**COFFEE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**MINUTES OF**

**April 4, 2024**

**Regular Board Meeting**

A regular meeting of the Coffee County Board of Education was held April 4, 2024, 5:30 p.m. in the Board of Education Office, Elba, Alabama.

# ATTENDANCE

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

# ABSENT

Sherry Eddins

**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. Carr, and it passed unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MARCH 7, 2024**

The minutes of the March 7, 2024, were approved as printed.

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT AND BANK/CASH RECONCILIATION FOR FEBRUARY 2024**

The February financial statement and cash/bank reconciliation report were provided.

**APPROVAL TO ACCEPT HIGH BIDS ON SURPLUS BUSES**

Mrs. Cobb recommended that the board approve the following high bids on surplus buses:

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| **Description of Surplus Item** | **Bid Price** | **High Bidder** |
| Asset ID: 287- 2008 Freightliner Bus #08-53  VIN# 4UZABRDT98CZ51407 | $13,900.00 | Boys & Girls Club of East Alabama- Richard Curry |
| Asset ID: 285- 2005 International Bus #05-43  VIN# 4DRBUANNX5B986061 | $4,500.00 | Jim Hunter Walsh |
| Asset ID: 286- 2005 International Bus #05-45  VIN# 4DRBUANNX5B986060 | $6,895.00 | Jose Quintanilla |
| Asset ID: 289- 2008 Freightliner Bus #08-47  VIN# 4UZABRDTO8CZ51389 | $12,350.00 | Javier Rodriguez |
| Asset ID: 288- 2008 Freightliner Bus #08-48  VIN# 4UZABRDTO8CZ51392 | $13,000.00 | South Alabama Bus Sales & Leasing, LLC |
| Asset ID: 290- 2008 Freightliner Bus #08-54  VIN# 4UZABRDTO8CZ51410 | $13,300.00 | South Alabama Bus Sales & Leasing, LLC |
| **TOTAL BID RESULTS** | **$63,945.00** |  |

Mr. McLeod made a motion to accept the high bids on surplus buses with a second by Mrs. Strickland, and it passed unanimously.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Attorney Carmen Howell stated the Board had a need for an executive session and certified the purpose was to discuss pending litigation associated with Coffee County Schools. By unanimous, individual, voice vote, the Board entered executive session expected to last 10minutes. Executive session began at 5:33 p.m. and concluded at 5:46 p.m. The Board reconvened at that time with Mr. McWaters stating no action and no vote was taken during the executive session

**PERSONNEL**

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

**CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL**

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

1. **Marion Jury –** Teacher at New Brockton Elementary School, effective May 24, 2024.
2. **Heather Strickland –** Teacher at New Brockton Elementary School, effective May 24, 2024.
3. **Nicole Skopek –** Spanish/ELL Teacher at New Brockton High School, effective May 24, 2024.
4. **Amanda Martin –** Teacher at Kinston School, effective May 24, 2024.
5. **Shasta Barron –** Reading Specialist at Zion Chapel School, effective May 24, 2024.

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

1. **Rose Oswald –** Teacher at New Brockton Elementary School to Teacher at Zion Chapel Elementary School for the 2024-2025 school year.

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

1. **Haleigh Dewberry –** Teacher at New Brockton Elementary School for the 2024-2025 school year.
2. **Samantha Gilbert –** Teacher at New Brockton Elementary School for the 2024-2025 school year.
3. **Sonya Galloway –** Reading Specialist at New Brockton Elementary School for the 2024-2025 school year.
4. **Abigail Grantham –** Teacher at Zion Chapel Elementary School for the 2024-2025 school year.
5. **Shasta Barron –** Assistant Principal at Kinston School for the 2024-2025 school year.

**CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL**

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

1. **Samantha Gilbert –** Auxiliary Pre-K teacher at New Brockton ElementarySchool, effective May 24, 2024.

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

1. **Haylee Hutchison –** Auxiliary Pre-K teacher at New Brockton Elementary School for the 2024-2025 school year.

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

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

Mrs. Carr acknowledged that the skid steer class that was held and that some of our students participated in was amazing. Mrs. Strickland acknowledged the military bootcamp that New Brockton Elementary had in preparation for testing and what a great idea that was for students. Mr. McWaters ended the comments by congratulating fellow board member Brandi Carr on graduating with Honors from Troy University.

**SUPERINTENDENT’S COMMENTS**

Mrs. Cobb informed board members that the New Brockton Elementary School robotics teamed traveled to Wetumpka High School to compete in their VEX competition. The teams finished 3rd, 4th, and 7th overall after competing in the finals. Their codes ran successfully and their driving was incredible. However, what we are most proud of is the teamwork and sportsmanship they displayed. Mrs. Cobb congratulated the New Brockton High School Girls’ Basketball Coach Justin Harbuck who was named the Dothan Eagle Coach of the Year. Coach Harbuck led the lady Gamecocks to an overall 20-6 record (11-1 at home), Area tournament hosts, Area Champions, Sub-region win, and Sweet-16. We are so proud of Coach Harbuck on his accomplishment and the coach and players who helped make it possible. Next, Mrs. Cobb informed board members that New Brockton Middle School received a Middle School Computer Programming Initiative Grant for $25,000.00. Mrs. Cobb recognized Shasta Barron on being named the new assistant principal at Kinston School. She reminded board members that the May board meeting would be the awards ceremony for each school. Lastly, Mrs. Cobb introduced Betsy Wood, CNP Director and Samantha Smith, AP/Payroll Clerk. Samples of the moo brew that is being offered in the schools were served.

**NOTICE OF NEXT REGULAR MEETING**

The next regular meeting will be held May 2, 2024, 5:30 p.m.

**ADJOURN**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.