

WEBSTER COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 10, 2023 AT 6:00 P.M.

The Webster County Board of Education held its regular meeting on January 10, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. Mrs. Linda Rogers, Mrs. Mary Hinman, Mr. Donald Brown, Mr. Jimmie Johnson, Mr. Landon Matthews, 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—#5 Approve for H.S. Basketball Girls to Attend the H.S. Team Days Trip to UGA on Sunday 2/19/2023—by a motion made by Mrs. Mary Hinman, seconded by Mr. Jimmie Johnson. The motion was approved unanimously.

The November 2022 financial report was approved by a motion made by Mr. Donald Brown, seconded by Mr. Jimmie Johnson. The motion was approved unanimously.

The December 13, 2022 (5:00 p.m.) work session minutes were approved by a motion made by Mrs. Mary Hinman, seconded by Mr. Landon Matthews. The motion was approved unanimously.

The December 13, 2022 (6:00 p.m.) regular 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 for the H.S. girls basketball team to attend H.S. Team Days trip to UGA on Sunday, 2/19/2023 by a motion made by Mrs. Mary Hinman, seconded by Mr. Jimmie Johnson. The motion was approved unanimously.

Mrs. Mary Hinman was nominated as Vice-Chairlady for 2023. There being no further nominations, Mrs. Mary Hinman was elected as Vice-Chairlady for 2023 by a motion made by Mr. Jimmie Johnson, seconded by Mr. Donald Brown. The motion was approved 4-1, with Mrs. Linda Rogers, Mr. Jimmie Johnson, Mr. Donald Brown, and Mr. Landon Matthews voting for the motion; Mrs. Mary Hinman abstained.

The Board approved to enter into executive session to discuss or deliberate upon the appointment, employment, compensation, hiring, disciplinary action or dismissal, or periodic evaluation 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 Mrs. Mary Hinman, seconded by Mr. Jimmie Johnson. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Board approved the Boundary and Topographic Survey with Still Waters Engineering in the amount of \$14,250 by a motion made by Mr. Jimmie Johnson, seconded by Mr. Donald Brown. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Board approved the purchase of 5 computers with monitors for the CTAE business lab from GOV Connection in the amount of \$5,077.40 (\$3,618-CTAE Program Improvement and \$1,459.40-Local CTAE Matching) by a motion made by Mr. Donald Brown, seconded by Mr. Landon Matthews. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Board approved the personnel recommendation of the Superintendent to move Ms. Jasmine Day-Duncan from a long-term substitute teacher to a substitute teacher by a motion made by Mrs. Mary Hinman, seconded by Mr. Donald Brown. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Board approved the personnel recommendation of the Superintendent to hire Mr. Willie B. Horne as a substitute teacher (pending completion of background check) by a motion made by Mr. Donald Brown, seconded by Mr. Landon Matthews. The motion was approved unanimously.

Dr. Ingram presented the Superintendent's report and the CTAE report—Dr. Ingram commented that the school cafeteria received \$7,166.75 in the 3rd round of Supply Chain Assistance (food costs are continuing to increase and these funds will assist in that area-handout); Dr. Ingram and Ms. Hill submitted the Technology Grant (\$100,000) December 20, 2022; ESPLOST deposit for December 2022 is \$24,834.01-handout; the school system received \$1,000 check from the Columbus Department of Health for the participating in Step Up/Step In program; the mid-year allotment sheets will be available soon; the school system is in the process of issuing bonds to begin the "Facilities Projects" as discussed-handout; the faculty/staff "Intent to Return" forms for FY'24 are due January 27th as the budget is being prepared; Dr. Ingram addressed water line issues over the holiday break; the softball field water line burst Monday, January 9th (county repaired and reinforced it); Prevent Blindness Georgia (sponsored by the Department of Education) held at WCS on Saturday, January 7, 2023 in conjunction with Stewart County Schools-10 students were able to be seen and received free glasses; GSBA—Risk E-lert and Policy Alert (not issued); GSBA—RMS Safety Scenario for December 2022 (handout); GSBA—Capitol Watch: State Board of Education next meeting January 11-12th (handout); the Georgia Legislative session started Monday, January 9, 2023 in Atlanta. 2023-2024 Georgia Department of Education priorities (handout); Whole Board training with Mr. Bill Sampson has been scheduled for March 13, 2023 (all Board members are required to attend and will earn 3 credit hours-9 to 3 p.m.); the WCS District will receive the 2023 GAEL Vision Award for our participation in Summer GAEL, during the GAEL Winter Conference January 22-24, 2023; REACH Signing Day Ceremony January 19, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. in the school cafeteria (handout). Dr. Ingram also commented on the Georgia Department of Health COVID-19 updates, attendance for students and employees, and student enrollment of students. Upcoming Events: Next Board meeting February 14, 2023 (work session at 5:00 p.m. and regular meeting at 6:00 p.m.), Field Trips: Bass Fishing January 21st, FBLA Region-Columbus, GA January 25th, ACT Columbus, GA, February 11th, FBLA State-Atlanta, GA March 10th, Holidays: MLK January 16th – 17th, President's Day February 20th.

CTAE report—Dr. Ingram commented that all budgets have been approved in the process of ordering supplies. Spring CTAE Advisory Committee meeting – March 16, 2023. CTAE Director's Winter Conference will be held February 8-10, 2023 in Marietta, GA. CTAE Month is scheduled for February 2023. Agriculture Program Outlook January 20th deadline to inform State Region Director - Extended Day: Fully funded by State, Extended Year: Funded 50/50, 11 or 12 month contract. Letter of support from Board of Education Funds are requested from Legislators - Advertise for a teacher. WBL: Mr. Baker will be attending a Region WBL workshop and a WBL conference in January. DUAL ENROLLMENT: Finished up Fall Semester with GSW (1 student) and SGTC (7 students) – All students completed courses successfully. Spring Semester classes at GSW and SGTC will begin January 11th. Spring Semester enrollment: GSW =1 and SGTC = 8

Title I report (Dr. Ingram presented a report received from Mrs. Sterling)—Federal Funds: ESSER III: received 112 of the 121 computers that were ordered to update computers in the labs. Employees have volunteered to work summer school for 2023. All positions have been filled. Curriculum: we have decided upon a new reading curriculum for kindergarten through 5th grade: Houghton Mifflin Harcourt: into reading. The same curriculum was purchased last year for 6th-8th grade. The new Georgia math standards have been released. Our math team is currently reviewing two samples: (1) McGraw Hill and the other (2) is Houghton Mifflin Harcourt. As soon as the teachers review the samples, and determine which product meets the needs of our students, we will request price quotes. CCRPI Report: (See Separate Report) Testing: Middle of the Year Testing Schedule: STAR: Jan 18 – 20 DIBELS: JAN 23-27 Beacon: JAN 30 - Feb 3 Upcoming Events: January 18: DUAL Enrollment/Hope Workshop 8-11 January 19: REACH Signing Day @ 6 p.m. Parent Involvement: February 2nd: Muffins with Mom (School Bus Safety) @ 7:45 p.m.

Mrs. Balish presented the Principal's Report and Special Education Report (Available at the Next Meeting)—Mrs. Balish commented that everyone is back from a hopefully restful Winter break—a great deal of ballgames taking place. In fact, there is one tonight against Marion County (Mrs. Sterling is chaperone for this ballgame). The schedule for basketball worked out so that either one or all of the administrators are present at every game. The 1st round of computer loans/checkouts with hot spots were successful. There were 93 computers checked out and 54 hotspots. The next round of computer check-out days is scheduled for January 25th and 26th for those parents/guardians who were unable to make the 1st round. WCS 1st bass fishing tournament is scheduled for January 21st at Lake Seminole. Capstone presentations were held in December and the students did a great job of discussing their chosen careers. Muffins with Mom will be held February 2—during this celebration, Coach McCullough will make a presentation on bus safety. Report cards will be presented January 23 for Q2/ Semester 1. Our Bobcat Q2 passing party is scheduled for January 20th. We invite those students who are passing every subject to attend—the pizza party was such a big hit last quarter that we may have a repeat.

(No Public Comments)

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

Time Adjourned: 8:05 p.m.
Prepared By: Regina T. Dotts
Approved: 2/14/2023