

WEBSTER COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
SEPTEMBER 14, 2021 AT 6:00 P.M.

The Webster County Board of Education held its regular scheduled meeting on September 14, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. Mrs. Linda Rogers, Mrs. Mary Hinman, Mr. Donald Brown, Mr. Tim Matthews, Mr. Jimmie Johnson, 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 tentative agenda was approved with the amendment of adding to the agenda—#7 Approve to Continue or Discontinue Holding Work Sessions Every Other Month—by a motion made by Mrs. Mary Hinman, seconded by Mr. Tim Matthews. The motion was approved unanimously.

The July 2021 financial report was approved by a motion made by Mr. Jimmie Johnson, seconded by Mrs. Mary Hinman. The motion was approved unanimously.

The August 10, 2021 (6:00 p.m.) regular meeting minutes were approved by a motion made by Mr. Donald Brown, seconded by Mr. Tim Matthews. The motion was approved unanimously.

The August 17, 2021 (6:00 p.m.) special called meeting minutes were approved by a motion made by Mr. Jimmie Johnson, 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. Donald Brown. The motion was approved unanimously.

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

(No Action Taken)

The Board approved to discontinue holding work sessions every other month until needed by a motion made by a motion made by Mrs. Mary Hinman, seconded by Mr. Tim Matthews. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Five-Year History was approved by a motion made by Mr. Donald Brown, seconded by Mr. Jimmie Johnson. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Board approved the millage rate at 16.959 (remaining the same) by a motion made by Mrs. Mary Hinman, seconded by Mr. Jimmie Johnson. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Board approved the bond debt at .508 (remaining the same) by a motion made by Mr. Tim Matthews, seconded by Mrs. Mary Hinman. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Board approved the amended Board Policy Executive Session Affidavit BCBK-E (2) by a motion made by Mrs. Mary Hinman, seconded by Mr. Donald Brown. The motion was approved unanimously.

The first reading of the Executive Sessions Board Policy BCBK took place at this time.

The first reading of the Competitive Interscholastic Activities, Grades 6-12 Board Policy IDE (3) took place at this time.

The Board approved the recommendation of the Superintendent to purchase a new air conditioning unit for the cafeteria's kitchen (\$19,256.89 Cares Act Funding) by a motion made by Mrs. Mary Hinman, seconded by Mr. Donald Brown. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Board approved the recommendation of the Superintendent to hire Ms. Paige Ellis as the Principal of Webster County Schools by a motion made by Mr. Donald Brown, seconded by Mr. Jimmie Johnson. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Board approved the recommendation of the Superintendent to contract with Mr. Charles R. Speegle for part-time maintenance work (\$15 an hour) by a motion made by Mrs. Mary Hinman, seconded by Mr. Jimmie Johnson. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Board approved the recommendation of the Superintendent to hire Ms. Betty Eschmann as a part-time (49%) teacher by a motion made by Mr. Jimmie Johnson, seconded by Mrs. Mary Hinman. The motion was approved unanimously.

Dr. Ingram presented the Superintendent's report as well as the CTAE report—Superintendent's Report: Received official notification from the State School Nutrition Dept. that the Child Nutrition Emergency Operational Cost Reimbursement of \$20,778.12 will be disbursed before the end of December; Presented the Board with handout on the COVID-19 updates from DPH (as of Sept. 9th); preparing the Board Training Plan for 2021-2022 to include GSBA Summer Conference June 10-11 (6 hours) and the Whole Board Training in February 2022 (3 hours); the new bus is scheduled to be delivered has been delayed until November 2021; the walk-in combination cooler freezer installation was completed September 1, 2021; Dr. Ingram, Ms. Ellis, and Mrs. Pollock attended the Family Wellness Day sponsored by Family Connections on Saturday, August 21, 2021; thanked our community partners who attended Open House events, per handout; the Webster County Sheriff's office donated water to the school. Dr. Ingram commented to everyone, "As you drive through town, I hope you have noticed the Webster County Bobcats yard signs." Also, she sent a "thank you" to Randolph County School System's Superintendent, Dr. Madge, for donating 10 cases of 12 oz bottled hand sanitizer (240 bottles) and 8 cases of face masks (3,360 masks). Lastly, Dr. Ingram sent a Congratulations to Ms. Lorna Wilburn and the cafeteria staff for receiving a score of "100" on their health inspection on September 8, 2021. CTAE report: Budget is due September 30, 2021; Monitoring and Risk Assessment Meeting is September 17, 2021 at 1:00 p.m.; FBLA recruitment is taking place. H.S.—ASVAB is September 14, 2021; 20 students signed up for Esports and 1st practice is Monday, September 13, 2021; PROBE Fair is October 28, 2021; Dual enrollment students are working hard; Junior class rings will be delivered September 20, 2021; Letterman jacket information will be available September 20, 2021.

Ms. Ellis presented the Principal's report as well as the Special Education's report—Principal's report: Open House was a big success; received good representation from businesses and community members; students were given their schedules, backpacks from Intefor, handouts from businesses, hand sanitizers and masks. Classes are up and running; teachers are working hard to move kids forward; precautions are taking place in case of a shut-down (one class at a time); Mrs. Eschmann's Art class is doing great (happy to have her on board)—the students are working on creative projects.

Special Education's report: Students love our new paraprofessional, Mr. Knight (working out well); He has made it possible for many of our Special Education students to enjoy more inclusion (ex. Horticulture with Mr. Wilder). Lastly, Ms. Ellis is currently working on the flow through budget.

Mrs. Swain presented the Title I report—Grants are moving along; ESSER funds are being spent (air purifiers in all classrooms); nurse's grant (refurbishing the nurse's station).

The meeting was adjourned by a motion made by Mr. Tim Matthews, seconded by Mr. Donald Brown. The motion was carried unanimously.

Time Adjourned: 7:08 p.m.
Prepared By: Regina T. Dotts
Approved: 10/12/2021