ROANE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING

October 25, 2012

I., II. & III. CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE AND ROLL CALL

Chairman Rob Jago called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with a "Moment of Silence" and led those assembled in the Pledge of Allegiance. Upon roll call, the following Board members were present: Sam Cox, Marjorie Earick, Hugh M. Johnson, Darrell "Drack" Langley, Wade McCullough, Mike "Brillo" Miller, Mike Taylor, Danny Wright, Vice-Chairman Everett Massengill and Chairman Rob Jago. Others present were: Director Gary D. Aytes; Business Manager Eric Harbin; Supervisors Tony Clower, Russell Jenkins and Jerry Yarborough; and Principals/Asst. Principals Scott Calahan, Lance Duff, Amanda Evans, Chris Johnson, Scott Mason, Alan Reed, Shelia Sitzlar, Robin Smith, David Stevens, Tim Thompson, Nancy Wilson and Jeff Woods.

IV. ADOPTION OF REGULAR AGENDA

MOTION was made by Mr. Langley with **second** by Mr. Cox **approval** of the Regular Agenda.

Motion **PASSED** unanimously upon voice vote.

V. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM THE SEPTEMBER 20, 2012 BOARD MEETING AND OCTOBER 4, 2012 "SPECIAL CALLED" MEETING

MOTION was made by Mr. Miller with **second** by Mr. Johnson **approval** of the minutes from the September 20, 2012 Board Meeting and October 4, 2012 "Special Called" Meeting.

Motion **PASSED** unanimously upon voice vote.

VI. HEARING OF DELEGATION

Robert Kennedy, 298 Edwards Road, Harriman, has concerns about the selling of Dyllis Elementary School. He would like to see it turned into a community center.

VII. REPORTS

A. Director's Report

- Director's Report **(on file).**
- The state approved using one of our stockpiled days for Staff Development Day on November 6th (Election Day).
- The state Report Card will be available on November 1st.
- We have begun the process of working on our 5 year Strategic Plan. Our first meeting will be Monday, October 29th at 6:00 p.m. at Harriman High School Auditorium.
- The auctions will be held on Wednesday, October 31st for Dyllis Elementary School at 12:00 p.m. and Walnut Hill Elementary School at 1:00 p.m. The walk through and inspections for both schools will be Friday, October 26th from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

B. Business Manager's Report

- Quarterly Summary Financial Report ending September 2012 **on file**.
- Internal School Funds Audit Reports for year ending June 30, 2012 were distributed and are **on file.**

C. Facilities Report

Director Aytes had nothing to report.

D. Committee Reports

- Facilities Committee – Minutes from September 27, 2012 meeting are **on file**.

E. Chairman's Report

The appointed committees for school year 2012-2013 were distributed and **on file**.

MOTION was made by Mr. Wright with **second** by Mr. McCullough **to accept** the reports.

Motion **PASSED** unanimously upon voice vote.

VIII. OLD BUSINESS

A. Recommendation from the Director

1. **Approval to rescind to surplus and sell at public auction property on Highway 70, Eureka Road (Eureka School property)**

   MOTION was made by Mr. McCullough with **second** by Mr. Miller **approval** to rescind to surplus and sell at public auction property on Highway 70, Eureka Road (Eureka School property).

   Motion **PASSED** unanimously upon roll call vote.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. Recommendations from the Director

1. **Approval to surplus technology equipment and to recycle or dispose**

   MOTION was made by Mr. Miller with **second** by Mr. Cox **approval** to surplus technology equipment and to recycle or dispose.

   Motion **PASSED** unanimously upon roll call vote.

2. **Approval of application for SACS District Accreditation**

   MOTION was made by Mr. Cox with **second** by Mr. Johnson **approval** of application for SACS District Accreditation.

   Motion **PASSED** unanimously upon roll call vote.

3. **Approval of Budget Amendment Federal Projects Fund 142 First to the Top-Focus (541)**

   MOTION was made by Mr. Miller with **second** by Mr. Cox **approval** of Budget Amendment Federal Projects Fund 142 First to the Top-Focus (541)

   Motion **PASSED** unanimously upon roll call vote.

4. **Approval to turn over to the county previous surplused property leased to the Michael Dunn Center**

   MOTION was made by Mr. Miller with **second** by Mr. Langley **to discuss** turning over to the county previous surplused property leased to the Michael Dunn Center.

   Director Aytes explained in discussion with Mike McElhinney, Director of Michael Dunn Center, he became aware the school system owns 6 acres of the old Edgewood School that is now the Michael Dunn Center. The Michael Dunn Center owns 6+ acres around what the school systems owns. The Michael Dunn Center is looking to update their facilities. They can't do it because we still own the property even thou they have a 100 year lease on our property. He recommends releasing ownership of the Michael Dunn Center property to the county so the county can work with the Michael Dunn Center to get them a new facility.

   Mr. Johnson commented if we surplus this property, he wants the Michael Dunn Center to remain in Roane County.

   Mr. Langley commented if we turn the property over to the county, we wouldn't have a say as to what they do with the property. All we can do is make a recommendation what we would like to be done.

   Director Aytes stated he had the same concerns and Mr. McElhinney assured him they have no desire to leave Roane County.

   The floor was yielded to Mr. McElhinney. He has spoken with the Executive Committee of the Michael Dunn Center Board. They would gladly pledge to stay in Roane County.

   Mr. Cox asked Mr. McElhinney wasn't Michael Dunn Center trying to sell the property at one time and wanted the Board to give them this property?

   Mr. McElhinney stated the Michael Dunn Foundation owes 18 acres that are adjacent to the 6 acres they're leasing from the school system. The vision that some of our county leaders have is a retail development along Gallaher Road that would someday generate sales tax revenue. It would be our hope if we acquire the 6 acres that we are currently leasing to someday combine that with the land we already own and use that for a potential sale to relocate to an area that would generate less

tax revenue for the county in exchange for more tax revenue from the Gallaher Road area but also keep Michael Dunn Center within Roane County.

After more discussion, **MOTION** was made by Mr. Taylor with **second** by Mr. Wright **to defer** and send this to the Facilities Committee to review.

Motion **PASSED** unanimously upon roll call vote.

5. **Approval of Gary D. Aytes, Director, Performance Contract with the Roane County Board of Education**

MOTION was made by Mr. McCullough with **second** by Mr. Massengill **approval** of Gary D. Aytes, Director, Performance Contract with the Roane County Board of Education.

Motion **PASSED** unanimously upon roll call vote.

X. COMMENTS

The next School Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 15, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. at the Central Office.

XI. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, **MOTION** was made by Mr. Miller with **second** by Mr. Cox **to adjourn**.

Motion **PASSED** unanimously upon voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Rob Jago, Chairman Danita White, Recording Secretary

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Gary D. Aytes, Director