

**GERMANTOWN BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**Thursday, March 20, 2014 – 6:30 p.m.**

**Houston Middle School Cafeteria, 9400 Wolf River Blvd. Germantown TN 38139**

A meeting of the Germantown Board of Education was held on March 20, 2014 at Houston Middle School Cafeteria, Germantown, TN.

The following Board members were present: Lisa Parker, Ken Hoover, Mark Dely, Linda Fisher and Natalie Williams. The Board of Education Attorney Debra Owen, the Superintendent for the Germantown Municipal School District, Jason Manuel and his Executive Secretary, Vijaya Subramani, Chief of Staff- GMSD, Dan Haddow and his Executive Secretary, Pat Pritchard, Chief of Operations- GMSD, Josh Cathey, Director of Student Services- GMSD, Chauncey Bland, Chief Financial Officer-GMSD, Autumn Enochs, Director of Academic Advancement, Teresa Price, Information Technology Coordinator, John Pierce were also present.

**Call to Order**

Chairman Lisa Parker called the meeting to order at 6:45 PM

**Moment of Silence**

Chairman Lisa Parker asked for a moment of silence

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Mark Dely led the Pledge of Allegiance

**Approval of Agenda**

Lisa Parker requested to remove Agenda No.8 since it was decided during the work session, per the recommendation of the Superintendent and the Board attorney to move to the next board meeting.

Motion by Mark Dely, seconded by Natalie Williams, to approve the agenda as written and to include the above change

ROLL CALL: Fisher- yes, Dely – yes, Williams – yes, Parker – yes, Hoover – yes. Motion approved.

**Approval of Minutes**

**Minutes from 3.3.14 Board Meeting**

Mark Dely suggested that the Minutes from 3.3.14 Meeting be delayed for approval until the next Board meeting in order to facilitate clarification and updates on the minutes.

Motion to approve delay of approval of Minutes from 3.3.14 meeting by Mark Dely, seconded by Linda Fisher

ROLL CALL: Fisher- yes, Dely – yes, Williams – yes, Parker – yes, Hoover – yes. Motion approved.

### **Minutes from 3.7.14 Board Meeting**

Chairman Lisa Parker suggested approval of 3.7.14 Minutes after amendments.

Motion by Lisa Parker, seconded by Linda Fisher, to approve the minutes as written from the meeting on March.7, 2014

ROLL CALL: Parker – yes, Williams – yes, Fisher – yes, Hoover – Abstain, Dely- Abstain. Motion approved.

### **Superintendent Report**

Jason Manuel briefed on the Hybrid model for Maintenance, looking at a similar model at City of Germantown. He discussed the various options of Shared Services with other municipalities. Mr. Manuel stated that Transportation bid is under process as it was definitely not an option to start our own fleet. Several options for health benefits and Nutrition have been under study. Mr. Manuel commended all the School Administrators and Staff for all the support they have extended. He briefed on the Open Enrollment process which started on March.18<sup>th</sup> and thanked Mr. Chauncey Bland for his effort. He also informed that as of date, 1300 non residents have applied for Germantown Municipal Schools on Open Enrollment process.

### **Citizens to be Heard**

Chairman Lisa Parker explained the procedures to follow for the citizens to be heard

Marisa Bost, 1696 Hapano Dr. Germantown, TN 38138 questioned if all the open enrollment applications will be validated prior to granting transfers. Mr. Bland replied that it will be done.

Lorraine Ford, 30 N. Reese, Memphis, TN 38111 appealed to enable her child to stay in Houston High until the exit grade upon getting a transfer and said she was very happy with the school.

Daniel Randolph, 1992 Klug Cove, Collierville TN 38017 requested the Board to keep in mind the contributions made by Collierville students and parents at Houston High and Houston Middle, when making a deal between the two municipalities.

Terri Harris 1816 Old Mill, Germantown TN 38138, said she was worried about the extended families in Collierville and a need to provide them with stability. She said that it seemed fair to adopt the Inter Local Agreement with Collierville.

Andrea McLeod, 10256 Waterford, Collierville TN 38017, Houston High PTSA President gave the statistical information that out of the 18 PTSA Board members, 14 were Collierville parents and out of the four ACT perfect scorers, 3 were from Collierville, out of the six National Merit Scholars, 4 were from Collierville, 47.5% of the Houston High Band were from Collierville, and she hoped that the GMSD Board embrace what Collierville can bring to Houston High.

Anita Ford, 2118 Kimbrough Woods Pl, Germantown TN 38139, pleaded that in order for Community survival, we need the Collierville families to continue to be home and support the agreement and the reputation speaks for itself.

**Resolution to sign E-Rate contract**

A Resolution was put to vote to approve to sign the E-Rate contract.

Mr. Manuel read the resolution and explained the contract for ENA, XO Communications and AT&T Connected to E-Rate funding based on Technology and Free and Reduced numbers, and for ENA, XO Communications and AT&T

Motion by Mark Dely, Seconded by Natalie Williams

ROLL CALL: Williams – yes, Dely – yes, Hoover – yes, Fisher – yes, Parker – yes. Motion approved.

**Inter-local Agreement for Planning**

Mr. Manuel explained the reason for hiring a Planning Personnel via Shared Services who would help operate GIS system, perform analysis to project BEP funding. The Board members had several questions on the validity of the agreement with City of Bartlett being the employer of this shared service in case of a default in the provider / employee / payment / dissatisfaction scenario. Mr. Manuel assured that taking in to consideration the specialized job description of this position, he will make sure that this contract would not affect the identity of the GMSD.

Motion by Natalie Williams, seconded by Linda Fisher

ROLL CALL: Dely – yes, Hoover – yes, Fisher – yes, Parker – yes, Williams – yes. Motion approved.

**Inter- local Agreement with Collierville**

The Superintendent Mr. Manuel outlined the various features of the Inter-local agreement with the City of Collierville serving the students currently in our schools. He said that Collierville will provide \$100.00 per student currently attending Houston High or Houston Middle, would allow GMSD to use their bus lot, which would enable the students to finish in the current school until the exit grade.

He also informed that it would cost approximately 2 million dollars for GMSD to own a bus lot and a fleet of 30 buses at this time.

The Board members raised questions on how this agreement would affect the current Germantown resident students seeking transfers to their preferred school of choice. The Superintendent explained that the ILA would not prevent the Germantown Students from being granted transfer to Houston Middle School. The Board members also expressed their views and concerns on the agreement including the impact on Germantown residents and other non-residents of Germantown, Cordova and other Shelby county residents.

Motion by Natalie Williams, seconded by Linda Fisher

ROLL CALL: Hoover – yes, Fisher – yes, Parker – yes, Williams – yes, Dely – yes. Motion approved.

**Resolution to vote – Revision of Inter- District Open enrollment policy**

A resolution was put to vote to amend the Inter- District Open enrollment policy to read, “Students granted transfers through the open enrollment process have the opportunity to stay at this school until their exit year”

Motion by Ken Hoover, Seconded by Natalie Williams

ROLL CALL: Fisher – Yes, Parker – Yes, Williams – Yes, Dely – Yes, Hoover – Yes. Motion approved.

**Resolution to vote amendment to school calendar**

Mr. Manuel recommended an amendment to the 2014-15 school Calendar in regards to correction of Presidents Day being reported incorrectly

Motion by Natalie Williams, Seconded by Ken Hoover, Motion Approved

ROLL CALL: Parker – Yes, Fisher – Yes, Hoover – Yes, Dely – Yes, Williams – Yes. Motion approved

**Old Business**

Mark Dely stated that he was not able to make it to the 3.7.14 Emergency GMSD Meeting and would appreciate at least 24 hours notice to enable citizens to have the opportunity of being a part of the meeting.

**New Business**

No new business was discussed at this time.

**Announcements**

Chairman Lisa Parker announced that the next GMSD work session will be held on Wednesday Mar.26 at 6:00 PM at the GMSD office. The next GMSD Board meeting will be held on Monday April.7 at the City council chambers.

The Board will also discuss the possibility of School tours on Fridays in the future.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, Chairman Lisa Parker had the meeting adjourned at 8:14 PM.

Germantown Board of Education  
March 20, 2014

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Lisa Parker  
Chairman

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Jason Manuel  
Superintendent