

BARTLETT CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION
BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, March 17, 2016

Bartlett City Hall-Council Chambers
6400 Stage Road, Bartlett
7:00 PM

INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Bryan Woodruff said a prayer. The Board and audience recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL

***** Official Business of the Day *****

Chairman Jeff Norris called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. The following Board Members were present:

Ms. Erin Berry
Mr. David Cook
Mrs. Shirley Jackson
Mr. Jeff Norris
Mr. Bryan Woodruff

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

The following Bartlett High School students received an invitation to attend the summer 2016 Governor's School:

Seth Allen 11th grade - Governor's School of International Studies
Wade Price 11th grade - Governor's School of Sciences
David Wallace 11th grade - Governor's School of Business and I.T. Leadership
Emma Brick-Hezeau 11th grade - Governor's School of the Humanities

Below are the BHS students that qualified for the State Championship tournament under Wrestling Coach Daniel Longo. This year we had 3 Region Champions, the most we have ever had in one season!

Matt Bozarth - 3rd in Region Tournament at 106 lbs.
Cody Longo - 2nd in Region Tournament at 113 lbs.
Dalton Cockman - 1st in Region Tournament at 120 lbs.
David Thomas - 1st in Region Tournament at 126 lbs.
Sidney Smith - 3rd in Region Tournament at 132 lbs.
Christian "C.J." Cara - 2nd in Region Tournament at 160 lbs.
Dawson Johnson - 2nd in Region Tournament at 182 lbs.
Kevin McHaney - 3rd in Region Tournament at 195 lbs.
Trevor Cara - 2nd in Region Tournament at 220 lbs.
Trey Hawkins - 1st in Region Tournament at 285 lbs.

Special Recognition was given to Dylan Cockman, 6th Grade at Appling Middle, for placing 1st in City, Region and State Tournament at 80 lbs.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman Jeff Norris: Good evening ladies and gentlemen. I would like to welcome you to our March Board meeting and take liberty this evening to speak candidly on a few topics before public comment begins. There is a lot of information and misinformation whipping around that seems to tell part of a story and some seems intended to merely cause an incendiary reaction toward the current TNReady testing. After speaking to administrators, parents, teachers, and students, this has clearly been frustrating for everyone. No one sitting up here this evening will tell you that they are pleased with how this has been handled either by the Department of Education or Measurement Incorporated. I don't think you will find an administrator or a teacher that will tell you they are pleased with how it has been handled. The Department of Education and state legislature have provided the opportunity for relief to our teachers and students. However, one important fact that seems to be lost in all of this is that the district is given no opportunity for relief. The DOE has given the teachers relief by giving them the option of whether or not they want the student scores to count in their overall evaluation rubric. The state legislature has given students the opportunity for relief by allowing districts the option to exclude TNReady scores from a student's fourth quarter grade, if the scores are not received at least five days before the school year ends. This is the important part!!! If scores are not received by May 20th, I will add to the agenda of the May 26th Board meeting a resolution that, if adopted by the Board, will exclude TNReady scores from a student's fourth quarter grades. I know that there are districts across the state that you may have heard have already voted to pass a resolution preemptively regarding this. I have had a lot of discussion with General Counsel and Superintendent Stephens, and we all believe that the appropriate time to take action is when the law has made that relief available to you. The way the law is currently written, we will be able to take this action any time after May 20th. I implore you to reach out and talk to your Board members up here and ask them how they feel about these issues. Each member that sits on this Board has either children or grandchildren in Bartlett City Schools and is regularly engaged in various schools across the district in numerous ways. We want and covet your feedback as well as your support. We ask that you engage us to help find real solutions to make things better. We as a district are striving to be better today than the day before. We are always looking for continuous improvement in every facet of every job. As I close I would like to ask you to remember a few things as we move forward, this Board is ALWAYS striving to do what is right for our students. Unfortunately, we have to make those decisions within the confines of the laws as laid before us. When that isn't good enough, many spend countless hours lobbying our legislators to change state laws. Thank you for indulging me for a few minutes this evening before we move on with the business meeting at hand.

*Blount Smith
457 Waring Road, Bartlett
RE: Testing*

*Anne Grosvenor
7148 Shady Oaks Drive, Bartlett
RE: TNReady Testing*

*Jennifer Proseus
5185 Hare Creek, Bartlett
RE: Testing and Recess*

*David Reaves
4535 Merlin's Woods, Bartlett
RE: TNReady*

*Stacey Loft
6324 Rockledge Drive, Bartlett
RE: TNReady test scores not apply 2015/2016*

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chairman Norris pulled New Business Item #4 TSBA Declaration of Trust from the agenda. Mr. Bryan Woodruff made the motion to approve the agenda. Mr. David Cook seconded the motion. With all ayes the agenda was approved.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

February 25, 2016 Board Business Meeting Minutes

Ms. Erin Berry made the motion to approve the February 25, 2016 Board Meeting Minutes. Mr. David Cook seconded the motion. With all ayes the Board Meeting Minutes were approved.

REPORTS

Chairman's Report

There are seven AdvancED committees and each Board Member will serve on one. Reminder that the Bartlett Education Foundation dinner will be held April 4th and the BCS Teacher of the Year Banquet will be April 12th.

Superintendent's Report

- Working on Budget which will be presented in April.
- Transfer applications are no longer being accepted. There were a total of 664 applications submitted.
- AdvancED committee chairs met this week.
- Calendar committee for the 2017-2018 school year met this week.
- I was in Jackson today at the Southwest Superintendent Study Council. The Superintendents were very vocal regarding TNReady testing.
- I attended the AdvancEd STEM Summit a few weeks ago.
- Human Resources completed Teacher pool interviews this week.
- Spring Break and Good Friday coming up.

General Counsel's Report

No report.

Tennessee Legislative Network (TLN) Representative Report

No report.

Financial Report

The February 2015-2016 Financial Report was reviewed by the Board. It is not a voting item.

UNFINISHED BOARD BUSINESS

POLICY 4029: Graduation Requirements REVISED/SECOND READING

Motion Passed: The second reading of POLICY 4029: Graduation Requirements passed with a motion by Mr. Bryan Woodruff and a second by Mr. David Cook.

Ms. Erin Berry	Yes
Mr. David Cook	Yes
Mrs. Shirley Jackson	Yes
Mr. Jeff Norris	Yes
Mr. Bryan Woodruff	Yes

BOARD ACTION ITEMS

New Board Business

BCS Local Adoption of Textbooks

Motion Passed: The BCS Local Adoption of CTE Textbooks passed with a motion by Mr. David Cook and a second by Ms. Erin Berry.

Ms. Erin Berry	Yes
Mr. David Cook	Yes
Mrs. Shirley Jackson	Yes
Mr. Jeff Norris	Yes
Mr. Bryan Woodruff	Yes

Special Course Application - Etymology

Motion Passed: The BCS Special Course Application - Etymology passed with a motion by Mr. Bryan Woodruff and a second by Ms. Erin Berry.

Ms. Erin Berry	Yes
Mr. David Cook	Yes
Mrs. Shirley Jackson	Yes
Mr. Jeff Norris	Yes
Mr. Bryan Woodruff	Yes

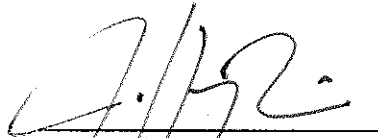
Resolution to rename the TSBA GASB 45 Trust

Motion Passed: The Resolution to rename the TSBA GASB 45 Trust and change the name to OPEB Trust passed with a motion by Ms. Erin Berry and a second by Mr. David Cook.

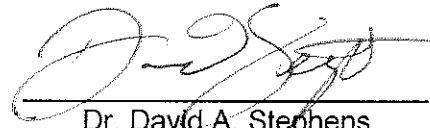
Ms. Erin Berry	Yes
Mr. David Cook	Yes
Mrs. Shirley Jackson	Yes
Mr. Jeff Norris	Yes
Mr. Bryan Woodruff	Yes

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.



Jeff Norris
Chairman



Dr. David A. Stephens
Superintendent