**COFFEE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**MINUTES OF**

**April 3, 2025**

**Regular Board Meeting**

A regular meeting of the Coffee County Board of Education was held on April 3, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. in the Board of Education Office, Elba, Alabama.

# ATTENDANCE

# Galen McWaters, Rodrick Caldwell, Mike Bailey, Eric Payne, Sherry Eddins, Rhonda Strickland, and Superintendent: Kelly Cobb

# ABSENT

Brian McLeod

**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. Strickland, and it passed unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF MARCH 6, 2025, AND MARCH 18, 2025**

The minutes of March 6, 2025, and March 18, 2025, were approved as printed.

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT AND BANK/CASH RECONCILIATION FOR FEBRUARY 2025**

The February financial statements and cash/bank reconciliation reports were provided.

**APPROVAL OF 2025-2026 SCHOOL CALENDAR**

Mrs. Cobb asked for approval of the 2025-2026 school calendar that was presented. Mr. Caldwell made a motion to accept Mrs. Cobb’s recommendation. A second was made by Mrs. Eddins, and it passed unanimously.

**EMPLOYMENT OF PROBATIONARY PRINCIPAL AT NEW BROCKTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

Mrs. Cobb asked for the board to approve Emily Herbert as the new principal at New Brockton Elementary School. Mrs. Herbert’s contract will be presented at the May meeting for approval. Mrs. Eddins made a motion to accept Mrs. Cobb’s recommendation. Mr. Caldwell made a second, and it passed unanimously.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

No executive session was held.

**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. **Jason Barnett –** Teacher at New Brockton High School, effective May 23, 2025.
2. **Whitney Barnett –** Teacher at New Brockton High School, effective May 23, 2025.
3. **Laura Wagner –** Teacher at New Brockton High School, effective May 23, 2025.
4. **Mitchell Price –** Teacher at Zion Chapel High School, effective May 23, 2025.
5. **Gracie Sneed –** Teacher at Zion Chapel Elementary School, effective May 23, 2025.
6. **Victoria Bartee –** Teacher at New Brockton Middle School, effective May 23, 2025.
7. **Rhonda Martin –** Teacher at New Brockton Middle School, effective May 23, 2025.
8. **Margery Zimmerman –** Teacher at New Brockton Middle School, effective May 23, 2025.

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

**1. Karen Thornton –** Teacher at Kinston School. Ms. Thornton is retiring effective June 1,

2025.

**2. Sharon Sasser** – Teacher at Zion Chapel School, effective May 23, 2025.

**3. Brenda Skinner** – Teacher at Kinston Elementary School, effective May 23, 2025.

**4. Sandra Rhodes** – Teacher at Kinston School, effective May 23, 2025.

**The following non-renewals are recommended to be approved:**

**1. David Brockway –** Teacher at New Brockton High School, effective May 23, 2025.

**2. Amanda Jordan** – TEAMS Teacher at Zion Chapel School, effective May 23, 2025.

**The following transfers are recommended to be approved for the 2025-2026 school year:**

1. **Anna Danford –** Teacher at New Brockton High School to Teacher at New Brockton Middle School.
2. **Daniel Brasher –** Teacher at New Brockton High School to Teacher at New Brockton Middle School.
3. **Ryan Hussey –** Physical Education Teacher at New Brockton Middle School to Physical Education Teacher at New Brockton Elementary School.
4. **Dennis Chastang –** Physical Education Teacher at New Brockton Elementary School to Physical Education Teacher at New Brockton Middle School.

**The following leave request is recommended to be approved:**

**1. Callie Chastang –** Teacher at New Brockton Elementary School. Mrs. Chastang is

requesting catastrophic leave beginning March 3, 2025, through May 5, 2025.

**The following employments are recommended to be approved for the 2025-2026 school year:**

1. **Lilly Grace Payne –** Teacher at Zion Chapel Elementary School.
2. **Daisy Lott –** TEAMS Teacher at Zion Chapel High School.
3. **Kristin Kelley –** Teacher at Zion Chapel High School.
4. **Chandler Lunn –** Teacher at New Brockton High School.
5. **Christina Gingrich –** Teacher at New Brockton High School.
6. **Paige Fountain –** Teacher at Kinston High School.
7. **Emily Kennington –** Teacher at Kinston Elementary School.
8. **Emily Richburg –** Teacher at New Brockton Elementary School.
9. **Halee Deal –** Teacher at New Brockton Elementary School.

**CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL**

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

1. **Malloree Prescott –** Auxiliary Pre-K teacher at Zion Chapel ElementarySchool, effective May 23, 2025.
2. **Morgan Coxwell –** Custodian at New Brockton Elementary School, effective May 23, 2025.

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

**1. Shelia Brown –** CNP Worker at New Brockton Elementary School, effective June 1,

2025.

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

**REQUEST TO APPEAR BEFORE THE BOARD**

Martha Ball, the parent of a New Brockton High School student, addressed the Board in an open session.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

Mrs. Strickland acknowledged the participants at the meeting and their concerns.

**SUPERINTENDENT’S COMMENTS**

Mrs. Cobb informed board members that New Brockton High School had qualified for the National Defense Cadet Corps. The program is similar to JROTC. This will be phase one and provide preliminary training experience. Next, Mrs. Cobb told board members that Mrs. Herbert and Mrs. Richardson would be at the May meeting for them to meet. Lastly, she reminded board members that the next meeting would be our awards ceremony for the seniors at each school.

**NOTICE OF NEXT REGULAR MEETING**

The next regular meeting will be held May 1, 2025, 5:30 p.m.

**ADJOURN**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.