**COFFEE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**MINUTES OF**

**July 28, 2021**

**Called Board Meeting**

A called meeting of the Coffee County Board of Education was held July 28, 2021, 5:30 p.m. in the Board of Education Office, Elba, Alabama.

# ATTENDANCE

# Brian McLeod, Galen McWaters, Sherry Eddins, Eric Payne and Superintendent: Kelly Cobb

# ABSENT

Mike Bailey, Wendy Massey, and Brandi Carr

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. McLeod called the meeting to order.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

A motion was made by Mr. McWaters to adopt the agenda as presented. A second was made by Mr. Payne and it passed unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF JULY 8, 2021**

The minutes of the July 8, 2021 meeting were approved as printed.

**APPROVAL TO PURCHASE A NEW SCHOOL BUS**

Mrs. Cobb provided board members with flyers in reference to the purchase of a new school bus. One was a quote for $96,784.00 from Transportation South through Sourcewell. Mrs. Cobb explained by using Sourcewell we were able to bypass the bidding process. The second flyer was a letter from the State Examiner’s office allowing the purchase through Sourcewell without bidding. Mrs. Eddins made a motion to accept Mrs. Cobb’s recommendation with a second by Mr. Payne 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. **Brendan Dow –** Assistant Principal at Kinston School effective July 21, 2021.
2. **Casey Smith –** Teacher at Zion Chapel High School effective immediately.

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

1. **Megan Blair** – Teacher at New Brockton Elementary School effective for the 2021-2022 school year.
2. **Jeana Hudson** – Teacher at Kinston School effective for the 2021-2022 school year.
3. **Crystal Hawthorne** – Assistant Principal at Kinston School effective for the 2021-2022 school year.
4. **Haley Sanders** – Teacher at Zion Chapel School effective for the 2021-2022 school year.
5. **Julie Jackson** – Teacher at Zion Chapel School effective for the 2021-2022 school year.

**The following leave requests are recommended to be approved:**

1. **Sheldyn Stephens –** Teacher at New Brockton Elementary School. Mrs. Stephens is requesting maternity leave beginning tentatively August 9, 2021 and ending tentatively September 20, 2021.
2. **Dana Jacobs –** Teacher at Kinston School. Ms. Jacobs is requesting catastrophic leave from August 16, 2021 through approximately September 7, 2021

**CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL**

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

1. **Debra Johnson –** 12-month custodian at Zion Chapel School.
2. **Jessica Weeks –** CNP worker at Kinston School.

Mr. McWaters made a motion to accept Mrs. Cobb’s recommendation with a second by Mr. Payne and it passed unanimously.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

Mrs. Eddins commented that she was impressed with how smoothly the transition with Mrs. Cobb and Mr. Killingsworth has went. Mr. McWaters asked for everyone to remember Shag LaPrade, as he lost his brother and to remember Mr. McLeod’s mom as she continues to recover. Mr. McLeod ended the comments by commending Mr. Killingsworth and Mrs. Cobb on the transition and the staff for doing a great job over the summer.

**SUPERINTENDENT’S COMMENTS**

Mrs. Cobb informed the board members that she had been meeting with local health officials, EMA and school nurses on the reopening plan for the beginning of school and that it would be finalized in the next few days. She also informed members of a new incentive for Math and Science teachers from the TEAMS act. Contracts will be on the agenda at the next board meeting for approval. Lastly, Mrs. Cobb invited all Board members to a ribbon cutting for the new 12-classroom addition at New Brockton Elementary School on August 5, 2021 at 6 p.m.

**NOTICE OF NEXT REGULAR MEETING**

The next regular meeting will be held August 5, 2021, 5:30 p.m.

**ADJOURN**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.