**COFFEE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**MINUTES OF**

**July 20, 2023**

**Called Board Meeting**

A called meeting of the Coffee County Board of Education was held July 20, 2023, 5:30 p.m. in the Board of Education Office, Elba, Alabama.

# ATTENDANCE

# Brian McLeod, Galen McWaters, Brandi Carr, Eric Payne, Rhonda Strickland, Sherry Eddins, Mike Bailey, and Superintendent: Kelly Cobb

# ABSENT

None

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. McWaters called the meeting to order.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

A motion was made by Mr. Bailey to adopt the agenda as presented. A second was made by Mrs. Eddins, and it passed unanimously

**APPROVAL TO ACCEPT LOW BID FOR CNP EQUIPMENT**

Mrs. Cobb recommended the board approve to accept the low bid for CNP equipment to KESCO for $31,075.00 for a dish machine at Zion Chapel. Mr. McLeod moved to accept the recommendation. A second was made by Mr. Bailey, and it passed unanimously.

**APPROVAL TO PURCHASE A NEW SCHOOL BUS**

Mrs. Cobb recommended that the board approve the purchase of a new school bus from Southland Transportation Group in the amount of $118,590.95. A motion was made by Mrs. Eddins to accept Mrs. Cobb’s recommendation with a second by Mrs. Carr, and it passed unanimously.

**SUPERINTENDENT SALARY**

Mr. McWaters recommended the board approve a 2% pay raise effective July 1, 2023, for the Superintendent. A motion was made by Mr. McWaters to approve the raise with a second by Mr. McLeod, and it passed unanimously.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

No executive session was held.

**PERSONNEL**

Mrs. Cobb recommended the following personnel action be approved as presented in writing:

**CERTIFIED PERSONNEL**

**The following resignations are recommended to be approved:**

1. **Ashley Chappell –** Teacher at Kinston High School.
2. **Ashley Storey –** Teacher at Zion Chapel School.
3. **Keith Simmons –** Teacher at New Brockton Elementary School.
4. **Lynn “Gid” Zorn –** Teacher at New Brockton High School.

**The following employments are recommended to be approved:**

1. **Jarrett Nelson –** Teacher and Band Director at Zion Chapel High School for the 2023-2024 school year.
2. **Mitchell Price –** Teacher at Zion Chapel High School for the 2023-2024 school year.
3. **Laura Wagner –** Teacher at New Brockton High School for the 2023-2024 school year.
4. **Rene’ Donaldson –** Teacher at Kinston High School for the 2023-2024 school year.

**The following leave is recommended to be approved:**

1. **Sara Kate Sumblin –** Teacher at Kinston School. Mrs. Sumblin is requesting leave beginning September 1, 2023, through December 1, 2023 tentatively.

Mr. Payne made a motion to approve Mrs. Cobb’s recommendation with a second by Mrs. Strickland, and it passed unanimously.

**ACKNOWLEDGMENTS**

Board members expressed their thanks to Mrs. Cobb for a job well done and a well-deserved pay increase. Mrs. Eddins commented that she enjoyed hearing about New Brockton School on the news.

**SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS**

Mrs. Cobb informed board members that the board meeting on August 3, 2023, would be held at the New Brockton High School Auditorium. A ribbon cutting for the new New Brockton Middle School will follow immediately after the meeting. Mrs. Cobb reminded board members that Institute will be Thursday, August 3, beginning at 12:20 p.m. at the New Brockton Farm Center. She ended her comments by stating that teachers begin Monday, July 31, and students begin school on August 4.

**NOTICE OF NEXT REGULAR MEETING**

The next regular meeting will be held on August 3, 2023, 5:30 p.m.

**ADJOURN**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.