

WEBSTER COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING
DECEMBER 13, 2022 AT 6:00 P.M.

The Webster County Board of Education held its regular meeting on December 13, 2022 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 REI School Safety Grant Budget—by a motion made by Mrs. Mary Hinman, seconded by Mr. Jimmie Johnson. The motion was approved unanimously.

The October 2022 financial report was approved by a motion made by Mr. Donald Brown, seconded by Mrs. Mary Hinman. The motion was approved unanimously.

The November 8, 2022 (5:00 p.m.) work session minutes were approved by a motion made by a motion made by Mrs. Mary Hinman, seconded by Mr. Donald Brown. The motion was approved unanimously.

The November 8, 2022 (6:00 p.m.) regular meeting minutes were approved by a motion made by a motion made by Mr. Jimmie Johnson, seconded by Mrs. Mary Hinman. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Board approved the REI School Safety Grant Budget (\$50,000-Awarded) by a motion made by Mr. Donald Brown, seconded by Mr. Landon Matthews. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Board approved Board meeting dates for 2023 by a motion made by Mrs. Mary Hinman, seconded by Mr. Jimmie Johnson. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Board approved to purchase 121 computers and monitors to replace outdated computers from GOV Connection—ESSER III Funds \$114,249 and \$7,015 SRSA Grant by a motion made by Mrs. Mary Hinman, seconded by Mr. Jimmie Johnson. The motion was approved unanimously.

Dr. Ingram presented the Superintendent's report and the CTAE report—Dr. Ingram commented that the Rural Technology grant will be applied for (systems may apply for a grant amount up to \$100,000 (handout), Prevent Blindness event is scheduled for Saturday, January 7, 2023 at the Webster County Schools; personnel vacancies: High School Science, Middle School Science,

and Special Education. Some will attend the GSW Teacher Career Fair February 24, 2023 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Faculty/Staff “Intent to Return” forms are scheduled for distribution to teachers January 3, 2023 in preparation for the FY’24 budget. Dr. Ingram highlighted on GSBA handouts – Risk E-lert Dec 2022, RMS Safety Scenario Nov 2022, and Policy Alert Dec 2022, Capitol Watch (State Board of Education Meeting Update Dec 2022. Dr. Ingram further highlighted on GSBA in the area of Legislative Priorities (handout). The cafeteria’s health inspection was conducted November 30th by the Georgia Department of Public Health (Ms. Wilburn and her staff earned a 100 score on the health inspection). Nic’s Kicks sneaker field trip was held Friday, December 9th (50 middle school students were able to participate). The Webster County Board of Education was recognized at the GSBA/GSSA Winter Conference December 2, 2022 for earning Exemplary Board status. Dr. Ingram is working with Mr. Bill Sampson to schedule the Whole Board training in March 2023. She also presented the Board members an updated varsity basketball schedule. Lastly, Dr. Ingram highlighted on student enrollment, attendance, COVID updates, and upcoming events (Holiday Program Dec 15th, Next Board meetings: January 10, 2023 - work session at 5:00 p.m., regular scheduled meeting at 6:00 p.m. Field Trips: FBLA-Region Columbus GA Jan 25th, ACT Columbus GA Feb 11th, FBLA-State Atlanta GA Mar 10th, Holidays: Dec 19th – Jan with Teachers returning Jan 3rd and students returning Jan 4th).

CTAE: Dr. Ingram commented that Supervision and Program Improvement budgets have received final approval from DOE (waiting for Perkins Plus budget to be approved). Fall CTAE Advisory Committee meeting was held on November 17, 2022. Spring CTAE Advisory Committee meeting – March 16, 2023. CTAE Director’s Winter Conference will be held February 8-10, 2023 in Marietta, GA. 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). Apply to College Day was held for November 17, 2022 for seniors. Spring Semester dual enrollment classes will begin in January 2023— 17 seniors applied to 57 colleges/universities.

Mrs. Balish presented the Principal’s report and the Special Education’s report—Mrs. Balish commented that last week, student council was held that included a presentation by Dr. Ingram. It was very informative. The GBI Gang Taskforce held training at the school for all administrators and lead teachers from middle and high school—taught some of the gang-related signs to look for within the school and gave pointers on keeping the school safe. The Christmas Program will be held Thursday at 6:00pm with a visit from Santa—cookies and refreshments, lots of great singing by the elementary school children and high school chorus. Last week, the school held Caroling on the Square—WCS Chorus rendered a selection of Christmas songs on the steps of the courthouse (a great turn-out). Also, the school served cookies and hot cocoa to the gathering. Everyone is looking forward to Friday as the beginning of a well-deserved break. Lastly, Mrs. Balish commented that “teachers and staff have been working very hard, and we hope everyone has a happy holiday season.”

Special Education: Mrs. Balish commented that she is making sure the paperwork is entered and accurate for the GAA testing this spring.

Mrs. Sterling presented the Title I report—regarding the school improvement lists that were released by GADOE, Webster County Schools was NOT included. Federal Programs Budgets Update: All ESSER III funds must be spent by September 2023, with carryover extending to September 2024. In January 2023, Mrs. Swain and Mrs. Sterling will begin determining the best way to apply the funds to meet needs of our students and teachers. ESSER III (Technology): Funding used to purchase 114 desktop computers and monitors for all Labs and Media Center. Upgrades needed in order to run programs used to administer GA Milestones and Beacon assessments. FY'23 \$121,438.40 Spent \$114,249.66 Balance: \$7,188.74. 114 Monitors came in last week. ESSER III (Curriculum): FY 23 Balance: \$129,747.24. We would like to purchase a new Reading Curriculum for grades K -5th that correlates with the 6th-8th curriculum that was implemented this year. Approximate cost: \$45,000 (five-year subscription). The new Georgia Math Standards will be implemented FY23-24. We are researching new curriculums that include the updated standards. SRSA Grant: Funding used to purchase 7 desktop computers and monitors for the Labs. Upgrades needed in order to run programs used to administer GA Milestones and Beacon assessments. Award Amount: \$7,169 Spent: \$7,015.33 Balance: \$153.67 Parent Involvement: Doughnuts for Dad was held on December 1st. There were 46 Dads in attendance!! Mr. Mac spoke w/ parents and students (PreK -2) regarding bus safety. Muffins with Mom will be held on February 2nd. Mr. Mac will present Bus Safety to moms as well. Testing Calendar: Middle of the Year Testing will be held in January 2023. STAR: January 18 - 20 DIBELS: January 23 - 27 BEACON: January 30 - Feb. 3

(No Public Comments)

The meeting was adjourned by a motion made by Mr. Donald Brown, seconded by Mr. Jimmie Johnson. The motion was approved unanimously.

Time Adjourned: 6:36 p.m.

Prepared By: Regina T. Dotts

Approved: 1/10/2023