

MARENGO COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Board Meeting Minutes
June 22, 2023

4:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 4:04 p.m. by Mr. Rayvell Smith, President.

Establishment of a quorum.

Members present: Mr. Freddie Charleston, Mrs. Lynda Joiner, Mr. John McAlpine, Mr. Chester Moore, and Mr. Rayvell Smith.

Members absent: none.

The invocation was given by Mr. Smith.

Approval of Agenda

The motion to approve the agenda was made by Mr. Charleston and seconded by Mr. McAlpine. It carried unanimously.

Second Approval of May 23, 2023, Board Meeting Minutes

The motion for second approval of the May 23, 2023, Board Meeting Minutes was made by Mr. Charleston and seconded by Mrs. Joiner. It carried unanimously.

I, Luke Hallmark, Superintendent of Education of Marengo County Schools, do hereby make the following recommendations:

Business Matters

- **A. J. McCampbell**
Representative A. J. McCampbell spoke to the Board about the recent legislative session. His main report was about the Supplemental Appropriation of \$175 million that was allocated to Lieutenant Governor Will Ainsworth. Lieutenant Governor Ainsworth has decided to use this money for capital improvement. The money will be allocated through an application process and mainly for low-income school districts. In the next few months, an application will be sent to each school system to fill out. After finishing the paperwork, a representative and senator from the district will sign off on it. Representative McCampbell also mentioned that a Special Session will be held to redraw the congressional lines.
- **Richard Johnson – Financial Update**
Mr. Richard Johnson, new CSFO and retiring CSFO, Mrs. Diana Luker, gave the Board members a financial update. In the General Fund, the cash balance as of April 30, 2023, was \$1,562,717.72. The receipts were \$1,065,529.99 while the expenditures were \$1,243,123.29. This left a May 31, 2023, cash balance of \$1,385,124.42. The cash balance continues to remain good. Mrs. Luker mentioned to the Board members that Mr. Johnson is learning very quickly and doing a good job.
- **Wendy Joiner – Instructional Leader Update**
Mrs. Wendy Joiner, Instructional Leader, gave a report to the Board members. She mentioned that Sweet Water High School received the MVP FAFSA Award X-Small Schools for being the first to reach 100% completion. The school received a grant for \$1,000. Mrs. Joiner reported that the ACAP Reading scores showed an overall growth in both the 2nd and 3rd grades. A. L. Johnson High School, even with small numbers, showed a lot of growth in students from last year to this year. In looking at the 3rd Grade ACAP Reading scores throughout our region, Marengo County was 3rd out of 15 school systems with 81.03% scoring grade level. The ACAP Supplemental test for 3rd graders will be given on June 26th. Mrs. Joiner finished her report by discussing summer school enrollment, PreK enrollment, school safety, professional development attendance, and possible grants.
- **Legislative Update**
The Superintendent updated the Board members on the recent end to the 2023 Legislative session. Items mentioned were an increase in OCE, lowering grades 4 – 6 divisors, \$26 million increase in Transportation, \$25 million increase for Math Coaches, \$11 million increase in Career Tech, \$1.525 million increase in At-Risk student programs, \$15 million increase in CCR grants, grants for underperforming schools, possible stipend for Principal Leadership and Mentoring, more Classroom Instructional Support funding, 2% pay raise for all state education employees, new salary matrix for nurses, and \$15 million hourly wage requirement for ESP employees.
- **Black Warrior Telecommunications Consortium / Utilities Report**
The Black Warrior Telecommunications Consortium financial statement for May 31, 2023, was \$96,764.71 in the checking account and \$90,410.93 in a CD. The utilities report for May, 2022, was \$26,575.51 while May, 2023, was \$24,244.98.

New Business

1. That the Financial Reports for May, 2023, be approved.
2. That the General, Federal, Capital Projects, Accounts Payable, and Payroll account bank statements as reconciled by Chief Financial Officer and reviewed by the Superintendent for May, 2023, be approved.
3. That the Board review the following proposed policy revisions:
 - FILE: IGA (Grading System)
 - FILE: IGD (Promotion / Retention Policy)
4. That the Board rescind the janitorial services (floors) contract for the summer of 2023 to Celise Bryant for Marengo High School.
5. That the Board approve the janitorial services (floors) contract for the summer of 2023 to Micah Lewis for Marengo High School at a cost of \$3,500.00.
6. That the Superintendent be authorized to make application for Title I Funds, Title II Part A Funds, Title IV Part A Funds, Vocational Federal Funds, IDEA Part-B School Program Funds, IDEA Part-B Preschool Program Funds, Title VI-B Rural, At-Risk State Funds, ESSER2, ESSER3 Funds, ARP Part B, ARP Preschool, and LETRS for Fiscal Year 2024.
7. That the recommended State Department of Education Federal 2023-2024 Eligibility Guidelines for free and reduced meals in the food service program be adopted for the 2023-2024 school year.
8. That the following food service and meal price schedule be adopted for the 2023-2024 school year as follows:

	Students		Adults	
	Paid	Reduced	Employees	Outside the School System
Breakfast	1.75	.30	3.00	3.50
Lunch	2.50	.40	4.50	5.75

Milk: \$.45

9. That the Board approve Child Nutrition Program Community Eligibility for 2023-2024.
10. That the Board approve the renewal application for property insurance through the State of Alabama Department of Finance Division of Risk Management (ATBE) for 2023-2024.

11. That the following bids be approved:

<u>Bid Number</u>	<u>Item(s)</u>	
023-515	Copier Paper (225 cases of 8 ½ by 11)	
	To be accepted:	
	Contract Paper Group Cuyahoga Falls, OH	\$8,280.00

Other bids received:

Contract Paper Group	7,830.00
(Rejected this option because it did not meet specifications. Bid stipulated non-recycled paper and this option contained recycled materials.)	
Newell Paper Company	9,009.00

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023-516	Gasoline/Diesel	
	To be accepted:	
	Pruett Oil Company Uniontown, Alabama	2.492 per gallon low grade gasoline, option 2, up to 10% Ethanol (escalator provision)
		2.562 per gallon diesel (escalator provision)

Other bid received from:

Pruett Oil Company	2.742 per gallon low grade gasoline, option 1 (escalator provision)
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No bids received from:

Dozier Oil Company
 Parr's Inc.

12. That the following Child Nutrition Program bid be approved:

<u>Bid No.</u>	<u>Item</u>
023-517	Milk
	To be accepted:
	East Side Dairy / Prairie Farms Hammond, LA

(Item 12, continued)

.3923	½ pint homogenized flavored milk (chocolate, strawberry, and vanilla)
.3923	½ pint homogenized unflavored milk
.66	½ pint shelf-stable flavored milk
.66	½ print shelf-stable unflavored milk

No bids received from the following:

Dean Foods
LuVel Dairy
Sysco

13. That the following quotes be accepted from H & M Construction Co., LLC, of Demopolis, Alabama, for A. L. Johnson High School PreK playground. These items will be paid from the Early Childhood Education / PreK grant.

Fence	\$14,418.00
Tricycle Track	8,000.00

Personnel Recommendations

14. That the Board approve the Superintendent’s personnel recommendations as follows:

Retirement

Rita Wright (effective July 1, 2023)	Central Office	Child Nutrition Program Director
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Employment of Certified Employees

Anna Bedsole	A. L. Johnson High School	Librarian
Javalyn McCall	A. L. Johnson High School	Teacher
Raven Barber	Marengo High School	Teacher
Portia Dumas	Marengo High School	Teacher
Kamyra Turner	Marengo High School	Librarian
Heather Glass	Sweet Water High School	Teacher
Harley Busby Godinze	Sweet Water High School	Teacher

Lakeisha Johnson	Sweet Water High School	Teacher
Shawndreka Johnson	Sweet Water High School	Teacher
Rubye McKinley	Sweet Water High School	Teacher

Employment of Support Personnel

Delores Lee (pending background check)	A. L. Johnson High School	Child Nutrition Program Worker
James Sewell (pending pre-employment drug test)	A. L. Johnson High School	Bus Driver
Tabitha Lewis	Marengo High School	Auxiliary / PreK Aide
Margaret Sommers	Sweet Water High School	Child Nutrition Program Manager
Tonya Wingfield (effective July 1, 2023)	Central Office	Child Nutrition Program Director

Transfers

Cressida Cowan	Marengo High School	Teacher to Reading Coach
Edwina Smith	Marengo High School	Elementary to PreK Teacher

Resignations

Haley Higginbotham (effective May 26, 2023)	Sweet Water High School	Teacher
Morgan Joiner (effective May 26, 2023)	Sweet Water High School	Teacher
Alisha McGallagher (effective July 1, 2023)	Sweet Water High School	Bus Driver

Non-Renewal of Support Employee

Jackie Harris	Sweet Water High School	Child Nutrition Program Worker
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Mr. Moore made the motion to approve items 1 through 14. A second came from Mr. McAlpine. The motion passed unanimously.

Superintendent's Report

- Hybrid Meetings
- Student Suicide Safety Plan
- LP Gas and Tank Update
- State Examiners
- FY 2024 ADM
- Yearly Calendar
- Required Operating Balance
- All State School Board Recognition
- FLSA Article
- Salary Matrix

Date and Time of Next Regular Meeting of the Board

The date and time of the next regular meeting of the Board is scheduled for Thursday, July 27, 2023, at 4:00 p.m.

Adjournment

The motion to adjourn at 6:35 p.m. was made by Mr. Moore and seconded by Mrs. Joiner. It carried unanimously.

Luke Hallmark, Superintendent

Rayvell Smith, President