

WEBSTER COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 8, 2023 AT 6:00 P.M.

The Webster County Board of Education held its regular scheduled meeting on August 8, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. Mrs. Mary Hinman, Mr. Donald Brown, Mr. Jimmie Johnson, Mr. Landon Matthews, and Dr. Dorothy Y. Ingram, Superintendent were present. Mrs. Linda Rogers was absent.

Mrs. Mary Hinman called the meeting to order.

Mr. Jimmie Johnson gave the invocation.

(No Visitors Present)

The tentative agenda was approved with the amendment of adding to the agenda—the number of chairs (36) to #16—by a motion made by Mr. Jimmie Johnson, seconded by Mr. Landon Matthews. The motion was approved unanimously.

The June 2023 financial report was approved by a motion made by Mr. Donald Brown, seconded by Mr. Jimmie Johnson. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Board approved July 11, 2023 (5:00 p.m.) work session minutes by a motion made by Mr. Landon Matthews, seconded by Mr. Jimmie Johnson. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Board approved July 11, 2023 (6:00 p.m.) regular meeting minutes by a motion made by Mr. Donald Brown, seconded by Mr. Landon Matthews. The motion was approved unanimously.

(No Public Comments)

The Board approved the 2023-2024 Local Board Training Plan by a motion made by Mr. Landon Matthews, seconded by Mr. Jimmie Johnson. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Board Policy Public Participation in Board Meetings Regulation BCBI-R was reviewed at this time.

The Board approved capital outlays project application for FY'25 by a motion made by Mr. Donald Brown, seconded by Mr. Jimmie Johnson. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Board approved SRJ Architects, Inc. fees in the amount of \$36,058.95 (Bond Construction Funds) by a motion made by Mr. Jimmie Johnson, seconded by Mr. Landon Matthews. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Board approved Webster County School District's participation in the Georgia Apex program with Middle Flint Behavioral Healthcare beginning 2023-2024 school year (as needed) by a motion made by Mr. Landon Matthews, seconded by Mr. Donald Brown. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Board approved the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Webster County School District and Middle Flint Behavioral Healthcare by a motion made by Mr. Jimmie Johnson, seconded by Mr. Landon Matthews. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Board approved TTL of Albany to complete the geotechnical survey in the amount of \$5,050.00 (Bond Construction Funds) by a motion made by Mr. Donald Brown, seconded by Mr. Jimmie Johnson. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Board approved the 2023-2024 CTAE Plan/Budget by a motion made by Mr. Donald Brown, seconded by Mr. Landon Matthews. The motion was approved unanimously. (Included Extended Day/Extended Year for AG Teacher—Ms. Kayla Stephens)

The Board approved the purchase of thirty-six (36) gym chairs and rolling storage cart from DGS Sports in the amount of \$5,185.30 (local funds) by a motion made by Mr. Jimmie Johnson, seconded by Mr. Donald Brown. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Board approved the purchase of two (2) new scoreboards for the gymnasium from H.E. Hodge Company, Inc. in the amount of \$8,276.00 (local funds) by Mr. Landon Matthews, seconded by Mr. Jimmie Johnson. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Board approved Amplify Education, Inc. for reading services in the amount of \$10,537.00 (Title I Funds) by a motion made by Mr. Donald Brown, seconded by Mr. Jimmie Johnson. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Board approved the one-time bonus of \$1000 for full-time custodian as outlined by the Georgia Department of Education (GADOE Funds) by a motion made by Mr. Jimmie Johnson, seconded by Mr. Landon Matthews. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Board approved the addition to supplements for 2023-2024 (Memo Dated August 8, 2023) by a motion made by Mr. Donald Brown, seconded by Mr. Jimmie Johnson. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Board approved the personnel recommendation of the Superintendent to hire Mrs. Jacqueline Brown as a substitute teacher beginning 2023-2024 school year by a motion made by Mr. Landon Matthews, seconded by Mr. Jimmie Johnson. The motion was approved unanimously. (Pending Completion of Background Check)

The Board approved the personnel recommendation of the Superintendent to hire Mrs. Debra Wagner as a substitute teacher beginning 2023-2024 school year by a motion made by Mr. Donald Brown, seconded by Mr. Jimmie Johnson. The motion was approved unanimously. (Pending Completion of Background Check)

The Board approved the personnel recommendation of the Superintendent to hire Mrs. Jennifer Holbrook as a substitute teacher beginning 2023-2024 school year by a motion made by Mr. Jimmie Johnson, seconded by Mr. Landon Matthews. The motion was approved unanimously. (Pending Completion of Background Check)

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

Superintendent's Report—Dr. Ingram commented 2022 ESPLOST deposit for the end of June 2023 was \$20,109.38 (handout). GSBA handouts were provided for Risk E-lert—August 2023, RMS Safety Scenario—July 2023; Policy Alert—August 2023 (not available at this time); Capitol Watch/Opinion—July 2023 State Board Meeting Agenda; and FY'24 Board Development Catalog. Facilities Update: Fire Marshall Inspection—July 27, 2023-100% compliance; Sprinkler System Evaluation—August 2, 2023—

in compliance; Scheduling the 5-year inspection and 20 year sprinkler head inspection; and greenhouse repairs—Atlas—work will begin in the next couple of weeks. Special called meeting for the millage rate is scheduled for August 17th at 9:00 a.m. in the school cafeteria. Dr. Ingram will attend the Georgia Department of Education Data Conference in Athens on August 21-24th. Upcoming Events—Next Board Meetings: September 12, 2023 (Work Session 5:00 p.m., Board Meeting 6:00 p.m.). Events: Pre-Planning begins August 25th. Open House is Aug 31st (4:00-7:00 p.m.). District Holidays: A school holiday is scheduled for September 4th in observance of Labor Day, and the first day of school is Sept 5th. Dr. Ingram highlighted on student enrollment, attendance, COVID updates.

CTAE Report—Dr. Ingram commented that the budget has been approved. FFA and FBLA Programs of Works are being reviewed by the CTAE Director. The greenhouse has been assessed by Atlas. Repairs are in progress to be made. WBL: Mr. Baker has 5 students interested in participating in WBL for 2023-2024. DUAL ENROLLMENT: Fall 2023 enrollment SGTC: 14 (11th and 12th students participating).

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

Principal's Report—Mrs. Balish commented that everyone is doing their best to get things prepared for the teachers' and students' return in a couple weeks. The safety plan has been reviewed several times and updated with any necessary changes—the safety plan will be reviewed with Sheriff Dely, Cody Brown, and Scott Campbell (EMS) August 15th. Mrs. Balish attended a Pre-K virtual meeting with WCS district representative from the GA PANDA organization—the representative shared any updates available and spoke with Pre-K teachers about entering new student information on their platform. At present, the Pre-K count is up to 18 students—anticipating a few more enrollments before school, and there is a chance WCS may max out and have to switch to a waiting list. The high school teachers (Mrs. Scott and Mr. Baker) met with Dr. Ingram, Mrs. Balish, and Mr. McCullough on July 18th—each task was completed for scheduling classes and reviewed each student's checklist to make sure the credits and classes were correctly assigned according to need. The fire inspector came last week to check the school for any violations and to make sure everything was up to code—received a spotless report. Mr. Schroeder does a great job keeping everything in line in this area. Several drills have been planned to include fire and intruder drills. These have to be done very soon after getting students back. Having the intruder drill this early in the year is new to WCS, but it is very important to have students familiar with procedures in case of any emergency. Pre-planning is jam-packed again this year, but allowing a little time for teachers to get into their classrooms to rearrange and decorate. Many of the teachers are eager to get back into the school to prepare. The delay for teachers getting into their rooms is because waxed floors were not ready to be used. Already, the school looks fantastic and gets better every day. The custodial and maintenance staff has done a fantastic job. Mr. Speegle and Mr. Schroeder both have worked hard on bordering the flowerbeds/shrub beds with landscaping timbers. This makes everything look neater and keeps the rocks from getting all over the sidewalk—appreciate them braving the heat to get this done. Mrs. Balish commented that the fern plugs were coming in today—Ms. Stephens is excited about getting the greenhouse work going and has been visiting campus regularly.

Special Education Report—Mrs. Balish commented that they are starting to think about student schedules and how the students will be divided by caseloads between the teachers. Mrs. Balish is attending Directors Webinars offered monthly that provide a wide variety of information such as today's meeting on assistive technology and co-teaching

Title I Report (Dr. Ingram shared the report received from Mrs. Sterling)—Federal Programs: For FY'24, WCS has received funds for Title I-A: \$143,943(\$15,263 *less* than FY'23), Title II-A: \$20,686 (\$14,215 *less* than FY'23), Title IV-A: \$10,983 (\$1,794 *less* than FY'23), and ESSER II: Custodian Bonus: \$1,077 (*first time* receiving). *CLIP*: The Consolidated LEA Improvement Plan has been submitted to the State for review and approval. A copy of the 2023-2024 CLIP has been provided to you. Curriculum:

Professional Learning is on schedule for the new Math Resources. Two Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Math coaches will provide in person instruction for all Math teachers, grades K - 12, during Pre-planning on August 30th from 8am-3pm. Lauren Kennedy will support grades K-5 team, and Robert McKibben will support grades 6-12 team. GaDOE is requiring all students in grades K-3 to be screened for Dyslexia. The state has approved mClass Dibels as a universal screener. WCS began using mClass Dibels/Amplify for grades K-8 in FY'23—the product was able to be purchased via ESSER III funds. The state is no longer providing funds through ESSER III. However, WCS would like to continue to use mClass this year, as well—asking the board to consider approval of mClass in the amount of \$10,537.

The meeting was adjourned by a motion made by Mr. Donald Brown, seconded by Mr. Jimmie Johnson. The motion was approved unanimously.

Time Adjourned: 6:47 P.M.

Prepared by: Regina T. Dotts

Approved: 9/12/2023