Across the Board

August 19, 2013

A record 26 schools were celebrated as 2012-13 Reward Schools during the August 19, 2013, meeting of the Williamson County Board of Education. The Tennessee Department of Education announced the Reward Schools earlier in the day. The 2012-13 Reward Elementary Schools for Performance include Edmondson, Grassland, Kenrose, Lipscomb, Nolensville, Oak View, Pearre Creek, Scales, Walnut Grove and Winstead elementary schools. Hillsboro School was also named a Reward School for Performance as well as Page, Sunset and Woodland middle schools and Brentwood, Franklin, Independence and Summit high schools.

The 2012-13 Reward Schools for Performance and Progress include Allendale, Clovercroft, Crockett, Sunset and Trinity elementary schools along with Brentwood and Grassland middle schools and Page High School.

Independence High’s Jarrell Raines was celebrated by the Board for a perfect ACT score. While Summit High’s Arianna Ackerman won first place in Prepared Speaking at the National HOSA competition. Her teachers are Christina Isong and Denise Asbury.

Franklin High Teacher Mark Saltamachia was spotlighted for being elected the 2013-14 President of the Tennessee Educational Theatre Association.

Six schools were recognized for receiving honors at the Third Annual Superintendent’s Banquet held earlier in the month. Walnut Grove Elementary, Woodland Middle and Ravenwood High received the Superintendent’s Award for Academic Achievement. Clovercroft Elementary, Brentwood Middle and Page High received the Superintendent’s Award for Academic Growth.

In the Superintendent’s Report, Dr. Mike Looney reported that school district enrollment is continuing to growth especially in kindergarten and ninth grades.

In the Board Chairman’s Report, Pat Anderson introduced Mike Fletcher as the district’s new Safety Director.

In New Business, the Board:
• Upheld a textbook committee recommendation to continue using The Cultural Landscape for another school year in AP Human Geography classes. Anderson thanked all of those who served on the committee for reading the entire book, participating in a four-plus hour hearing and reviewing other materials.
• Approved the Transfer policy on first reading.
• Approved six General Purpose School Fund budget resolutions including $1,133,967 in PARCC State funds for technology; a resolution for $16,588 from the State Coordinated
School Health Program; a resolution for $24,337 for CTE childcare equipment needs; a resolution for $27,499 for computer equipment from donations through Invest Now; a resolution for $20,000 for tutoring through a United Way grant; and a resolution for $74,709 for professional development through a Verizon grant.

- Approved capital funding requests totaling $15,410,000 for current and future construction and maintenance projects.
- Approved an amendment to include the employee two percent raise in the 2013-14 Central Cafeteria Fund Budget.
- Approved an amendment to include the employee two percent raise in the 2013-14 Extended School Fund Budget.
- Approved a resolution urging the Tennessee Department of Education to reopen the TCAP appeals process for the correction of coding errors.

In other business, the Board:

- Approved recommended field trip fee requests.
- Approved one policy on second reading including Work Based Learning.
- Approved the School Board Annual Agenda for 2013-14.
- Approved the School Board Meeting Dates for 2013-14.
- Approved Sick Leave Bank Trustees for 2013-14.
- Approved Board parameters for the 2014-15 calendar.
- Approved outstanding purchase orders for school activity funds.
- Approved Title IIIA, Part 1-D, FY 14 Immigration Grant through September, 2015.
- Approved a playground shade structure at Longview Elementary.
- Approved an easement request by the City of Brentwood along Granny White Pike and Murray Lane.
- Approved the Rolling Hills Community Church lease at Edmondson Elementary.
- Approved the Clearview Baptist Church lease at Trinity Elementary.

Each school principal has an electronic copy of the Board packet information.  
The next regular meeting of the WCBE will be Monday, September 16, 2013, at 6:30 p.m. in the Auditorium of the Administrative Complex.