



# WEAKLEY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

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DATE: September 26, 2019

TO: Members, Weakley County School Board

FROM: Randy Frazier, Director  
Weakley County Schools  
Steve Vantrease, Chairman  
Weakley County School Board

RE: October School Board Meeting

The mission of Weakley County Schools is to provide an educational environment that will encourage students to "achieve their full potential" as they prepare for unique roles as contributing members of our complex and changing society.

**The Weakley County School Board will meet at 5:00 P.M. on Thursday, October 3, 2019, at the Weakley County Personal Development Center.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS:

The Weakley County School Board will meet at 5:00 P.M. on Thursday, November 7, 2019, at Dresden Elementary School.

## AGENDA:

1. Approval of the Agenda.
2. Approve the minutes of the September 5, 2019 School Board Meeting.
3. Hear an update from Trista Snider, Supervisor of Child Nutrition.
4. Consider/approve hiring the following volunteer coaches:  
Kinleigh Harris, Greenfield (junior high girls' basketball)  
Bill McCall, Greenfield (tennis)  
Tucker Turner, Sharon (basketball)
5. Consider/approve budget resolutions and/or transfers.
6. Committee Reports –
7. Consent Items:
  - a) Consider/approve revising School Board Policy 6.308 (Bus Conduct) 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading.

- b) Consider/approve Report of School System/School Compliance with Tennessee Statutes and the State Board of Education
  
- c) Field Trips
  - 1) Gleason's FCCLA to travel to Nashville for the FCCLA Leadership Camp October 4-6
  - 2) Westview's Spanish Club to travel to Nashville to see the Spanish theater/dance tour October 4
  - 3) Dresden High's FCCLA to travel to Nashville for the FCCLA Leadership Camp October 4-6
  - 4) Westview's Band to travel to Jonesboro High School (Oct.5); & Paragould High School (Oct. 26)
  - 5) Gleason's Spanish Club to travel to Nashville to visit Cheekwood Estates November 2
  - 6) Gleason's High School Beta to travel to Nashville to attend State Beta Convention November 21-23
  - 7) Gleason's FFA to travel to Indianapolis, Indiana, to attend National Convention Oct. 29-November 1
  - 8) Dresden High FFA to travel to Indianapolis, Indiana, to attend National Convention Oct. 29-November 1

**WEAKLEY COUNTY SCHOOLS**

**Dresden High School**

**September 5, 2019**

**5:00 – 5:35 P.M.**

**Board Members:** Martin Hamlin, John Hatler, Kim Longacre, Gath Meeks, Joshua Moore, Doug Sims & Steve Vantrease. (Absent- Beau Atkins & Jeff Floyd)

**Administrative Staff Present:** Michelle Clements, Jeff Cupples, Jeromy Davidson, Lee Lawrence, Melanie Needham, Chuck West, Ron Byington, Donald Ray High, Jeff Kelley, Mark Maddox, Lindsey Parham, Deborah Perkins, Terri Stephenson & Trista Snider.

**Media Present:** *Dresden Enterprise & Weakley County Press.*

**Meeting Called To Order:** Chairman Vantrease called the meeting to order.

- I. Agenda Approved** – Motion by Meeks, seconded by Longacre to approve the September 5, 2019 agenda. Motion carried.
- II. Minutes Approved** - Motion by Moore, seconded by Sims to approve the minutes from the August 1, 2019 meeting. Motion carried.
- III. Election of Board Positions** - Motion by Hatler, seconded by Sims to appoint Steve Vantrease as Chairman and motion by Hatler, seconded by Longacre to appoint Josh Moore as Vice-Chairman and motion by Hatler, seconded by Sims to appoint Kim Longacre as TLN Representative. Motion carried.
- IV. Update from Karen Campbell, Communications Director** – Karen Campbell updated the Board on the rollout of the #WeakleyStrong campaign and the growth of the social media audiences following the school system on Facebook, Twitter & Instagram.
- V. Approve Board Policy 6.308 Revisions** – Motion by Meeks, seconded by Longacre to approve Board Policy 6.308. Motion carried. 1<sup>st</sup> Reading
- VI. Volunteer Drivers** – Motion by Moore, seconded by Hamlin to approve the following volunteer drivers for Westview Band. Motion carried.  
Westview High School  
Mark Ary                      Rhonda Tucker  
Jeffrey Oliver                Gregory Vandergriff  
Gregory Reddick

- VII. Budget Resolutions** – The following resolutions were approved.  
Resolution 2020-05 – Motion by Meeks, seconded by Sims to approve Resolution 2020-05. Motion carried.  
Resolution 2020-08 – Motion by Longacre, seconded by Hamlin to approve Resolution 2020-08. Motion carried.  
Resolution 142-20-01 – Motion by Meeks, seconded by Hamlin to approve Resolution 142-20-01. Motion carried.
- VIII. Committee Reports** – Vantrease reminded the board members about the Fall District Meeting that will be hosted by Weakley County on September 24, 2019 located at Westview High School.
- IX. Consent Items** – Motion by Moore, seconded by Longacre to approve the following consent items. Motion carried.
- A. Foreign Exchange Student-**  
 Approve a Foreign Exchange Student from Brazil to attend Westview High School for 2019-2020SY.
- B. Field Trips –**
- Dresden Middle School  
 1. Beta to travel to Nashville, TN to attend State Convention November 24-26, 2019
- Dresden High School  
 1. FCCLA to travel to Memphis, TN to attend West TN Fall Leadership Conference October 29, 2019.
- Greenfield School  
 1. Science Team to travel to Adamsville, TN to visit Coon Creek Science Center September 7-8, 2019.
- Westview School  
 1. FCCLA to travel to Antioch, TN to attend Leadership Camp October 4-6, 2019.  
 2. HOSA to travel to Nashville, TN to attend state competitions April 7-9, 2020.  
 3. Baseball team to travel to Gulf Shores, AL to play baseball games March 22-27, 2020.  
 4. Cheer Team to travel to Southaven, MS October 26, 2019; Murfreesboro, TN November 2, 2019; Cape Girardeau, MO December 15, 2019; Orlando, FL February 6-11, 2020.  
 5. FFA to travel to Nashville, TN to attend TN State Fair September 8-9, 2019 (8 students); Nashville, TN to attend Grill Masters Competition September 14, 2019 (4 students); Indianapolis, IN to attend National Convention & Expo October 29-November 1, 2019 (18 students); Doyle, TN to attend Camp Clements November 22-23, 2019 (2 students); Nashville, TN to attend State Legislative Breakfast February 26-27, 2020 (9 students); Gatlinburg, TN to attend FFA Convention March 28-April 1, 2020 (20 students); Sparta, TN to attend Forestry Camp June 1-5, 2020 (2 students); Doyle, TN to attend Camp Clements June 2-5, 2020 (18 students).

**Adjourn** – Steve Vantrease adjourned the meeting at 5:35 PM.

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Steve Vantrease, Chairman

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Randy Frazier, Secretary

# Weakley County Board of Education



Monitoring:

Descriptor Term:

**DRAFT**

## Bus Conduct

Descriptor Code:

6.308

Issued Date:

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2 In order to maintain conditions and atmosphere suitable for learning, no person shall enter onto a  
3 school bus except students assigned to that bus or parents of students or other persons with  
4 lawful and valid business on the bus.<sup>1</sup>  
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6 The school is responsible for a student from the time he/she gets on the bus in the morning until  
7 he/she gets off the bus in the afternoon—not just while he/she is on school grounds. Therefore,  
8 student misbehavior on the bus will be dealt with in the same manner as if he/she were at school.  
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10 The school bus is an extension of school activity; riding the school bus is a privilege extended to  
11 students. Therefore, students shall conduct themselves on the bus in a manner consistent with the  
12 established standards for safety and classroom behavior. Students can be removed at any time for  
13 disruptive, unsatisfactory conduct. All students are under the supervision and control of the bus  
14 driver. All reasonable directions given by him/her shall be followed.  
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16 A driver may remove a student in the event that the driver finds it necessary for the safety of the  
17 other student passengers or the driver, provided that the driver secures the safety of the ejected  
18 student for the uncompleted trip. A driver shall report to school authorities as soon as possible,  
19 but no later than the end of the route, any student refusing to obey the driver or exiting the bus  
20 without the driver's permission at a point other than the student's destination for that trip.<sup>2</sup>  
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22 The principal of the student transported shall be informed by the bus driver of any serious  
23 discipline problem and may be called upon to assist if necessary. A student may be denied the  
24 privilege of riding the bus if the principal determines that his/her behavior is such as to cause  
25 disruption on the bus, or if he/she disobeys state or local rules and regulations pertaining to  
26 student transportation.  
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28 Principals may suspend or recommend expulsion of student(s) for disobedience or disturbance on  
29 a bus in the same manner as for any other infraction that occurs in the school. The suspension of  
30 a student from riding the school bus shall follow the same procedures as for any other school  
31 suspension.  
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33 Any student wishing to ride a bus other than his/her designated bus must have written parental  
34 permission and the approval of the principal or his/her designee.  
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### Legal References

<sup>1</sup> TCA 49-6-2008

<sup>2</sup> P.C. 261 (2007)

1 USE OF VIDEO CAMERAS

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3 Video surveillance cameras may be used to monitor student behavior on school vehicles  
4 transporting students to and from school or extracurricular activities. Video surveillance shall be  
5 used only to promote the order, safety, and security of students, staff and property.  
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7 The district shall comply with all applicable state and federal laws related to photographs and/or  
8 video footage.<sup>3</sup> Parent(s)/guardian(s) may submit requests in writing to view photographs and/or  
9 video footage to the director of schools up to five business days after the date of the event in  
10 question. **If recordings are available**, the director of schools or designee shall arrange a time for  
11 viewing, and the Director of Schools or designee shall be present when parent(s)/guardian(s) are  
12 provided the opportunity to view the footage or photographs.<sup>4</sup>  
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14 The director of schools shall develop procedures governing the use of cameras and/or video  
15 cameras in accordance with the provisions of state and federal law and established Board  
16 policies.  
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18 STUDENTS SHALL OBSERVE THE FOLLOWING GUIDELINES:

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- 20 1. Be at the assigned location at the proper time to catch the bus.
  - 21 2. Stand well off the road and stand clear of the bus until it comes to a complete stop.
  - 22 3. Load in an orderly manner and be seated before the bus starts; must not move around  
23 while bus is in motion.
  - 24 4. In unloading, crossing streets or roads the student shall do so under direction of the  
25 driver.
  - 26 5. Be careful in approaching bus stops; walk on the left side of the road, facing oncoming  
27 traffic; when getting off the bus cross the road only after the bus driver has signaled that  
28 it is safe.
  - 29 6. Be on time for the bus and help the driver keep on his schedule.
  - 30 7. Reach a seat in the bus without disturbing others; remain seated while the bus is in  
31 motion.
  - 32 8. Obey driver promptly and cheerfully.
  - 33 9. Treat driver as well as other students with courtesy.
  - 34 10. Keep talking, laughing, or confusion to a minimum so as not to distract the driver's  
35 attention.
  - 36 11. Keep the aisle clear of all items: books, lunch boxes, etc.  
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38 Cursing or smoking on the bus will result in suspension from riding the bus for a minimum of  
39 three (3) days.

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Legal References:

<sup>3</sup> TCA 10-7-504; 20 U.S.C. 1232g  
<sup>4</sup> Public Acts of 2019, Chapter No. 256

1 These regulations shall be posted in each bus:  
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- 3 1. Observe the same rules of conduct as in the classroom.
- 4 2. Be courteous and use no profane language
- 5 3. Keep the bus clean.
- 6 4. Do not eat or drink on the bus.
- 7 5. Cooperate with the driver.
- 8 6. Do not use tobacco or tobacco products, including Electronic Nicotine Devices (ENDs or  
9 "vaping" devices).
- 10 7. Do not be destructive.
- 11 8. Stay in your seat.
- 12 9. Keep hands, feet and heads inside the bus.
- 13 10. Bus driver has authority to assign seats.

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15 Students in violation of bus conduct rules shall be subject to disciplinary action in accordance  
16 with established Board policy governing student conduct and discipline.  
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Cross References:

- 1.803 Tobacco-Free Schools
- 3.400 Student Transportation Management
- 3.401 Scheduling and Routing
- 6.313 Discipline Procedures
- 6.316 Suspension



# **Weakley County Board of Education**

## **Viewing Video Footage – Procedure**

1. Parent/guardian or student has reported to a school official that physical harm, harassment, intimidation, or bullying has occurred against the parent/guardian's student while being transported on a Weakley County Schools bus.
2. Request by a parent/guardian should be made in writing to the Weakley County director of schools within five business days of the incident.
3. If video is available, the director or designee will schedule a time for the video to be viewed with the director/designee at the Weakley County Board of Education office and/or other location chosen by the director/designee.
4. The parent/guardian shall not be permitted to record or photograph the viewing, and the viewing must comply with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA).