



MINUTES
FARRAGUT / KNOX COUNTY SCHOOLS
EDUCATION RELATIONS COMMITTEE
SEPTEMBER 1, 2015
4:00 PM
TOWN HALL BOARD ROOM

- I. The meeting was called to order by Chair Pennycuff-Trent. A quorum was declared. Members present were Carla Werner, Tony Carasso, and Drew Carson, as well as Gary Palmer and Jennifer Hatmaker of the Town Administration. Alderman Ron Honken was also present.
- II. Approval of Minutes:
- a. Minutes from August 4, 2015 were presented. Mr. Carasso moved to approve the minutes. Ms. Werner seconded the motion. All voted in favor; motion passed.
- III. No additions to the agenda were presented.
- IV. Old Business
- V. New Business:
- a. Mr. Carasso met with Mr. Edmonds, principal of Farragut Middle School. Mr. Carasso stated that last year, the school used the grant money from the Town to purchase iPads and a large case to charge them in. This year the school would like to replace the smart boards and projectors that are going out.
 - b. FY2016 grants will be presented to the five schools, the Farragut High School Education Foundation, and the Hardin Valley Academy Foundation at the September 24, 2015 Board of Mayor and Alderman meeting.

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- c. Alderman Honken asked the committee for their input on a Teacher Appreciation Program. Alderman Honken stated that he would like to see the Town provide an annual award to teachers, possibly one award per school. Ms. Werner stated that allowing principals to make the selection for the award could be a biased decision. Ms. Werner suggested that the Town could pay for a day off for the teacher selected. Alderman Honken stated that the Farragut Business Alliance may want to be involved, offering a free gift from local businesses as part of the award and suggested inviting the award recipients to the Introduction to Farragut Program Graduation. Mr. Palmer suggested inviting the award recipients to the committee banquet. Mr. Palmer stated he would work on the framework for the program.

VI. No action items were presented.

VII. Motion to adjourn made by Mr. Carasso and seconded by Ms. Werner. The next committee meeting will be held on October 6, 2015 at 4:00 PM in the Town Hall Board Room.