

WEBSTER COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR SESSION
MARCH 11, 2025 @ 6:00 P.M.

The Webster County Board of Education held its regular meeting on March 11, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. Mrs. Linda Rogers, Mrs. Mary Hinman, Mr. Jimmie Johnson, and Dr. Dorothy Y. Ingram, Superintendent, were present. Mr. Landon Matthews was absent.

Mrs. Linda Rogers called the regular session to order.

A moment of silence was observed followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Visitors present were welcomed and recognized.

(No Public Participation)

The Board approved the tentative agenda for March 11, 2025 and to table item 11(a) and 11(b) until the next meeting. A motion made by Mr. Jimmie Johnson and seconded by Mrs. Mary Hinman. The motion was carried unanimously.

The Board approved the Financial Report for January 2025. A motion was made by Mrs. Mary Hinman and seconded by Mr. Jimmie Johnson. The motion carried unanimously.

The Board discussed the reconciliation report with Ms Lesley Hill, Finance Director.

The Board approved the Amended FY25 Budget. A motion was made by Mrs. Mary Hinman and seconded by Mr. Jimmie Johnson. The motion carried unanimously.

The following consent agenda items were unanimously approved with a motion by Mr. Jimmie Johnson, seconded by Mrs. Mary Hinman. The motion carried unanimously.

- A. February 11, 2025 Work Session Minutes 5:00 P.M.
- B. February 11, 2025 Regular Session Minutes 6:00 P.M.
- C. February 11, 2025 Public Hearing #2 (Opt Out of HB 581) Minutes 9:00 A.M.
- D. February 19, 2025 Public Hearing #3 (Opt Out of HB 581) Minutes 4:00 P.M.
- E. February 21, 2025 Special Called Meeting Minutes 9:00 A.M.
- F. Approve the purchase of Ten (10) Kenwood VHF Mobile Radios from Southside communications for the buses in the amount of \$6,790.00 (Stronger Connections Grant)
- G. Approve the installation of security film on school windows in the amount of \$19,533.40 from Americus Glass (State School Security Grant – Kemp FY25)
- H. Approve the purchase of five (5) AEDs and (5) Alarm cabinets in the amount of \$9,510 from Zoll (State Security Grant – Kemp FY25)
- I. Approve to purchase Frog Street Pre-K Curriculum in the amount of \$6,641.59 (Pre K Funds)
- J. Approve to purchase 58 chrome books with 58 Google licenses from Gov Connection in the amount of \$15,954.06 (Title I-A Funds)
- K. Approve to pay SRJ Architects, Inc. I the amount of \$35,551.00 for Renovations and Modifications Project (Bond Construction Fund)
- L. Approve to pay Preston Geotechnical Consultants for construction materials testing for the Renovation and Modification Project in the amount of \$18,743.00 (Bond Construction Fund)
- M. Approve to give a 3% Bonus to employees in March 2025 for 2024-2025 school year. (Local Funds).
- N. Approve American Fidelity Benefits Plan for Webster County School District.
- O. Approve the Personnel Agenda
 - i. Katha Scott – Retirement – High School Teacher – Effective: June 30, 2025
 - ii. Position Created – Administrative Assistant for the District Office – Effective: Immediately
 - iii. Sydney Barfield – Rehire – Special Education Director/GaMTSS Coordinator/Pre K Director/PBIS Coordinator-11 months
 - iv. Anna Blankenship –Rehire- School Counselor – 11 months
 - v. James McCullough – Rehire – Assistant Principal-Transportation Director/Athletic and CTAE Director – 12 months
 - vi. Marjorie Moore – Rehire- Media Specialist – 11 months
 - vii. Deidre Sterling – Rehire – Assistant Principal/Federal Programs Director/Curriculum Director/Testing – 12 months
- P. Approve the 2025-2026 School Calendar

The election for the Board Member Delegate was tabled for the next meeting.

The board did not enter into executive session

The following were presented by Dr Dorothy Ingram.

1. Policy - March 2025 Policy Alert – No policy implications
2. Webster County School District FY 2026 Budget Calendar
3. Vacant Positions – Special Education Teacher, High School History Teacher

Dr Ingram discussed Old Business

- A. Cogina Update - April 3, 2025 virtually
- B. Facilities Project Update – Part A is ongoing
- C. HB 581 – Homestead – Delivered before March 1, 2025
- D. Strategic Planning Meeting - March 26, 2025
- E. SRO Update from Sheriff's Office
- F. Strategic Waiver Process – May 1, 2025 is the deadline
- G. Power School Incident Update

Dr Ingram discussed New Business

- A. SB 351 – Social Media

Dr Ingram reviewed the announcements with the Board.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m. with a motion by Mr. Jimmie Johnson, seconded by Mrs. Mary Hinman. The motion carried unanimously.

Prepared by: Janet Walls

Approved: April 8, 2025