

Education Committee
Nov. 7, 2011

Roll Call: Steve Lowrance
Sonja Culler
Pat Hicks
Richard Renfro
Charles VonCannon
John G. Lewis
Joel Street

Absent: Ernest Ritchie

Members of the Carter County School Board and School Supervisors were also in attendance.

Minutes of the May 2nd approved: Motion by Renfro, second by Lewis...All Ayes

Nominations for Chair: C. VonCannon nominated Steve Lowrance, second by P. Hicks. Renfro Closed nominations elect by acclamation. All Ayes

Nominations for Vice Chair: J. Lewis nominated Joel Street, second by R. Renfro. Lewis Closed nominations elect by acclamation...All Ayes

Nominations for Secretary: S. Lowrance nominated Sonja Culler, second by R. Renfro. Close nominations by S. Lowrance elect by acclamation.... All Ayes

School Directors report:

Dr. Ellis not in attendance and Mr. Danny McClain said there was no report.

C. VonCannon ask questions about school board using Jail Pods and about # of students in the new health science classes....Chairman Lowrance ask him to wait...there would be a better time during those reports to ask.

CTE report---Mickey Taylor

Mr. Taylor thanked the committee and the commission for the money for the 2 health science positions...one at Hampton High and one at Cloudland High. Hampton class #'s are at maximum and are currently stationed in a temporary classroom. Mr. Bradley, HHS principal plans to move to are new area which now needs some renovations, which will take place this Summer at a low cost).

Cloudland classroom will need more work, temporarily meeting in the upstairs of the welding shop. The new classroom will require major changes to the old agriculture-building classroom, but it will be ready by Christmas.

S. Lowrance requested the committee to visit each of these classrooms during our Dec. 5th meeting. Plan is to meet at the courthouse at 10:00 then travel to the schools.

The health science programs prepared the students to work as CNAs, some are working so now, others will get their certification after the class.

M. Taylor mentioned the old Tenn. Tech center on Arney Hill, as a possible site for the Carter County Schools CTE Classes and the new Tenn Technology is completed. He is very interested in starting a Plumbing class.

Adult Education; Richard Reno

Mr. Renfro's report is attached.

He did report that Carter County Adult Ed was partnering with AB&T to help the students. Students are receiving \$50.00/day to attend GED classes from AB&T.

Mr. Renfro reported that 17 yr olds can only enroll in the GED program after receiving a letter from their high school principal (hardship) and approval from Dr. Ellis.

P. Hicks commented Mr. Renfro on his work. S. Lowrance commend on all adult education program, GED, Tenn. Technology and Northeast.

Mr. Renfro reported he has had 25-30 students get their GED diploma then enroll in another school, such as Northeast or Tenn Technology center

Long Range Planning Carter County Schools—Jerry McMahan

Report Attached

J. Street thanked Mr. McMahan for his work, S. Lowrance agreed. Mr. McMahan thanked is team.

Old Business:

Steve Lowrance commented on the accomplishments of this committee over the last year: HHS/CHS health science classes; Adult Ed. GED money for test; Educate and Grow Scholarship money for Northeast (\$10,000 for private sector).

Von Cannon: schools possible use of the jail pods? School personnel weren't sure if there was a need for these in the school systems. Weighting the cost of moving; condition of pods; site preparation, etc.

Mr. Renfro spoke to clarify the GED money, it is not for the classes to prepare for the test, it is the cost of the test for the students....no cost for classes.

J. Street made a motion to go back to the Budget Committee to request \$10,000 for the GED program....P. Hicks corrected J. Street that the \$10,000 was for Educate and Grow not GED...the amount given to GED from Carter County Tomorrow to help with the test was \$550.00. Mr. Street then amended his motion for \$550.00 for the GED program. Second by P. Hicks, all Ayes.

J. Street said he was also interested in getting the \$10,000 back to the commission for the Educate and Grow Scholarship.

New Business

NONE

Comments:

Mickey Taylor reported that the window replacement at HVHS and HHS is about 60% completed.

S. Lowrance questioned the # of City students enrolled in the GED program and he and Mr. Renfro will be requesting that the City also contribute \$550.00 to the program.

Motion to Adjourn: S. Culler, second P. Hicks All Ayes

Next Meeting Dec. 5, 2011 at 10:00 AM

Respectfully submitted,

Sonja Culler, Secretary