

**Clinton City Board of Education Regular Meeting  
Clinton Municipal Building  
Thursday, May 8, 2014  
5:30 p.m.**

The Clinton City Board of Education met on May 8, 2014, in the Clinton Municipal Building. Board of Education members present were: Tim Bible, Brian Jenkins, Merle Pryse, and Joey Smith. Board of Education members not present: Jim Webster and Curtis Isabell. Others attending were: Vicki Violette, Kelly Johnson, Debbie Long, Suzanne Oliver, Scott Rhea, Gwen Payne, Danny Goins, Jenna Sharp, Lori Collins, Matt Murphy, and Kim Martin.

**I. Call to Order by Board Chair**

Chairman Bible called the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m.

**II. Approval of Agenda and/or Additions to the Agenda**

Chairman Bible asked that two items be added to the Agenda: 1) Under New Business Requiring Action by the Board: Authorization given to the Executive Committee to file a lawsuit regarding liquor by the drink tax if necessary. 2) Under Reports/Information: Retirements, Joy Arehart and Brenda Cunningham (South Clinton Elementary). A motion was made by Merle Pryse to approve the agenda as amended, with a second by Brian Jenkins. The motion carried 4-0.

**III. Recognition of Dale Isabell:** Chairman Bible recognized Dale Isabell for his years of service with Clinton City Schools (Dale not present).

**IV. Consent Agenda**

Chairman Bible called for approval of Board of Education Minutes - April 10, 2014. Copies of the School Board meeting of April 10, 2014, were attached to agenda materials.

A motion was made to approve the Consent Agenda as presented by Brian Jenkins, with a second by Joey Smith. The motion carried 4-0.

**V. Financial Report:**

**A. Approval of Financial Report – April:** Copies of the April Financial Report were given out the night of the meeting. Mr. Scott Rhea, Accountant, recommended to the School Board for approval the April Financial Report.

A motion was made by Merle Pryse to approve the April Financial Report, with a second by Brian Jenkins. The motion carried 4-0 (roll call vote).

**B. Approval of Budget Amendment Eight:** Copies of Budget Amendment Eight were given out the night of the meeting. Mr. Rhea recommended to the School Board for approval the line items listed below for the 2013-2014 school year:

- Increase General Appropriation Code (\$51,128.24)
- Decrease General Appropriation Code (\$51,128.24)

A motion was made by Joey Smith to approve Budget Amendment Eight as listed above, with a second by Brian Jenkins. The motion carried 4-0 (roll call vote).

**VI. New Business Requiring Action by the Board:**

**A. Approve Medical Leave for Becky Cagle beginning May 12, 2014 through May 28, 2014:**

A motion was made by Merle Pryse to approve medical leave for Becky Cagle, with a second by Brian Jenkins. The motion carried 4-0.

**B. Approve 2014-2015 Budget First Reading:** Copies were sent out electronically before the meeting, and a hard copy was given out the night of the meeting. Dr. Vicki Violette reported the highlights of the 2014-2015 proposed balance budget: (1) 2% raise added to employee salary schedules; (1% funded from Clinton City Schools and 1% from the City, if approved); (2) Changes in the Cafeteria budget; (3) Elimination of an Interventionist position; (4) Elimination of one regular education instructional assistant position; (5) Elimination of one special education instructional assistant position, and (6) School psychologist will go to a part-time position. She recommended the budget to the Board for their approval:

➤ General Purpose School Fund	\$7,717,527
➤ Federal Project fund	514,016
➤ Food Service Fund	500,080

Total Budget	\$8,731,623
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A motion was made by Brian Jenkins to approve on first reading the 2014-2015 Budget, with a second by Merle Pryse. The motion carried 4-0 (roll call vote).

**C. Approve Directors Evaluation and Contract:** Chairman Bible shared with the School Board a summary of the survey that was conducted by Mollie Scarbrough in regards to Dr. Violette's annual evaluation. All six Board members either marked (4) consistently meets expectations, or (5) exceeds expectations on all 52 points except one response in category (3) usually meets expectations. In the summary, Ms. Scarbrough noted that the comments about Dr. Violette were "positive" The School Board congratulated Dr. Violette on a great job.

A motion was made by Joey Smith to approve the Directors Evaluation, with a second by Merle Pryse. The motion carried 4-0.

A motion was made by Merle Pryse to extend Dr. Violette's contract for one additional year, bringing her contract to four years (2018), with a second by Brian Jenkins. The motion carried 4-0.

**D. Authorization given to the Executive Committee to file a lawsuit regarding the liquor by the drink tax if necessary:** Item added to the agenda. After some discussion, Brian Jenkins made a motion that the School Board reconvene on May 29, 2014, for the purpose of discussing in more detail the liquor by the drink tax. Chairman Bible shared his concerns on the timing on waiting until the 29<sup>th</sup> if that would be enough time to contact the school lawyer in a timely manner. Brian Jenkins withdrew his original motion to wait until the 29<sup>th</sup>, and made a motion to give authorization to the Executive Committee to file a lawsuit regarding the liquor by the drink tax by June 1, 2014, if necessary, with a second by Merle Pryse (roll call vote). Merle Pryse - yes, Tim Bible - yes, Brian Jenkins - yes, and Joey Smith - no. Motion did not pass.

A motion was made by Brian Jenkins to give the Executive Committee permission to negotiate the ADA membership split liquor by the drink tax, with a second by Merle Pryse. The motion carried 4-0 (roll call vote).

The School Board will tentatively meet back on May 27, 2014, at 5:00 p.m. in the Clinton Elementary Library for further discussion regarding the liquor by the drink tax.

## **VII. Reports/Information**

### **Reports from Principals/Supervisors:**

- Matt Murphy, Jenna Sharp, and Lori Collins reported special activities that took place in their schools.
- Sixth Grade Graduation - May 23, 2014 - Ritz Theater (9:00 a.m.)
- Last Day of School for Students - May 27, 2014
- The Next School Board Meeting will be June 12, 2014 - Clinton Municipal Building (5:30 p.m.)
- TSBA Summer Law Institute, Park Vista - Gatlinburg, July 18-19, 2014
- Retirements: Joy Bundon (North & South Clinton Elementary School), Patti Harmening (South Clinton Elementary School), Nancy McGhee (South Clinton Elementary School), Lillie Kay Reed (South Clinton Elementary School), Vicki Waddell (North Clinton Elementary School), Becky Cagle (North Clinton Elementary School, and Joy Arehart and Brenda Cunningham (South Clinton Elementary School, retirements added).
- Resignations: Lauren Bray (North Clinton Elementary School), Lindsey Heritage (South Clinton Elementary School), Crissa May (Clinton Elementary School), and Hollie Hillard (Clinton Elementary School).

## **VIII. Director Report:** Dr. Violette shared several items with the School Board:

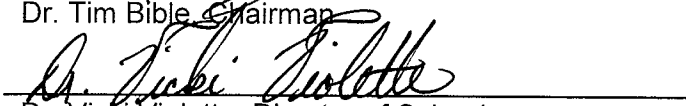
- TCAP testing is finally completed for this year
- We have received six applications for the Assistant Principal position. We hope to have someone in place by the end of the month
- We have a total of eight retirements and four resignations
- Joey Smith, School Board member, will be the speaker at 6<sup>th</sup> grade graduation this year.

## **IX. Adjournment of Meeting**

Chairman Bible adjourned the meeting at 6:53 p.m.



Dr. Tim Bible, Chairman



Dr. Vicki Violette, Director of Schools