

WEBSTER COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
APRIL 8, 2024 AT 6:00 P.M.

The Webster County Board of Education held its regular meeting on April 8, 2024 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 tentative agenda was approved with the amendment of adding to the agenda—#9 Approve Surplus Bus Bid received from Mr. Chase Jones for 5 buses at \$1200 each—by a motion made by Mrs. Mary Hinman, seconded by Mr. Jimmie Johnson. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Board approved the February 2024 financial report by a motion made by Mr. Donald Brown, seconded by Mr. Jimmie Johnson. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Board approved the March 12, 2024 work session minutes by a motion made by Mr. Jimmie Johnson, seconded by Mrs. Mary Hinman. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Board approved the March 12, 2024 regular meeting minutes by a motion made by Mrs. Mary Hinman, seconded by Mr. Landon Matthews. The motion was approved unanimously.

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 to exit out of executive session by a motion made by Mr. Jimmie Johnson, seconded by Mr. Donald Brown. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Board approved the action taken in executive session to table line item number 19 by a motion made by Mrs. Mary Hinman, seconded by Mr. Jimmie Johnson. The motion was approved unanimously.

(No Public Comments)

The Board approved surplus bus bid received from Mr. Chase Jones for 5 buses in the amount of \$1200 per bus by a motion made by Mr. Jimmie Johnson, seconded by Mr. Landon Matthews. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Board approved the Vision Resolution by a motion made by Mr. Donald Brown, seconded by Mr. Landon Matthews. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Board approved to begin the Exemplary Board application process by a motion made by Mr. Landon Matthews, seconded by Mr. Jimmie Johnson. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Board approved for the Webster County School District to remain "Status Quo School" flexibility status by a motion made by Mrs. Mary Hinman, seconded by Mr. Jimmie Johnson. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Board approved the tentative proposed budget for fiscal year 2025 by a motion made by Mrs. Mary Hinman, seconded by Mr. Donald Brown. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Board approved the tentative proposed budget public hearing dates for Friday, April 26, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. and Thursday, May 16, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. by a motion made by Mr. Donald Brown, seconded by Mr. Landon Matthews. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Board approved the purchase of 25 iPads from Apple in the amount of \$24,725.00 (Prek Funds) by a motion made by Mr. Jimmie Johnson, seconded by Mr. Landon Matthews. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Board approved the purchase of 8 laptops from Govconnections in the amount of \$7,068.64 (Local Funds) by a motion made by Mrs. Mary Hinman, seconded by Mr. Donald Brown. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Board approved a \$500 stipend for 26 certified teachers for professional learning on school climate and school culture on Thursday, April 18<sup>th</sup> (Title II-A Funds)—May's payroll by a motion made by Mrs. Mary Hinman, seconded by Mr. Jimmie Johnson. The motion was approved unanimously.

The approval of the Superintendent's personnel recommendation to rehire all certified teachers for 2024-2025 school year (listed on memo dated April 8, 2024) was tabled.

The Board approved the personnel recommendation of the superintendent to rehire Mrs. Beverly Matthews as a 49% certified teacher for the 2024-2025 school year by a motion made by Mrs. Mary Hinman, seconded by Mr. Jimmie Johnson. The motion was approved 4-1, with Mrs. Linda Rogers, Mrs. Mary Hinman, Mr. Donald Brown, and Mr. Jimmie Johnson voting for the motion; Mr. Landon Matthews abstained.

The Board approved the personnel recommendation of the Superintendent (Listed on Memo Dated April 8, 2024) by a motion made by Mr. Jimmie Johnson, seconded by Mr. Landon Matthews. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Board approved the summer work hours for the Board of Education's office and school's office Monday through Thursday from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. (Closed Fridays) beginning May 17, 2024 – August 16, 2024 by a motion made by Mr. Donald Brown, seconded by Mr. Landon Matthews. The motion was approved unanimously.

Dr. Ingram presented the Superintendent's Report and CTAE Report—2022 ESPLOST deposit for the end of March 2024 was \$14,946.95 (handout). GSBA handouts were provided: Risk E-lert—April 2024, RMS Safety Scenario—March 2024, Policy Alert—April 2024, RMS Exchange—March 2024, and Capitol Watch/Opinion Day 40—March. State Board Meeting—March 2024 handout was also provided. Letter from GSBA District 3 Representative, Naomi Buckner, was shared (handout). Facilities Update: MTC has received the supplies needed for Board office—will begin soon.

Dr. Ingram continued with Curriculum/Academics/Testing: GMAS—Grades 3-8 EOG—April 9-12, 2024; GMAS—Grades 9-12 EOC—April 15-19, 2024. Mrs. Tamekka Garrett will serve on the GA Milestones New Item and Data Reviews for Mathematics Grade 3 committee on July 15-16 in Atlanta. Students enjoyed viewing the solar eclipse today. Dr. Ingram will attend Spring Bootstrap April 9-11 in

Savannah. Next Board Meetings May 14, 2024 (Work Session at 5:00 p.m. and Board Meeting at 6:00 p.m.). Events April 8-12—EOG, April 15-19—EOC, April 30—PreK Graduation, May 3—Honor’s Day, May 7, 8, 9—Final Exams, May 9—Last Day of School, May 10—Faculty/Staff/Graduates Luncheon, May 11—H.S. Graduation. District Holiday: March 18-22 Spring Break, April 25-26 District Holiday. Dr. Ingram commented on the attendance for students and employees as well as the enrollment of students.

CTAE: Dr. Ingram commented that carryover budget has been approved. End of Pathway Assessments Retests will be held April 12, 2024 for the Programming and Business and Technology. CTAE Advisory Council Meeting has been rescheduled to April 16, 2024 at 3:45 p.m. CTAE CLNA is due to the Georgia Department of Education by May 10, 2024. Webster County FBLA member, Yatzibeth Mejia-Lopez, won the position of state officer during the FBLA State Conference in March. WBL: Mr. Baker is currently working with his work-based learning students. He is exploring options to encourage students to enroll in the program next year. WBL annual report is due to CTAE Director by April 18, 2024.

Mrs. Balish presented the Principal’s Report and the Special Education Report—WCS held Spring Open House March 13, 2024 with a good turnout. Q3 Report cards were given out March 27, 2024 which signals that Q4 is well underway. Administration had the opportunity to visit the classrooms that have been working with RESA’s Dee Studdard to learn their program, “Growing Readers” (everyone was so impressed with the instructional style—particularly small group teaching). The teacher had an opportunity to work with students in a very individualized way. Green Hall took a field trip to Columbus to the Coca-Cola Space Science Museum last Friday and had a great time learning about planets, space, and weather. Milestones Testing has begun for grades 3-8. Next week, H.S. will begin End of Course Tests for grades 9-12. Upcoming News: CSU will hold a play for all grades April 23, 2024—WCS Spring Sports Banquet will be held that evening. Pre-K Graduation is April 30, 2024. Honors Day is May 3, 2024—Q4 exams on the following week. Graduation is May 11, 2024.

Special Education—Mrs. Balish commented that everyone is working on finishing up meetings for IEPs and make sure paperwork is caught up and timely. Special Education Department is making purchases at this time for needed technology and classroom supplies listed in the Flowthrough Budget.

Mrs. Sterling presented the Title I Report—FEDERAL PROGRAMS: TESTING: Budget allocations and spending are going well—continuing to work closely with Finance and Human Resources to ensure accuracy and efficiency. Mrs. Sterling is monitoring and reviewing expenditures monthly. WCS received \$196,070 under the Safer Connections Grant. The funds have been allocated and the budget has been submitted. However, the Georgia Department of Education has yet to sign off. Reaccreditation: Mrs. Sterling is still in the research and drafting stages of the Executive Summary. She has shared the document with the Administration team to assist with revision and editing. Professional Development: April 18th, all certified teachers are eligible to attend Professional development on “Advocating for a Positive Environment.” The professional development will be presented by Eshonda Blue from 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. Assessments: Milestones testing began today. GMAS EOG Testing: April 8 - 12, 2024; GMAS EOC Testing: April 15 - 19, 2024.

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

Time Adjourned: 7:19 P.M.  
Prepared By: Regina T. Dotts  
Approved: 5/14/2024