

WEBSTER COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
AUGUST 10, 2021 AT 6:00 P.M.

The Webster County Board of Education held its regular scheduled meeting on August 10, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. Mrs. Linda Rogers, Mrs. Mary Hinman, Mr. Donald Brown, Mr. Jimmie Johnson, Mr. Tim Matthews, and Dr. Dorothy Y. Ingram (Interim Superintendent) were present.

Mrs. Linda Rogers called the meeting to order.

Mr. Jimmie Johnson gave the invocation.

(Recognition of Visitors)

The tentative agenda was approved with the amendment of adding to the agenda—#7 Approve to Enter into Executive Session to Discuss or Deliberate Upon the Appointment, Employment, Compensation, Hiring, Disciplinary Action or Dismissal, or Periodic Evaluating 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. Tim Matthews. The motion was approved unanimously.

The June 2021 financial report was approved by a motion made by Mr. Tim Matthews, seconded by Mr. Jimmie Johnson. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Board approved July 13, 2021 (5:00 p.m.) worksession minutes by a motion made by Mrs. Mary Hinman, seconded by Mr. Donald Brown. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Board approved July 13, 2021 (6:00 p.m.) regular meeting minutes by a motion made by Mr. Tim Matthews, seconded by Mrs. Mary Hinman. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Board approved July 21, 2021 (6:00 p.m.) special called meeting minutes by a motion made by Mrs. Mary Hinman, seconded by Mr. Jimmie Johnson. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Board approved August 2, 2021 (6:00 p.m.) special called meeting minutes by a motion made by Mr. Tim Matthews, seconded by Mrs. Mary Hinman. 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 evaluating 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. Donald Brown, seconded by Mrs. Mary Hinman. The motion was approved unanimously.

(No Action Taken)

The Board approved the Superintendent's 2021-2022 Pandemic Plans for Opening School by a motion made by Mr. Jimmie Johnson, seconded by Mrs. Mary Hinman. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Board approved the 2021-2022 CTAE Plan/Budget by a motion made by Mr. Donald Brown, seconded by Mrs. Mary Hinman. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Board approved the recommendation of the Superintendent to add Esports as a Georgia High School Association sanctioned sport by a motion made by Mr. Jimmie Johnson, seconded by Mr. Tim Matthews. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Board approved the supplements for 2021-2022 (list enclosed) by a motion made by Mr. Donald Brown, seconded by Mr. Tim Matthews. The motion was approved unanimously.

Dr. Ingram presented the Superintendent's Report (handout)—the employer's portion of TRS has increased from 19.06% to 19.81% effective July 1, 2021. GHSA will refund membership dues paid last year (times two) and the school's portion of the catastrophic insurance policy (membership dues and insurance will be waived this year, 2021-2022). Bus summer inspections by Thomas Built Buses: two buses have minor repairs to remain operable - approximately \$3,000 (08-03 and 12-01). One bus required over \$14,000 in repairs (07-02) including replacing the transmission. Along with Thomas Built Buses, we have decided it is not cost effective to spend such a large amount of money to repair a 14 year old bus. A bus disposal list will be proposed at the next month's meeting. The new bus is scheduled to be delivered in October 2021. Dr. Ingram met with Commissioner Holbrook Friday, August 6th in reference to the recent bridge inspection. Also, Dr. Ingram and Commissioner Holbrook reviewed the bridge report and he informed me that all bridges are structurally sound and only require minor repairs and removal of brushes and debris. The school's Emergency/Disaster Plan is being reviewed by GEMA, the Webster County EMA Director, and Sheriff. Georgia Milestones end of grade and end of course results are scheduled to be released to the public by the Georgia Department of Education on August 16, 2021. Walk-in combination cooler freezer installation update: removal of old equipment this week, new equipment should arrive at the school by August 17th and installation should be complete by August 23rd. Sand for the Pre-K playground was delivered Monday, August 9, 2021. CBM Solutions (Byron, GA) will screen gym floor and apply one coat of polyurethane finish Monday, August 16th (waiting for supplies to be delivered). Dr. Ingram and Ms. Ellis attended a "Community Fish Fry" with the Family Connection staff and other community members Friday, August 6, 2021. Open House is scheduled for August 31, September 1, and September 2 (Handout). Webster County Bobcat yard signs will be distributed and they will be available for purchase during Open House. GHSA stated schools are not required to report COVID-19 positive test results. Athletes and coaches will follow local district's COVID-19 guidelines. Schools are required to report positive COVID-19 cases in the school setting through two methods: notify the local health department immediately and schools are also required to report aggregate counts of new cases in the school setting weekly. COVID updates as of August 6, 2021 from DPH/CDC: Quarantine for Non Vaccinated updated, COVID-19 Quarantine vs. Isolation, and DPH West Central Health District COVID-19 update (Handout). The custodial staff is to be commended for working all summer to beautify our building and campus. Sports Schedules: Esports, Bass Fishing, Cross Country, and Softball (Handout).

Ms. Ellis presented the Principal/Special Education Report—in preparation for November Special Education audit, Special Education Policies and Procedures Manual are both being updated. Special Education Teachers have been working from home to help update the GOIEP system. Principal: working with Dr. Ingram to ensure the school is continuously being updated with the latest safety procedures. They are also, in preparation for the future, working on a proposal for the next Board meeting that details a way to help the community in case of quarantine or shut-downs. Ms. Ellis presented a handout regarding the Emergency Connectivity Fund Program (if accepted in the program, funding will be provided to the students and staff of Webster County Schools for hot spot, router, modem, laptop or tablet computer that can be checked out from the school).

Title I Report (Ms. Swain-not present)—Dr. Ingram commented that Randolph County has donated 396 bottles of hand sanitizer to Webster County Schools.

Dr. Ingram presented the CTAE Report—received budget (deadline for submitting to GADOE is September 30, 2021, Dr. Ingram plans to meet with Mr. Baker to assess the needs of CTAE to complete the budget. HIGH SCHOOL—Senior pictures will be taken August 27, 2021 at the school. DUAL ENROLLMENT—SGTC (fall begins August 18th), GSW (fall begins August 18th), GSW ecore (fall begins August 16th), GSW (6 students), SGTC (4 students), waiting for summer graders.

The meeting was adjourned by a motion made by Mr. Donald Brown, seconded by Mrs. Mary Hinman. The motion was carried unanimously.

Time Adjourned: 7:59 P.M.

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Approved: 9/14/2021