



Observer Reporting Form

| Feature Evaluated  | Yes | No | Comments            |
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| Meeting started on time?   | X   |    |                     |
| All members present?   |     | X  | Karen Carson absent |
| Members attentive?   | X   |    |                     |
| Did members appear to have done their "homework?"  | X   |    |                     |
| Were members courteous to each other and the public?   | X   |    |                     |
| Agenda sent/posted 72 hours before?  | X   |    |                     |
| Agenda items clearly described what was to be discussed?   | X   |    |                     |
| Adequate opportunity for public input?   | X   |    |                     |
| Was there an appearance that some action items were discussed in closed rather than open session?    |     | X  |                     |
| Was background information available to the public?  | X   |    |                     |
| Facilities adequate? (room size, lighting, ventilation, speakers audible, accessible to handicapped) | X   |    |                     |

Were any issues on the agenda relevant to LWV positions or programs? **No**

Do you recommend League action on any of these issues? **No**

**Agenda Notes –**

**Recognition of National Merit Scholars from Austin East, Central, Bearden, Fulton, West**

**Agenda Approved**

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**A. Approved**

**B. Approved**

**C. Approved**

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**A. Kincannon offers substitute approval and additional amendment with a 1,900,000 to cover math textbooks. She is defending the existing budget without cutting teachers and such.**

**Amendment- Approved.**

**Overall Motion- Approved**

**B. Calendar discussed by Dr. McIntyre that the calendar Thomas says we need more public input and supports year round school. McMillan complains a bit about the Christmas schedule feeling that people need more time prior to Christmas.**

**Approved**

**C. Dollars discussed by Thomas in regard to redistricting to pay the MPS and Deakins feels we should be splitting the expense with the county commission. Fugate says that the contract was presented before we decided to have a joint committee.**

**Approved**

**D. Title I**

**Approved**

#### **10. Public Forum**

**-Lisa Morris, LEA section regarding parental involvement as set out by the state of TN. She is asking about upcoming public hearings from families in regard to family life. She asks who is involved in the committee and argues that it should only be parents.**

**-William Gist, He has been a custodian for Knox County Schools for 18 years. He states the importance of the custodian jobs in regard to the classroom. He is asking that the Board keep the custodian jobs as is.**

**Shirley Moore- She is addressing the sex Ed concerns. She expresses concern of statements made on the website of Planned Parenthood. She is also concerned of experts being noted and believes that parents are the only experts.**

**-Paul Simino - Expresses concern about lack of transparency regarding Planned Parenthood. He speaks against the Planned Parenthood training expenses. He also asks that the parents are involved in the oversight of sex Ed that occurs in the schools. He presses the School Board to know where they stand.**

**-William Cutshaw, He is discussing school budget out of concern for existing custodians. He states the importance of our school district maintaining their jobs and the importance of all people who work for our schools. He summarizes with an overview of the March Public Forum and feels that the Board has not responded to the speakers of last month's meeting.**

**-Marian Briggs, She is thankful to dedicated Board Members. She says that abstinence is no longer being taught and that premarital sex is being taught.**

**Get the name of this speaker. Was involved in Tail Hook scandal in New York. She is concerned that teacher training is still going on. She states that she wants Planned Parenthood out of Knox County Schools. She is asking that we take this opportunity for us all to meet to further discuss. She asks that they revoke the rights of Planned Parenthood to be in Knox County Schools**

**-Paul Delayon - He is speaking about the importance of our custodians. He believes that the custodians are very important.**

**-Lance McColl - He speaks about the budget and has concern about outsourcing the custodians. He is concerned about people referring to schools as a wreck.**

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**Observer: Tammy Sommers Meeting Knox County Board of Education Date: 4/6/11**