

PICKENS COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

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Carrollton, AL 35447

September 14, 2020

9:00 a.m.

BOARD MEETING AGENDA

The Pickens County Board of Education met on Tuesday, September 14, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. at Pickens County Board of Education. Board members Gene Dawkins, Debbie Holley, Annie Jackson, Frankie Spencer, and Sam Wiggins were in attendance. Superintendent Jamie Chapman conducted the meeting. Other participants were Associate Superintendent Vanessa D. Anthony, IEP Coordinator Kim Clark, Chief School Financial Officer Jennifer Shirley and Board Attorney Ray Ward.

Call to Order and Open Meeting (Board Chairperson)

1. Regular Business

- A. Approve Agenda:** On a motion by Gene Dawkins and seconded by Debbie Holley, the Board unanimously approved the Superintendent's recommendation to approve the agenda as presented.
- B. Approve Minutes (August 24, 2020 Meeting Minutes):** On a motion by Debbie Holley and seconded by Gene Dawkins, the Board unanimously approved the Superintendent's recommendation to accept the minutes from the August 24, 2020 Board meeting.
- C. Approve Payroll:** On a motion by Frankie Spencer and seconded by Debbie Holley, the Board unanimously approved the Superintendent's recommendation to accept the payroll as presented by CSFO Jennifer Shirley.

2. Community Groups: NONE

3. Reports:

- A. Financials:** CSFO Jennifer Shirley reviewed the financials below. Frankie Spencer asked CSFO Shirley to explain the difference between Public and Non-public accounts. She explained that public funds are state and federal funds, funds that are received from public tax sources. Non-public funds are local funds including clubs, athletics, etc., funds that are not received from public tax sources. On a motion by Gene Dawkins and seconded by Sam Wiggins, the Board approved the Superintendent's recommendation to accept the August financials as presented.
- B. Lot Cleanup and Progress:** Sheriff Todd Hall shared that the lot the sheriff department is purchasing from the Board has been cleared and that he is working to have a wall installed that will block the contents stored there from public view.
- C. FY2021 Budget Hearing:** CSFO Jennifer Shirley presented the updated proposed 2020-2021 budget.
- D. Superintendent's COVID-19 Update:** Superintendent Chapman shared that the district's Average Daily Membership (ADM) has fallen from last year's 20-Day Enrollment Report of 2,404 students to 2,346 students based on September 14, 2020 ADM report. The following is a breakdown by schools: AES has an increase of 10 students, AHS has remained the same, GES has a decrease of 45 students, GHS has a decrease of 27 students, PCHS has a decrease of 1 student, and RES has an increase of 5 students. The number and percentage of students participating in traditional learning was also shared. The following is a breakdown by schools: AES has 81 of 468 students (17%), AHS has 62 out of 343 students (18%), GES has 365 of 529 students (69%), GHS has 323 of 531 students (69%), PCHS has 82 of 276 students (30%), and RES has 67 of 199 students (34%). Superintendent Chapman explained that truancy for virtual students will be determined by their logging in and participating in Schoology. In addition, he shared that currently we have had 5 students test positive for COVID-19 since the start of school. And there have been 13 employees test positive for COVID-19 since June 19, 2020.

- E. School Reopening:** Superintendent Chapman requested to delay the discussion of this item until after executive session.
- 4. Other Business (Board Action Required)**
- A. Approve FY2021 Budget:** On a motion by Debbie Holley and seconded by Sam Wiggins, the Board unanimously approved the Superintendent's recommendations.
- B. 2020-2021 Athletic Supplements:** Superintendent Chapman explained that local schools have the discretion to move funds from one sport to another sport if that school doesn't have an identified sport. However, all schools receive the same allocation from the district regardless of the number of sports available. He also shared that schools may add additional funds above what is provided. On a motion by Gene Dawkins and seconded by Debbie Holley the Board unanimously approved the Superintendent's recommendation to adopt the supplements as presented.
- C. Approve September 28, 2020 School Reopening Plan:** Superintendent Chapman explained PCS started school on a staggered A and B schedule with Fridays being a virtual day for all students. Moving forward virtual students may remain virtual throughout the year if they choice to do so. He made the recommendation that traditional students begin attending school Monday through Thursday with Friday remaining a virtual day. Pre-K through third grade students will begin this schedule on Monday, September 28. Fourth through sixth grade students will begin this schedule on Tuesday, October 13. Seventh and eighth grade students will begin this schedule on Monday, October 26. Ninth through twelfth grade students will remain on the staggered schedule the remainder of the first semester. Superintendent Chapman asked that parents seriously consider allowing their children to get the flu vaccine to mitigate sickness. On a motion by Sam Wiggins and seconded by Debbie Holley, the Board approved the Superintendent's recommendation by a vote of 4 to 1. Frankie Spencer opposed the recommendation.
- D. Personnel Recommendations:** On a motion by Gene Dawkins and seconded by Sam Wiggins, the Board unanimously approved the Superintendent's personnel recommendations.
- 5. Executive Session:** Board Attorney Ray Ward certified the need to convene into executive session to discuss items that address pending litigation and items that may require litigation if the Board chooses a particular course of action. The Board unanimously approved the recommendation. The Board convened into Executive Session at 10:12 a.m. and reconvened into regular session at 12:29 p.m.
- A. Personnel:** Upon reconvening, Superintendent Chapman recommended the personnel listed above.
- B. Zone Variances:** NONE
- 6. Adjourn:** Superintendent Chapman stated that the next board meeting would be held at the Pickens County College and Career Center on October 19, 2020 beginning at 6:00 p.m. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

Individuals wishing to address the Board of Education must be formally recognized and address their comments to the Board of Education pursuant to Board Policy Descriptor Code: BCA, BCB. To be placed on the agenda, individuals must provide written notice to the Superintendent of Education or his designee.