

WEBSTER COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MAY 9, 2023 AT 6:00 P.M.

The Webster County Board of Education held its regular meeting on May 9, 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.

Mrs. Linda Rogers recognized visitors.

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

The Board approved the March 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 April 11, 2023 work session minutes by a motion made by Mr. Donald Brown, seconded by Mr. Jimmie Johnson. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Board approved the April 11, 2023 regular meeting minutes by a motion made by Mrs. Mary Hinman, seconded by Mr. Landon Matthews. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Board approved the April 26, 2023 public hearing minutes by a motion made by Mr. Donald Brown, seconded by Mr. Jimmie Johnson. 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 Mrs. Mary Hinman, seconded by Mr. Jimmie Johnson. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Board approved exit out of executive session by a motion made by Mr. Donald Brown, seconded by Mr. Landon Matthews. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Board approved the final budget for fiscal year 2024 by a motion made by Mrs. Mary Hinman, seconded by Mr. Jimmie Johnson. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Board approved the out-of-county tuition in the amount of \$500 per child for the 2023-2024 school year by a motion made by Mr. Donald Brown, seconded by Mrs. Mary Hinman. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Board approved the repairs to bus 20-20 with G&P Heavy Truck Body Works, Inc. in the amount of \$6,344.89 (Local Funds) by a motion made by Mr. Jimmie Johnson, seconded by Mrs. Mary Hinman. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Board approved the purchase of a new school bus from Thomas Built Buses in the amount of \$153,929.00 (\$88,110.00 – State Pupil Transportation Allotment AFY'22 and \$65,819.00 Local Funds) by a motion made by Mrs. Mary Hinman, seconded by Mr. Jimmie Johnson. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Board approved Mrs. Deidre Sterling, Curriculum Director/Federal Programs Director to be added to signature cards at Citizens Bank effective July 1, 2023 by a motion made by Mr. Donald Brown, seconded by Mr. Jimmie Johnson. The motion was approved unanimously.

A review of the strategic plan and outcomes took place at this time.

Dr. Ingram presented the Superintendent's Report and the CTAE Report— Dr. Ingram presented the Board with GSBA handouts for Risk E-lert May 2023, RMS Safety Scenario April 2023, Policy Alert (update not received), Capitol Watch May 2023 State Board meeting minutes. Also, handouts were presented regarding April 2023 Webster County Extension Report. FY'24 RESA Student Advisory Board—(Mrs. Sterling and two students attended the first meeting May 8, 2023). Dr. Ingram will be attending the Superintendent's Collaborative meeting May 10th at 10:00 a.m. and the Superintendent's Collaborative end of the year dinner May 10th at 6:00 p.m. at GSW in Americus GA. GSBA Summer Conference is June 8-10, 2023. Leadership Mini-Retreat has been scheduled for May 18th at 8:00 a.m. at the school. The administrative team will travel to Athens for a special 1-day training for Educators sponsored by the Georgia Alliance of School Resource Officers and Educators (GASROE) on June 6, 2023. Also, the administrative team will attend the Georgia School Safety & Homeland Security Conference June 19-21st in Athens, GA. Dr. Ingram highlighted on the upcoming events: next Board meeting is June 13, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. (work session at 5:00 p.m.); last day of school for students is May 11, 2023; faculty/staff luncheon is May 12, 2023 at 11:30 a.m.; post-planning is May 12-18th, 2023; H.S. Graduation is May 13, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.; Summer School is June 5-29, 2023; GA Milestones Retest is June 27, 2023; Holidays: May 29, 2023 (Memorial Day) and June 19, 2023 (Juneteenth). Handouts were provided to the Board members regarding student enrollment, attendance-days missed, and COVID updates.

CTAE Report (Dr. Ingram)—Con App and CLNA open and sign off deadline is May 12, 2023. FY'24 Ag Budget Request for Agriculture Extended day and Extended Year grant funds was uploaded to the South Region Ag Director. End of Pathway Assessment – Microsoft PowerPoint 2016 was held April 3, 2023. Twenty students tested. Retest will be held April 24th. WBL: Dr. Ingram and Mr. Baker viewed a CTAE WBL webinar on March 6th. WBL Report is due to CTAE Director by April 11th and due to DOE by April 18th. DUAL ENROLLMENT: Spring Semester enrollment at GSW is 1 and SGTC is 8. Ms. Fletcher, School Counselor, is working with students who are interested in participating this summer and this fall.

Mrs. Balish presented the Principal's Report and the Special Education Report—many events have taken place within the last month. The Q3 Passing Party was held (anyone who is passing all subjects at the end of the quarter gets invited to the celebration). This quarter, an ice cream social out at the field house was held—another big turnout (almost 200 students attended). The annual Spring Fling was held including bounce house for the younger kids, kickball and football for the older kids, and everyone had Kona Ice. The 2nd Sports Banquet of the year was held on April 25th—a great turnout. Some of the sports honored were baseball, track and field, and the new sport (Junior Basketball). Dr. Ingram, Mr. McCullough, and Mrs. Balish virtually attended the GAEL Legal Updates Conference which informed them about all the

latest legal changes taking place. The 2nd Pre-K graduation took place on May 2nd (proud parents and grandparents in attendance). The performance was great and the kids did an amazing job. Bass Fishing State Competition will be held May 19th near Augusta, GA. Alexander Mejia Lopez will be competing in the State Competition for Track 3200 and 1600 on May 12th and 13th. He finished 7th in the 3200 and 4th in the 1600 in the Regional Track Meet last Saturday. Honors Day was held May 5th—the morning awards were presented to Elementary and Middle School students (the stands were filled). In the afternoon, the High School had a chance to practice for graduation by attending in their caps and gowns. There were many students earning awards for high school as well. During Honors Day, the dedication of the yearbook was presented to Mrs. Diana Thomas—everyone wished her congratulation. Graduation will be held Saturday at 9:00 a.m. (18 graduates this year). Mrs. Balish commented, “I know they are looking forward to their big day.”

Special Education Report (Mrs. Balish)—on track to complete all IEP meetings on time and within compliance. All other Special Education business for the year will be completed prior to teachers leaving for the summer.

Mrs. Sterling presented the Title I Report— Federal Programs: Mrs. Sterling and Mrs. Swain are continuing the process of closing out the budgets for all of the funds received. It is their goal to have all of the Title funds completed by the end of May—94% of ESSER III has been spent. Mrs. Sterling and Mrs. Swain are continuing to find ways to best use the remaining funds to benefit the students, faculty and staff—the goal is to have most of these funds spent by June 30th. However, ESSER III does allow Tidings (carryover) into FY 2024. Closeouts for all programs are due by June 30th. Curriculum: Professional Development has been scheduled for our new reading curriculum for next Tuesday, May 16th from 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. for all reading teachers grades K-8th. Today, the new math curriculum aligned for grades K-12th. Mrs. Sterling is in the process of scheduling Professional Development for this curriculum during Pre Planning in August. Testing: Milestones results are in (Scores are embargoed until August). Parents have been notified if their child did not pass and have received summer school notification letters. Mrs. Sterling held a summer school parent meeting last night (only 4 parents attended). Today, five parents called Mrs. Sterling with questions and gained an understanding of their child’s need to attend. Summer School Notifications: (48 students total)—Grades Kindergarten through Second grade: 7 students, Third and Fourth grade: 10 students, Fifth Grade: 12 students, Sixth Grade: 8 students, Seventh Grade: 2 students, Eighth Grade: 10 students, High School (grades Nine through Twelve): 9 students—total based on Q4 Progress Reports. Mrs. Sterling commented that she just received the final High School EOC results today (these numbers are subject to change). CLIP: The goal is to have the Consolidated Needs Assessment/District Improvement Plan updated and submitted to the DOE by May 30th—do not foresee any major changes (simple updates of names of people and their new roles on committees)—Added SMART goals to Over Arching needs: Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Relevant and Time-Bound.

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

Time Adjourned: 7:13 p.m.

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Approved: 6/13/2023