**QUITMAN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**GEORGETOWN, GEORGIA**

**MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 5, 2023**

**REGULAR MEETING**

The Quitman County Board of Education met in a regular session on September 5, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. in the Boardroom of the Administrative Office, 215 Kaigler Road. Mr. Willie J. Anderson, Chairman, presided.

**PRESENT:** Mr. Willie J. Anderson, Chairman; Mr. Larry Wilborn, Vice Chairman, Mr. Jimmy Eleby, Mrs. Christi Green, Board members; and Mr. Jon-Erik Jones, School Superintendent.

**ABSENT:** Ms. Sherri Hunter

**CALL TO ORDER AND OPENING CEREMONY**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Anderson with a moment of silence followed by the Pledge.

**AGENDA APPROVAL**

On a motion by Mr. Wilborn and a second by Mr. Eleby the Board voted unanimously (3, 0), to approve the agenda as printed. The motion passed.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The Superintendent recommended approval of August 1, 2023, Regular Board Meeting Minutes. On a motion by Mr. Wilborn and a second by Mr. Eleby, the Board voted (3, 0) to accept the Superintendent’s recommendation. The motion passed.

The Superintendent recommended approval of August 8, 2023, Called Board Meeting Minutes. On a motion by Mr. Wilborn and a second by Mr. Eleby, the Board voted (3, 0) to accept the Superintendent’s recommendation. The motion passed.

**SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORTS & UPDATES**

Principal’s Report:

Ms. Parks introduced the new staff members for the FY24 school year. The following staff members: Mr. Emmanuel Griffin (Elementary PE), Mr. JaCobris Jackson (4th and 5th Math and Science), Ms. Arkimmie Hart (Administrative Assistant-School), Ms. Courtney Murphy (Assistant Principal), and Mr Michael Coley (Assistant Principal) thanked the Board for the opportunity to work at Quitman County School District. Mr. Anderson welcomed the new staff members.

Ms. Parks provided a brief update on the start of the school year progress.

Superintendent’s Report:

The Superintendent will reach out to RESA to schedule Whole Board Training for Early Fall.

The Superintendent provided the Board members with the Board Members Code of Ethics. The Superintendent will provide a sign-off at the next BOE meeting for board members to acknowledge that is has been reviewed. The Superintendent also shared the GaPSC Educator Code of Ethics with the Board.

The Superintendent announced approximately 145 students will be going to Hollywood Connections, Columbus, GA on September 27, 2023, for a PBIS Field Trip.

**PERSONNEL (EXECUTIVE SESSION)**

The Superintendent recommended entering an executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel. On a motion by Mr. Wilborn and a second by Mr. Eleby, the Board voted unanimously (3, 0), to accept the Superintendent’s recommendation. The motion passed.

On a motion by Mr. Eleby and a second by Mr. Wilborn, the Board voted unanimously (3, 0), to resume the regular session. The motion passed.

Chairman Anderson stated that the Board had met in executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel. No decisions were made, and no votes were taken; only discussion took place.

The Superintendent recommended approval of Ms. Karen Johnson, as a substitute teacher. On a motion by Mr. Wilborn and a second by Mr. Eleby, the Board voted unanimously (3, 0), to accept the Superintendent’s recommendation. The motion passed.

The Superintendent recommended approval of Ms. Theresa Nicholson, as a substitute teacher. On a motion by Mr. Wilborn and a second by Mr. Eleby, the Board voted unanimously (3, 0), to accept the Superintendent’s recommendation. The motion passed.

The Superintendent recommended approval of Mrs. Bernita Brown, as a substitute teacher. On a motion by Mr. Wilborn and a second by Mr. Eleby, the Board voted unanimously (3, 0), to accept the Superintendent’s recommendation. The motion passed.

The Superintendent recommended approval of Ms. Patricia Hope, as a part-time cafeteria worker. On a motion by Mr. Wilborn and a second by Mr. Eleby, the Board voted unanimously (3, 0), to accept the Superintendent’s recommendation. The motion passed.

The Superintendent recommended approval of Intermittent Family Medical Leave (FMLA) for Mrs. Twana Purifoy Anderson. On a motion by Mr. Wilborn and a second by Mr. Eleby, the Board voted (2, 0), to accept the Superintendent’s recommendation. Mr. Anderson abstained. The motion passed.

**FINANCE**

The Superintendent recommended approval of the Financial Report for August 2023. On a motion by Mr. Eleby and a second by Mr. Wilborn, the Board voted unanimously (3, 0), to accept the Superintendent’s recommendation. The motion passed.

The Superintendent recommended approval of the Tax Collections for July 2023. On a motion by Mr. Eleby and a second by Mr. Wilborn, the Board voted unanimously (3, 0), to accept the Superintendent’s recommendation. The motion passed.

**MAINTENANCE & OPERATIONS**

The Superintendent provided a Facility Use sample application document for the Board to review. Further discussion will take place after the review. No action taken at this time.

**NEW & UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

The Superintendent recommended approval of the Georgia Safer School Grant in the amount of $250K. The Superintendent provided an overview of what will be purchased with the grant. On a motion by Mr. Wilborn and a second by Mr. Eleby, the Board voted unanimously (3, 0), to accept the Superintendent’s recommendation. The motion passed.

The Superintendent recommended approval to purchase an Air Jack from Bumper to Bumper in the amount of $4689.00. On a motion by Mr. Wilborn and a second by Mr. Eleby, the Board voted unanimously (3, 0), to accept the Superintendent’s recommendation. The motion passed.

The Superintendent reviewed with the Board the Public Comment Comparison document. Further discussion will take place after the review. No action taken at this time.

(Mrs. Christi Green entered the meeting).

The Superintendent discussed with the Board a quote from Eufaula Glass. No action taken at this time.

The Superintendent recommended approval to purchase a 14-passenger bus to be used for student transport in the amount $101,775.00. The Bus was bided under the Georgia State Contract and will be paid out of ESSR. On a motion by Mr. Eleby and a second by Mrs. Green, the Board voted (3, 1), to accept the Superintendent’s recommendation. Mr. Wilborn voted No. The motion passed.

The Security Vestibule Quote was tabled. The Superintendent will do more research on the project.

The Superintendent recommended approval for Quitman County School District to pay half of the expenses for Quitman County Recreational Department fence repair in the amount of $1250.00. On a motion by Mrs. Green and a second by Mr. Eleby, the Board voted (3, 1), to accept the Superintendent’s recommendation. Mr. Wilborn voted No. The motion passed.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No Comments.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The next Regular Board meeting will take place on Tuesday, October 3, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With there being no other business to discuss, on a motion by Mr. Eleby and a second by Mr. Wilborn, the Board voted unanimously (4, 0), to adjourn. The motion passed.

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