State requested additional funds for:
 - Undercutting and disposal of the unsuitable material at \$5.50 per cubic yard
 - Placement of engineered fill and compaction of undercut area at \$7.50 per cubic yard
 - Placement of shot rock in undercut area in lieu of engineered filled at \$7.50 per ton
- Parking lot could be completed quicker if shot rock used.
- At a cost of \$8,651.17

ACTION: (II.A.1.) Mr. **BROWN** made a motion to approve the use of shot rock at a cost of \$8,651.17 for the Jere Whitson parking and car loop additions. Mr. **CRABTREE** seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mr. **Hill** continued with the following update regarding the Jere Whitson Elementary Project:

- Additional lighting (3) in the back parking lot area
- At a cost of \$18,700 utilizing lighting that would not disturb neighbors
- Also, additional lighting for the school name sign
- At a cost of \$1,045
- Both in the total amount of \$19,745

ACTION: (II.A.1.) Mr. **MAYNARD** made a motion to approve the additional lighting in the parking lot area in the back of the building in the total amount of \$18,700. Mr. **CRABTREE** seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mr. **McCORMICK** stated the Board would address approval of Agenda Items II.A.2., II.A.3., and II.A.4., as submitted and recommended for payment by John Magura, Construction Manager.

ACTION: (II.A.2. – II.A.4.) Mr. **BROWN** made a motion to approve the following payments, as submitted:

II.A.2. Payment to Upland Design Group, Inc. – Crossville, Tennessee in the amount of \$24, 439.18 for architectural services relative to the Jere Whitson Elementary School Renovation Project to be paid from 178-91300-304-JEREW, Architects.

II.A.3. Payment to Mid-State Construction Company – Livingston, Tennessee in the amount of \$285,309.49 and Community Bank of the Cumberland’s – Cookeville, Tennessee in the amount of \$15,016.29 for retainage withheld for a total amount of \$300,325.78 for pay application #9 relative to the Jere Whitson Elementary School Project with \$87,150.81 to be paid from 177-91300-706, Building Construction, and with \$213,174.97 to be paid from 178-91300-706-JEREW, Building Construction.

II.A.4. Payment to Clinton Engineering – Cookeville, Tennessee in the amount of \$600.00 for a boundary and topographic survey relative to the Jere Whitson Renovation Project to be paid from 178-91300-399-JEREW, Other Contracted Services.

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

Mr. **McCORMICK** stated the Board would address Agenda Items II.A.5. – II.A.7.

The Board briefly discussed that similar wireless technology was included in the New Algood Elementary School.

ACTION: (II.A.5. – II.A.7.) Mr. **BROWN** made a motion to approve the following purchase and change orders, as submitted:

II.A.5. Purchase of Aerohive 802.11n Cooperative Control wireless access points from Excalibur Integrated Systems, Inc. – Chattanooga, Tennessee for the Jere Whitson Elementary School in the amount of \$9,999.00 to be paid from 178-91300-709-JEREW, Instructional Equipment.

II.A.6. Mid-State Construction's Change Order #008 in the amount of \$9,550.00 for additional work due to addition of dumpster pad, masonry walls and gates relative to the Jere Whitson Elementary School Renovation Project.

II.A.7. Mid-State Construction's Change Order #009 in the amount of \$13,772.00 for additional work due to asbestos abatement in the house to be demolished relative to the Jere Whitson Elementary School Renovation Project.

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

Mr. **McCORMICK** stated the Board would address Agenda Item II.A.8., and recognized Dr. Airhart.

Dr. **Airhart** stated the following regarding the telephone system for Jere Whitson Elementary School:

- Conversations held with Jerry Boyd - Assistant Director, Allen Hill – Upland Design Group, Inc. – Crossville, Tennessee, and John Magura - Construction Manager about how this item would be funded
- Recognized all parties mentioned above to clarify the funding issue

Mr. **Hill** stated the following regarding the responsibility issue for funding of the telephone system for Jere Whitson:

- This piece of equipment was specified for the project.
- Have not be able to date locate where the piece of equipment is.
- Contractor presently trying to trace the package to locate equipment.
- Should know the equipment status within the next 24 hours
- Credit could be given if equipment not located in reasonable amount of time.

Mr. **Boyd** stated Frontier Communications had set up a temporary telephone system until the issue could be resolved.

ACTION: (II.A.8.) Mr. **MAYNARD** made a motion if the contractor's equipment could not be located in a reasonable amount of time, to approve the sales agreement with Citizens Telecommunications Company of Tennessee (Frontier Communications – Cookeville, Tennessee) for purchase, installation, and support of an Alcatel-Lucent OmniPBX Office telephone system for school communications for Jere Whitson Elementary School in the amount of \$5,689.04 to be paid from 178-91300-499 JEREW, Other Materials and Supplies.

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

Mr. **McCORMICK** stated the Board would address Agenda Item II.B.1., New Prescott South Elementary and Middle School Projects' Update, and recognized Aaron Miller, Cockrill Design & Planning – Knoxville, Tennessee.

Mr. **Miller** stated the following regarding the New Prescott South Elementary and Middle School Projects' Update:

- Progress meeting on site today
- Project moving forward
- Foundations in for both middle school gym and classroom wing
- Starting to work on the elementary classroom wing
- Some delays with weather about a week behind
- Aggressive schedule set and plan to make up the time

Dr. **Airhart** requested an update regarding the possibility of drilling to create a well to water athletic fields.

Mr. **Miller** stated they had received a proposal from GeoServices; presently talking to a well-digging company; and bringing back a recommended proposal next month.

Mr. **McCORMICK** stated the Board would address Agenda Item II.B.1.b. and c.

ACTION: Mr. **MAYNARD** made a motion to approve the following payments, as submitted:

II.B.1.b. Payment to GeoServices, LLC – Seymour, Tennessee for geotechnical services performed between May 31, 2009, and June 27, 2009, in the amount of \$383.00 relative to the Prescott South Elementary and Middle School Projects to be paid from 179-91300-308-NEWK8, Consultants.

II.B.1.c. Payment to Vratsinas Construction Company (VCC) – Atlanta, Georgia in the amount of \$555,796.55 and to Community Bank of the Cumberlandds – Cookeville, Tennessee in the amount of \$29,252.45 for retainage withheld for a total amount of \$585,049.00 for pay application #1 relative to the Prescott South Elementary and Middle School Projects to be paid from 179-91300-706-NEWK8, Building Construction.

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

Mr. **McCORMICK** stated the Board would address Agenda Item II.B.1.d., Reasons Construction Company's Change Order #002 relative to Prescott South Elementary and Middle School Projects, and recognized Aaron Miller, Cockrill Design & Planning – Knoxville, Tennessee.

Mr. **Miller** stated the following regarding Reasons Construction Company's Change Order #002:

- Authorizes transfer of permanent seeding and maintenance grading of the athletic fields from Reason's scope of work into VCC's Building Package scope of work
- Simply a change in who would be providing the work
- No change in cost to the contract

ACTION: (II.B.1.d. and e.) Mr. **MAYNARD** made a motion to approve the following change orders, as submitted:

II.B.1.d. Consider approval of Reasons Construction Company, Inc. – Humboldt, Tennessee Change Order #002 relative to the New Prescott South Elementary and Middle School Projects.

- CO authorizes to transfer the permanent seeding and maintenance grading of the athletic fields from Reasons' Site Development Package scope of work into VCC's Building Package scope of work.
- CO will reduce the contract sum in the amount of \$8,672.00.
- There will be no change to contract time.
- CO will also credit the unused remaining balance of contingency allowance in the amount of \$100,000.00 back to Putnam County Board of Education.

II.B.1.e. Consider approval of Vratsinas Construction Company (VCC) – Atlanta, Georgia Change Order #001 relative to the New Prescott South Elementary and Middle School Project.

- CO authorizes to transfer the permanent seeding and maintenance grading of the athletic fields from Reason's Site Development Package scope of work into VCC's Building Package scope of work.
- CO will approve the use of \$8,672.00 of the contingency allowance included in the base contract sum.
- There will be no change in the contract sum or contract time.

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

Mr. **McCORMICK** stated the Board would address Agenda Item II.B.1.f., Approval of payment to Cockrill Design & Planning – Knoxville, Tennessee.

ACTION: (II.B.1.f.) Mr. **CRABTREE** made a motion to approve payment to Cockrill Design & Planning – Knoxville, Tennessee in the amount of \$502.53 for reimbursable expenses relative to the New Prescott South Elementary and Middle School Project through June 30, 2009, to be paid from 179-91300-304-NEWK8, Architects. Mr. **MAYNARD** seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mr. **McCORMICK** stated the Board would address Agenda Item II.B.2.a., New Algood Elementary School Project Update, and recognized Aaron Miller, Cockrill Design & Planning – Knoxville, Tennessee.

Mr. **Miller** stated the following regarding the New Algood Elementary School Project Update:

- Reached Substantial Completion
- Furniture being moved into school
- Received Fire Marshall final seal on project

Dr. **Airhart** requested clarification regarding the water run-off onto neighboring property.

Mr. **Miller** stated the following regarding the water run-off issue at Algood Elementary School:

- Meeting on site yesterday morning
- Algood City officials and Mid-State personnel present
- Although he was not present, it is his understanding that it is a City of Algood issue.
- Issue - water coming down Old Walton Road
- His understanding that City of Algood is addressing the issue.

ACTION: Mr. **MAYNARD** made a motion to obtain from the City of Algood a written commitment to resolve the water run-off issue at the Algood Elementary School Old Walton Road area. Mr. **CRABTREE** seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Board requested Dr. Airhart to contact the City of Algood and the landowner regarding resolving the water run-off issue.

Mr. **McCORMICK** stated the Board would address Agenda Item II.B.2.a., New Algood Elementary School Project Update, and recognized Aaron Miller, Cockrill Design & Planning – Knoxville, Tennessee.

Mr. **Miller** stated the following regarding the New Algood Elementary School Project Update:

- Reviewed Mid-State Construction’s PCO #023 and #024

ACTION: (II.B.2.b. and c.) Mr. **MAYNARD** made a motion to approve the following Proposed Change Orders:

II.B.2.b. Consider approval of Mid-State Construction’s PCO #023 for the total sum of \$724.09 to be paid from project’s contingency allowance for adding a stabilizing channel to urinal privacy screens at four locations relative to the New Algood Elementary School Project. (This change does not include a change to the contract sum or contract time for this project.)

II.B.2.c. Consider approval of Mid-State Construction’s PCO #024 in the amount of \$880.00 to be paid from the project’s contingency allowance in order to raise two catch basins located in the central courtyard relative to the New Algood Elementary School Project. (This proposed change order does not include a change to the contract sum or contract time for this project.)

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

Mr. **McCORMICK** stated the Board would address Agenda Item II.B.2.d.

ACTION: (II.B.2.d.) Mr. **CRABTREE** made a motion to approve payment to Mid-State Construction Company – Livingston, Tennessee in the amount of \$911,597.99 and to Community Bank of the Cumberland’s – Cookeville, Tennessee in the amount of \$47,978.85 for retainage withheld for a total amount of \$959,576.84 for application payment #011 relative to the New Algood Elementary School Project to be paid from 179-91300-706-ALGOO, Building Construction. Mr. **MAYNARD** seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mr. **McCORMICK** stated the Board would address Agenda Item II.B.2.e. and f.

ACTION: (II.B.2.e. and f.) Mr. **BROWN** made a motion to approve the following payment and purchase:

II.B.2.e. Payment to Beacon Technologies, Inc. – Nashville, Tennessee in the amount of \$2,150.07 for final data infrastructure installation and deployment services for the New Algood Elementary School Project completed through July 31, 2009, to be paid from 179-91300-399-ALGOO, Other Contracted Services.

II.B.2.f. Purchase of Aerohive 802.11n Cooperative Control wireless access points from Excalibur Integrated Systems, Inc. – Chattanooga, Tennessee for the New Algood Elementary School in the amount of \$9,999.00 to be paid from 179-91300-709-ALGOO, Instructional Equipment.

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

ACTION: (II.B.2.g.) Mr. **BROWN** made a motion to approve payment to Cockrill Design & Planning – Knoxville, Tennessee in the amount of \$11,266.04 for professional architectural services and reimbursable expenses relative to the New Algood Elementary School Project through June 30, 2009, to be paid from 179-91300-304-ALGOO, Architects. Mr. **HARGIS** seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mr. **McCORMICK** stated the Board would address Agenda Item II.B.2.h., Approval of the plaque for Algood Elementary School (Option 1 or Option 2).

ACTION: (II.B.2.h.) Mr. **MAYNARD** made a motion to approve the plaque for Algood Elementary School – Option 2 that included former Board members. Mr. **BROWN** seconded the motion. Motion carried.

The Board briefly discussed the lettering on the Algood Elementary School sign and decided to leave the present lettering in place until the new lettering arrived.

Mr. **McCORMICK** stated the Board would address Agenda Item II.B.2.i., Approval to bid Algood Elementary School Security System.

ACTION: (II.B.2.i.) Mr. **BROWN** made a motion to approve to bid Algood Elementary School Security System and authorize the Director to approve the lowest and best bid. Mr. **MAYNARD** seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Dan Rader, School Board Attorney, stated if the bid came in over \$10,000 the Board would have to formally ratify the bid at the next Board meeting.

Mr. **McCORMICK** stated the Board would address Agenda Item II.B.3., Baxter and Cane Creek Elementary Schools Flooring Replacement Projects Updates, and recognized Aaron Miller, Cockrill Design & Planning – Knoxville, Tennessee.

Mr. **Miller** stated the following regarding the Baxter and Cane Creek Elementary Schools Flooring Replacement Projects Updates:

- Reached Substantial Completion
- Reviewed punch list items

The Board requested clarification on the number of coats of wax applied to the tile; and Mr. **Miller** stated according to specifications on a new installation flooring there should be two (2) coats of wax put down and then an additional two (2) to three (3) coats prior to use for a total of five (5) coats of wax.

Mr. **Miller** stated he would check to make sure the number of coats of wax that had been put down on the new tile flooring.

ACTION: (II.B.3.b. – g.) Mr. **BROWN** made a motion to approve the following Change Orders and payments, as submitted:

- II.B.3.b. Consider approval of Mid-State Construction’s Change Order #001 in the amount of \$1,450.00 for additional work due to high moisture content of existing concrete for the Kindergarten area relative to the Baxter Elementary School Flooring Replacement Project to be paid from contingency allowance with no charge to the contract sum.
- II.B.3.c. Consider approval of payment to Mid-State Construction Company – Livingston, Tennessee in the amount of \$57,897.75 for pay application #001 relative to Baxter Elementary School Flooring Replacement Project to be paid from 141-72620-399-TILE.
- II.B.3.d. Consider approval of payment to Mid-State Construction Company – Livingston, Tennessee in the amount of \$16,344.75 for pay application #002 relative to Baxter Elementary School Flooring Replacement Project to be paid from 141-72620-399-TILE.
- II.B.3.e. Consider approval of Mid-State Construction’s Change Order #001 in the amount of \$716.00 for additional flooring for rooms 213 and 313 relative to the Cane Creek Elementary School Flooring

Replacement Project to be paid from contingency allowance with no charge to contract sum.

II.B.3.f. Consider approval of payment to Mid-State Construction Company – Livingston, Tennessee in the amount of \$62,400.75 for pay application #001 relative to Cane Creek Elementary School Flooring Replacement Project to be paid from 141-72620-399-TILE.

II.B.3.g. Consider approval of payment to Mid-State Construction Company – Livingston, Tennessee in the amount of \$12,949.45 for pay application #002 relative to Cane Creek Elementary School Flooring Replacement Project to be paid from 141-72620-399-TILE.

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

Mr. **McCORMICK** stated the Board would address Agenda Item II.B.4., Sycamore Elementary School Flooring Replacement Project Update, and recognized Aaron Miller, Cockrill Design & Planning – Knoxville, Tennessee.

Mr. **Miller** stated the following regarding the Sycamore Elementary School Flooring Replacement Project Update:

- Completed punch list items
- Still need to check on two (2) bathrooms

Mr. **McCORMICK** stated the Board would address Agenda Item II.B.5., White Plains Academy Renovation Project Update, and recognized Allen Hill, Upland Design Group – Crossville, Tennessee.

Mr. **Hill** stated the following regarding the White Plains Academy Renovation Project Update:

- Received Fire Marshall approval to proceed on project
- Construction underway
- Recommended payment to King Construction Group, as submitted

ACTION: (II.B.5.b., c. and d.) Mr. **BROWN** made a motion to approve the following payments, as submitted:

II.B.5.b. Consider approval of payment to King Construction Group, Inc. – Cookeville, Tennessee in the amount of \$22,430.80 for application payment #2 relative to the White Plains Academy Renovation Project to be paid from 179-91300-706-CO5, Building Construction.

- II.B.5.c. Consider approval of payment to Upland Design Group, Inc. – Crossville, Tennessee in the amount of \$1,973.72 for architectural services relative to the White Plains Academy Renovation Project to be paid from 179-91300-304-C05, Architects.
- II.B.5.d. Consider approval of payment to Upland Design Group, Inc. – Crossville, Tennessee in the amount of \$19,477.50 for architectural services relative to the White Plains Academy Renovation Project to be paid for from 179-91300-304-CO5, Architects.

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

Mr. **McCORMICK** stated the Board would address Agenda Item II.B.6., Burks Middle School (BMS) Expansion Feasibility Study Presentation, and recognized Allen Hill, Upland Design Group – Crossville, Tennessee.

Mr. **Hill** introduced Katie Kirkum, Upland Design Group – Crossville, Tennessee, who would be presenting the Burks Middle School (BMS) Expansion Feasibility Study Presentation.

Mr. **Kirkum** briefly reviewed the BMS Expansion Feasibility Study, as follows:

- Modifications to preliminary program shared on July 8, 2009, possibly could be made without serious adverse effect to the educational process
- Student population in Monterey area generally stable
- Possible to design addition in such a way that vertical expansion could be done if needed in the future
- Designed two projects recently with this option
- Additional cost to do is not exorbitant – primarily changing roof structure to concrete deck
- Either two-story or single-story scheme could be constructed on the existing soccer/softball field, with sufficient space remaining for a regulation sized soccer field.

The Board discussed the square footage of the expansion; the cost increase from original amount discussed; the land-lock issue with BMS; possible space for playground and walking track areas; and how to address any future unexpected growth.

Dr. **Airhart** asked if she should proceed with a second open public meeting in the Monterey community to discuss the expansion options and to receive the consensus of the community; and the Board agreed to a second meeting to be held early in September.

The Board briefly discussed what to do with Uffelman Elementary School if the BMS Expansion went forward.

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

Dr. **Airhart** stated we had been requested by the State to add some language to this policy that would give professional development opportunities each year to our teachers and staff regarding internet safety.

ACTION: (II.C.1.) Mr. **MAYNARD** made a motion to approve Policy 4.406, Use of the Internet, on first and final reading, as submitted. Mr. **CRABTREE** seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mr. **McCORMICK** stated the Board would address Agenda Item II.D., Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) Report, and recognized Mae Fowler, Data/Curriculum Supervisor 7-12.

Ms. **Fowler** presented the following AYP Report:

- How did we achieve AYP?
 - K-8
 - Met required proficiency in math (86%) and reading/language arts (89%)
 - Recorded 93% attendance rate for school year
 - Achieved 95% participation rate on all tests
 - 9-12
 - Achieved 95% participation rate on all tests
 - Met required proficiency in math (83%) and reading/language arts (93%)
 - Improved graduation rate %, Class of 2008
- Earned “Good Standing” status
- Reviewed following individual schools accomplishments:
 - Algood – 7 of 9 subgroups met reading (89%) and math (86%) proficiency benchmarks
 - Baxter – All six subgroups met or exceeded the reading (89%) benchmark; SWD students improved from 84% to 90% proficiency!
 - Cane Creek – 6 of 8 subgroups met math and reading AYP benchmarks outright

- Capshaw – All 8 subgroups met math and reading AYP benchmarks outright with 99% proficiency in both content areas.
 - Jere Whitson – Limited English Proficiency (LEP) students jumped from 71% to 83% proficient in reading and 92% to 100% proficient in math.
 - Northeast – 6 of 9 subgroups met or exceeded the math P/A benchmark of 86%; 5 subgroups exceeded the reading benchmark of 89% by 9 or more percentage points.
 - ParkView – 8 of 9 subgroups surpassed the reading benchmark of 89% P/A; Hispanic students improved from 83% to 9% P/A in math.
 - Sycamore – 6 of 8 subgroups met reading P/A benchmarks; Hispanic students improved from 83% to 88% P/A in math.
 - Uffelman – 7 of 8 subgroups met the math P/A benchmark of 86% outright.
 - ATMS – 7 of 9 subgroups performed above the math and reading benchmarks.
 - BMS- SWD students improved reading P/A from 59% to 72%.
 - CMS – The “All” subgroup maintained 96% P/A in reading and 95% P/A in math.
 - PCMS – 8 of 9 subgroups posted improvement in reading; 7 of 9 subgroups met the math benchmark of 86% P/A.
 - CHS – Class of 2008 seniors met the graduation rate improvement track benchmark, earning School Improvement 1 – Improving status; 8 of 9 subgroups met or exceeded the math (83%) proficiency benchmark.
 - MHS – Maintained above 90% graduation rate for several years in a row; 6 of 8 subgroups posted improvement in meeting the reading benchmark of 93%.
 - UHS – All seven subgroups surpassed the P/A math benchmark of 83%; 6 of 7 subgroups exceeded the P/A reading benchmark of 93%.
- The Challenges Ahead
 - Curriculum and assessments are now aligned to national standards.
 - Ramping up to meet TN Diploma Project and High School Redesign requirements.
 - Closing the subgroup gaps

- Thank you for your continued support as we ALL strive –
 - To accomplish our mission:
 - *To produce individuals who serve and participate productively in society*
 - To achieve our goals:
 - Raise academic standards and student achievement
 - Attract and retain the best faculty and staff
 - Maximize utilization of buildings, grounds and assets
 - Increase community involvement
 - Create equality of programs and service among schools
 - Provide a comprehensive approach to health and well being

Mr. **McCORMICK** stated the Board would address Agenda Item II.E., Transportation Advertisement Proposal, and recognized Dr. Airhart.

Dr. **Airhart** stated the Board had approved in policy the advertising on school buses at the March 5, 2009, Board meeting noting Terry Randolph, Transportation Supervisor, suggested a proposal to start the process and recognized Mr. Randolph to address the proposal.

Mr. **Randolph** stated the following regarding the Transportation Advertisement Proposal:

- If advertising done In-house by transportation department
 - Two color ads per bus – one on each side (16” x 60” placed on rear side quarter panel
 - Cost to advertiser per bus \$2,250.00
 - Material cost per bus \$225.00
 - Net funds for schools \$2,025.00 per bus
 - Potential income for schools 50 buses x \$2,025.00 = \$101,250.00
- Negatives for doing In-house
 - We are not professional sales/advertising people.
 - We may not be as successful selling ads.
 - It is going to require a great deal of time to sell the ads.
 - It is going to require some bookkeeping on our part.

- An outside entity would be more diversified and could offer more options for the businesses – i.e. a variety of payment plans could be offered which would result in more work and bookkeeping.
- Would we have the time and people to do this and keep up with it?
- Positives for doing in-house
 - We would have total control
 - We would be assured that the ad campaign would be presented to the businesses and the public in a manner that we would approve.
 - We would keep more money to use for education.
 - An advertising company would charge a percentage to do the work i.e. 70-30 split.

Dr. **Airhart** recommended to start small; to do it well; and then to evaluate and determine public response.

ACTION: (II.E.) Mr. **BROWN** made a motion to approve a resolution to allow bus advertising to be done in-house by the transportation department with no more than ten (10) sale bus ads in color in the trial program this year and to submit a clear written plan for Board approval next month. Mr. **MAYNARD** seconded the motion.

The following roll call vote was taken:

Mr. Hargis – No
 Mr. McCormick – Yes
 Mr. Crabtree – Yes
 Mr. Brown – Yes
 Mr. Maynard – Yes
 Motion carried.

Mr. **McCORMICK** stated the Board would address Agenda Item II.F., 2009-2010 Budget Update, and recognized Dr. Airhart.

Dr. **Airhart** stated the following regarding the 2009-2010 Budget Update:

- Presented Budget Draft 4 to the County Commission on Monday, 8/3/09
- Asked our Deputy Commissioner of Education , Robert Green, to speak to the commissioners about the Maintenance of Effort (MOE) issue
- Request Mr. Green to clarify to the commission that our budget was a MOE requested budget and nothing less could be approved
- Noted MOE required by law
- Budget Committee decided to send school budget forward to full commission without recommendation

- Budget Committee met again this evening and recognized Mark McReynolds, Chief Financial Officer, with a report regarding the meeting with the Budget Committee

Mr. **McReynolds** reported on tonight's (8/6/09) County Commission Budget Committee Meeting, as follows:

- \$556,732.00 = additional funds needed to meet MOE
- County Commission determines how property and/or sales tax revenue is allocated.
- County Commission goal = No property tax increase this year
- County Commission reallocating how revenue would be generated.
- County Commission no longer giving school system percentage of sales tax
- Reallocating a guaranteed amount to school budget of \$15,437,747.00
- Debt service will pay for any sales tax shortfall.

The Board briefly discussed their concerns regarding how this change from receiving a percentage of sales tax to receiving a guaranteed amount would affect future budgets if the sales tax should go up.

ACTION: (II.F.) Mr. **BROWN** made a motion to approve changing the local option sales tax budget line item 40210 to read \$15,436,747 in the amended General Purpose School Budget – Draft 4, as presented by Mark McReynolds. Mr. **HARGIS** seconded the motion.

The following roll call vote was taken:

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

Mr. **McCORMICK** stated the Board would address Agenda Item II.G., TLN Report, and recognized Eric Brown.

Mr. **BROWN** stated the following regarding the TLN Report:

- Encouraged Board attendance at the Tennessee School Boards Association's Fall District Meeting in September
- Presently TLN gathering resolutions for the Delegate Assembly at the Annual November State Convention in Nashville

- Submit any requested legislation to him prior to the next Board meeting so the Board could act on it.

Dr. **Airhart** requested the Board include legislative action regarding the growth of Maintenance of Effort.

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

The Board adjourned at 7:25 PM.

Date

Chairman

Director of Schools