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SCEA School Board Notes

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PRESENT: Brotherton, Calton, Houser, E. & B. Kilgore, D. King, Mayor Godsey

PUBLIC COMMENTS: 1 parent & 2 Commissioners (B. & E. Kilgore) asked the Board to reinstate bus service to the Woodwinds Subdivision area.

REPORT FROM DIR. OF SCHOOLS: Mr. Arwood highlighted Skill USA students from South High & asked Mr. Joe M. Akard to update the Board on work at Blountville Middle. Mr. Akard said the subflooring should be done by Aug. 06 & the job should be completed about mid-October.

TRANSFER OF BUS ROUTE: Approval was given to transfer bus route #493 from Lane Transportation to C & S Transit beginning with the upcoming school year.

EXTENSION OF BUS SERVICE ON STUFFLE STREET/KINGSPORT: After much discussion, this item was tabled for more study.

NAMING OF CENTRAL FIELDHOUSE: With Facilities Committee approval, the Board named the Central High field house as "David Ward Field House."

SCHOOL LIGHTS & MAINTENANCE: Approval was given for the school maintenance dept. to take over all the school zone flashing lights as of July 01. Maintenance will track the man-hours used for 1 year to better determine if the duties warrant hiring a new employee.

BOARD POLICIES FOR ADOPTION: Policy 3038 (Homeless Students) was adopted on 1st reading in order to comply with NCLB requirements & to meet McKinney-Vento Act.

INCREASES IN A-LA-CARTE FOOD ITEMS: A new pricing list was approved for 2007-08. Individual a-la-carte items must be priced so that choosing a plate meal is a more cost effective choice.

REQUEST FOR STORAGE BUILDING AT SOUTH HIGH: Approval was given for the South Rebel Pigskin Parent Organization to place a building near the concession stand to store & sell apparel during football games.

BUDGET: Mr. Arwood called the proposed 2007-08 general purpose school budget "a very ambitious one that I can support" & said "It takes in the needs of both students & staff and we are dedicated to this budget." The \$90,594,533 proposal passed unanimously.

BOARD ATTORNEY'S CONTRACT: The agreement was given to Board members for review.

BOARD SUPPORT FOR COUNTY COMMISSION STUDY OF SCHOOLS: At the request of County Mayor Steve Godsey, the Board voted its support of the 2 phase study of school facilities by the County Commission. The Commission will contract with the Knoxville (TN) Public Building Authority for both Phase 1 (demographic & growth projections of Sullivan Co. Schools) & Phase 2 (assessment of the existing facilities) at a combined cost not to exceed \$134,000 with funds provided from Sullivan Co. General Fund Account.

NEXT REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING: Monday, Aug. 06, 6:30 PM.