

PICKENS COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

377 Ladow Center Circle
Carrollton, AL 35447
Monday, November 4, 2024
6:00 p.m.

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

The Pickens County Board of Education met on Monday, November 4, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. at the Pickens County Board of Education. Board members Gene Dawkins, Annie Jackson, Frankie Spencer, Sam Wiggins, John Brandon, and Board Attorney Ray Ward were in attendance. Superintendent Jamie Chapman conducted the meeting. Other board employee participants were Interim Associate Superintendent Chan Mullenix, and Elementary Curriculum and Instruction Specialist Kim Clark.

Call to Order and Open Meeting (Board Chairperson)

1. Regular Business

- A. **Approve Agenda:** On a motion by Gene Dawkins, and seconded by Sam Wiggins, the board unanimously approved the Superintendent's recommendation to accept the agenda as presented.
- B. **Approve October 21, 2024, Board Meeting Minutes:** On a motion by Sam Wiggins and seconded by John Brandon, the board unanimously approved the Superintendent's recommendation to accept the minutes as presented.
- C. **Nominate and Elect Board Officers:** After discussion, nominations, and voting, Mr. Sam Wiggins was voted as Pickens County Board Chairperson and Gene Dawkins was voted as Vice Chairperson effective 11/4/24.

2. Community Groups: None

3. Reports:

4. Other Business (Board Action Required)

- A. **The National School Food Study 2024-2025 MOU:** On a motion by Annie Jackson and seconded by Gene Dawkins, the board unanimously approved the Superintendent's recommendation to participate in the food study for 2024-2025.
- B. **Lieutenant Governor's Grant:** On a motion by John Brandon and seconded by Gene Dawkins, the board unanimously approved the Superintendent's recommendation to place the grant money in an escrow until time for repayment.
- C. **CO Administrative Assistant Supplement:** On a motion by Gene Dawkins and seconded by John Brandon, the board voted to approve the Superintendent's recommendation to pay an administrative salary supplement. The vote was 3 to 1 with one abstention. Mr. Spencer wanted to be on record that he voted no because he thought the amount should be increased.
- D. **Increase Compensation for Incoming Board:** On a motion by Gene Dawkins and seconded by John Brandon, the board unanimously accepted the Superintendent's recommendation to raise board member compensation from \$600 to \$900 monthly.
- E. **Personnel Recommendations:** On a motion by Frankie Spencer and seconded by Annie Jackson, the board unanimously approved the Superintendent's personnel recommendations.

CERTIFIED: EMPLOYMENT

Cynthia Brown AES Kindergarten Teacher

Effective 10/28/2024

CLASSIFIED: EMPLOYMENT

Barbra Gray GHS Long Term Substitute

Effective 10/23/24 – 12/20/24

CLASSIFIED: RESIGNATION RETIREMENT

Glenda Barnes Custodian, P4C

Effective 12/1/24

CLASSIFIED: MEDICAL LEAVE REQUEST

Michelle Dyer Manning Bus Driver, Gordo Area

Effective 10/26/24-12/26/24

VACATION APPROVAL

Carmen Burton CNP Director

12/2/24 – 12/20/24

- 5. Addition to the Agenda:** On a motion by Gene Dawkins and seconded by John Brandon the board voted to accepted the Superintendent’s recommendation to add letter “F,” to the agenda as “**Superintendent Purchase of Board Vehicle:**” On a motion by Gene Dawkins and seconded by John Brandon, the board agreed 3-2 to approve the sale of a board vehicle to Mr. Chapman for \$28,000.00. Ms. Jackson and Mr. Spencer were opposed.
- 6. Executive Session:** Board Attorney Ray Ward certified the need to go into executive session. On a motion by Gene Dawkins and seconded by Annie Jackson, the board convened into executive session at 6:20 p.m. and reconvened at 6:45 p.m.

 - A. Personnel:** See Above
 - B. Expulsions:** None
 - C. Zone Variances:** None
 - D. Legal Matters:** None
 - E. Adjournment:** There being no further business, the board adjourned at 6:52 p.m. The next regularly scheduled board meeting will be on November 18, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. at the Central Office.