

WEBSTER COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 13, 2023 AT 6:00 P.M.

The Webster County Board of Education held its regular scheduled meeting on June 13, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. Mrs. Linda Rogers, Mrs. Mary Hinman, Mr. Donald Brown, Mr. Jimmie Johnson, Mr. Landon Matthews, and Dr. Dorothy Y. Ingram, Superintendent were present.

Mrs. Linda Rogers called the meeting to order.

Mr. Jimmie Johnson gave the invocation.

(No Visitors Present)

The Board approved the tentative agenda by a motion made by Mrs. Mary Hinman, seconded by Mr. Jimmie Johnson. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Board approved the April 2023 financial report by a motion made by Mrs. Mary Hinman, seconded by Mr. Jimmie Johnson. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Board approved the May 9, 2023 (5:00 p.m.) work session minutes by a motion made by Mr. Donald Brown, seconded by Mr. Landon Matthews. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Board approved the May 9, 2023 (5:45 p.m.) public hearing minutes by a motion made by Mr. Jimmie Johnson, seconded by Mrs. Mary Hinman. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Board approved the May 9, 2023 (6:00 p.m.) regular meeting minutes by a motion made by Mr. Landon Matthews, seconded by Mrs. Mary Hinman. The motion was approved unanimously.

(No Public Comments)

The Board approved to enter into executive session to discuss or deliberate upon the appointment, employment, compensation, hiring, disciplinary action or dismissal, or periodic evaluation or rating of a public officer or employee or to interview applicants for the position of superintendent; (O.C.G.A. § 50-14-3(b)(2)) by a motion made by Mr. Donald Brown, seconded by Mr. Jimmie Johnson. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Board approved to exit out of executive session by a motion made by Mr. Landon Matthews, seconded by Mrs. Mary Hinman. The motion was approved unanimously.

(No Action Taken)

The Board approved the personnel recommendation of the Superintendent to rehire Mrs. Beverly Matthews as a 49% teacher for the 2023-2024 school year by a motion made by Mr. Donald Brown, seconded by Mr. Jimmie Johnson. The motion was approved 4-1, with Mrs. Linda Rogers, Mr. Donald Brown, Mr. Jimmie Johnson, and Mrs. Mary Hinman voting for the motion; Mr. Landon Matthews abstained.

The Board approved the supplements for 2023-2024 (listed enclosed) by a motion made by Mr. Donald Brown, seconded by Mr. Landon Matthews. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Board approved the fundraisers for 2023-2024 (listed on memo dated 6/13/2023) by a motion made by Mrs. Mary Hinman, seconded by Mr. Jimmie Johnson. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Board approved courses with no textbook for 2023-2024 (listed on memo dated 6/13/2023) by a motion made by Mr. Donald Brown, seconded by Mrs. Mary Hinman. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Board approved the 250 hotspots connectivity fee in the amount of \$29,080 to Verizon Wireless (ESSER III Funding) by a motion made by Mr. Jimmie Johnson, seconded by Mr. Donald Brown. The motion was approved unanimously.

Dr. Ingram presented the Superintendent's report and the CTAE Report.

Superintendent's Report—Dr. Ingram commented that 2022 ESPLOST deposit for the end of May 2023 has been completed \$16,716.87 (per handout); GSBA Insurance-property insurance increased by 30.6%, workers comp insurance decreased by .8%; TRS employer share of contributions remains the same for FY'24 19.98% but will increase for FY'25 to 20.78%; FY'24 Initial QBE Allotment Sheet and FY'24 state teacher salary scale (handouts provided); proposing the purchase of two new scoreboards for the gym soon; meeting with SRJ Architects June 29th at 8:30 a.m. to review projects and to discuss the process of selecting a construction manager; and purchased an additional AED machine (training for all faculty/staff scheduled for August 28th during preplanning). GSBA handouts were provided for Risk E-lert—June 2023, RMS Safety Scenario—May 2023; Policy Alert—May 2023 and June 2023; Capitol Watch/Opinion—May 2023 State Board Meeting minutes; and RMS Exchange—June 2023. Dr. Ingram further commented that she will be attending CTAE GACTE Summer Conference June 13-16 in Athens and the administrative team will attend the Georgia School Safety & Homeland Security Conference June 19-21st in Athens, GA. Upcoming Events: Next Board Meeting—July 11th (work session at 5 p.m., board meeting at 6 p.m.). Summer School—June 5-29th, GA Milestones Retest—June 27-28th (Grades 3, 5, 8). Holidays: June 19th—Juneteenth, July 3-6th—Independence Day. Handouts were provided to the Board members regarding student enrollment, attendance-days missed, and COVID updates.

CTAE—Dr. Ingram commented that Con App and CLNA has been signed off; waiting for approval. Dr. Ingram and Mr. Baker will travel to Athens for the GACTE Summer Conference from June 13-16, 2023. Yatzibeth Mejia-Lopez has been selected as a regional officer for FBLA in Region 6. This is the first time that Webster County High School has been represented at the regional office level. Yatzi will begin serving in this position by attending mandatory summer workshops throughout the school. Her first workshop will be held July 20th at Fort Valley State University. Mr. Baker will attend this meeting with her. WBL: Mr. Baker is preparing for 2023-2024 school year. DUAL ENROLLMENT: Two students enrolled at SGTC for the summer. Ms. Fletcher will assist fall 2023 students in July with registration.

Mrs. Balish presented the Principal's Report and the Special Education Report.

Principal's Report— Ms. Balish commented that post planning took place and included Professional Development in the area of new Reading Curriculum. Mrs. Balish attended the Governor's Leadership Academy Summit at Kennesaw State University—this was the last meeting of the Academy (beneficial for leadership skills). Dr. Ingram, Mrs. Balish, and Mr. McCullough attended the one day training for School Safety held at University of Georgia—very good speakers (found some useful vendors to call on later). A 3-day safety conference at UGA will be attended. Summer school is going strong. Mrs. Balish commented that they are making lots of progress with remediation of students and many high school students are earning credits that they needed to move forward. Milestones retest will be held June 27th

and 28th (hoping for good results). Summer school ends June 29th. During the summer, the administration staff is busy making schedules for next year, reviewing handbooks, and planning for the success of next year. Lastly, Mrs. Balish commented that everyone is busy throughout the day in preparation for a great school year.

Special Education Report—Ms. Balish commented they have completed all IEPs for the year and ended the school year in compliance. Also, she stated that the budget has been used for the year and was able to purchase many items for classrooms that would help with teaching autism and other disorders. The teachers were able to create “wish lists” which were used to make the purchases for next year.

Mrs. Sterling presented the Title I report—Federal Programs: Mrs. Sterling stated that she is working towards finalizing all Title Programs and ESSER budgets for FY23. Once draw-downs are complete, she can better determine the usage of any remaining funds. ESSER funds are due to be finalized by June 30, 2023. ESSER Audit documentation has been completed. Testing: EOG and EOC results are in (handouts-Milestones Data Analysis report for 2022-2023). Summer School began June 5th—All is well! EOG retests for 3rd, 5th and 8th grade students will be held June 27th (Reading) and June 28th (Math). Curriculum: The CLIP (District Improvement Plan) is due to be submitted by June 30th. Mrs. Sterling commented that her goal is to have all information reviewed and uploaded by June 22nd. She also commented that they have received the new HMH Reading curriculum (K-8) and Math (K-12). Reading teachers attended PD from 8am - 3 pm here on May 16th during Post Planning. Teachers were able to take any necessary materials home in order to prep over the summer. Math PD will be provided from 8am - 3 pm on August 30th during Pre-Planning. Once all materials are checked in, Mrs. Sterling will notify the teachers of the availability to pick up items to review over the summer. Aligning the curriculums should have a positive impact on GMAS EOGs and EOCs for the upcoming school year. K-3 teachers will participate in *Growing Readers* provided via Chatt-Flint RESA. Teachers will gain knowledge and skills that will impact the quality of instruction throughout the school day. Teachers will learn effective structures for providing students with opportunities for application and independent practice which will improve outcomes for readers. This process includes 4 days of PL (2/2) ongoing coaching/co-teaching and observations with Dee Studdard of RESA.

(No Public Comments)

The Board approved to adjourn by a motion made by Mr. Donald Brown, seconded by Mr. Jimmie Johnson. The motion was approved unanimously.

Prepared by: Regina T. Dotts
Time Adjourned: 6.43 p.m.
Approved: 7/11/2023