

**MINUTES OF THE CALLED MEETING OF THE
JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS
MARCH 24, 2011 – 6:30 P.M.
JCHS MEDIA CENTER**

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Anne Marie Potts who then asked everyone to stand for a moment of silence. Board members present were Chair Potts, Vice Chair Bill Jarnigan, Annette Loy, Jim Vines, Randall Bradley and Maurice Solomon. Board member Michael Phagan came in after the meeting started. Charles Edmonds, Director of Schools and Secretary to the Board, was also present.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Darrell Helton, County Finance Director, led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chair Potts expressed congratulations to the Senior Play on an outstanding performance.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

1. Funding Source for Coach Cobble's Mileage

Dr. Edmonds, Director of Schools, commented that he had made a mistake when stating the mileage rate at the last meeting. He pointed out that the rate was .46 cents per mile and not .51 cents per mile as stated. He mentioned that the Deputy Finance Director said the funding would come out of the budget under the coaching supplement line.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

1. Energy Savings Program Contract

Dr. Edmonds commented that he had sent the contract to Chuck Cagle, legal counsel, for review as well as Darrell Helton, County Finance Director, for his review. He mentioned that he had contacted Phil Graham, maintenance supervisor with Greeneville City Schools, regarding their relationship with the program. He commented that Mr. Graham was skeptical with the program at first but in the first six months of the program they were able to save \$50,000 in utility bills. Dr. Edmonds recommended that the board approve the contract.

Bill Jarnigan made the motion to accept Dr. Edmonds recommendation to approve the Energy Savings Program Contract. Board member Bradley seconded the motion and the motion passed 5-1 with board member Loy opposing.

Unfinished Business - continued

Dr. Edmonds informed the Board that the County Commission had approved the Trane Contract.

2. Masonry Component Bid for New Elementary School

Dr. Edmonds commented that three (3) bids were opened at the Rentenbach office. He pointed out that the low bid of \$1,337,250 was submitted by Tom Brunton Masonry of Maryville who was a very reputable company. He also pointed out that the bid was awarded by Rentenbach since they were the construction manager.

Tony Pettit from Rentenbach asked that the board approve an amendment to the Rentenbach contract which included the masonry component. He pointed out that the total amount for the amendment requested was \$1,370,056 which included the low bid of \$1,327,250 with Tom Brunton Masonry, \$17,260 in construction manager bonds and insurance and \$25,546 in construction manager fees. He also pointed out that the amendment included three (3) deductive alternates and one (1) add alternate which would be held until they found out if the total project was within budget. Mr. Pettit mentioned that they hoped to have the signed contract with Tom Brunton by Friday.

Darrell Helton, County Finance Director, passed out copies of costs verifying the QSCB obligation of \$1,059,050 prior to the April 7th requirement. He reported that just over \$1.7M had been committed to the project and he saw no problem in submitting the masonry contract information on time to meet the deadline.

Jim Vines made the motion to approve the amendment to the Rentenbach contract for the masonry component bid for the new elementary school in the amount of \$1,370,056. Board member Solomon seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

3. Proposed Freshman Academy Cost

Dr. Edmonds went over proposed expenses for the freshman academy totaling \$46,300 plus an additional \$55,000 to add a canopy to the decks. He recommended that the board approve the expenses plus the expense of the canopy.

Dr. Edmonds pointed out that they would be looking at line items for possible funding.

Unfinished Business – Freshman Academy Cost - continued

Board member Phagan made the motion to approve the expenses for the freshman academy totaling \$101,300. Board member Loy seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

4. Jefferson Middle School Foundation Repairs

Bill Nolen, Facilities Director, went over the foundation repairs needed at Jefferson Middle School. He pointed out that McSpadden, Inc. submitted the low bid of \$14,900 for the repairs. Dr. Edmonds recommended that the board approve the request.

Upon motion by Maurice Solomon and second by Annette Loy, the board unanimously approved the request as recommended by Dr. Edmonds for foundation repairs at Jefferson Middle School to McSpadden, Inc. in the amount of \$14,900.

Dr. Edmonds pointed out that they would be looking at line items for funding. Chair Potts requested that Dr. Edmonds report back to the board regarding which line item the funding would come from.

5. QSCB Contractual Obligations Verifying the Obligation of \$1,059,050 prior to April 7, 2011

Dr. Edmonds pointed out that the item had already been approved when the board approved the amendment to the Rentenbach contract. There was no official action needed.

6. Blackburn Property

Dr. Edmonds commented that they had closed on the Blackburn property. He mentioned that drilling had started in order to make a soil map so the site of the school could be plotted and to determine a site for the drip sewer system.

7. Talbott Elementary

Dr. Edmonds commented that Lanie Cope was working on the sewage situation at Talbott Elementary and whether it could be expanded. He will have more information for the board at the April 7th meeting.

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ADJOURN

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned followed by a work session.

Anne Marie Potts, Chair

Charles Edmonds, Director of Schools &
Secretary to the Board

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