**QUITMAN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**GEORGETOWN, GEORGIA**

**MINUTES OF JANUARY 7, 2025**

**REGULAR MEETING**

The Quitman County Board of Education met in a regular session on January 7, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. in the Boardroom of the Administrative Office, 215 Kaigler Road. Mr. Willie Anderson, Chairman, presided.

**PRESENT:** Mr. Willie J. Anderson, Chairman; Mr. Larry Wilborn, Vice Chairman; and Mr. Jimmy Eleby, Board member; and Mr. Jon-Erik Jones, School Superintendent.

**ABSENT:** Mrs. Christi Green and Ms. Sherri Hunter, Board members. The Superintendent recommended the approval of the Cuthbert Southern Tribune as the Legal Organ for 2025. On a motion by Mr. Wilborn and a second by Mr. Eleby, the Board voted (3, 0), to accept the Superintendent’s recommendation. The motion passed.

**CALL TO ORDER AND OPENING CEREMONY**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Anderson with a moment of silence followed by the Pledge.

The Tax Commissioner, Mrs. Mindy Ward, was in attendance and presented information to the Board on HB 581. The Superintendent and Board expressed their appreciation for the Tax Commissioner coming and providing the information.

The Probate Judge, Mr. Matthew Self, was in attendance and swore in the re-elected Board Chairman, Mr. Willie Anderson and Board Member, Mr. Jimmy Eleby. Mrs. Christi Green’s swearing in was previously held at Judge Self’s office.

**AGENDA APPROVAL**

On a motion by Mr. Wilborn and a second by Mr. Eleby the Board voted (3, 0), to approve the agenda. The motion passed.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The Superintendent recommended approval of December 3, 2024, Regular Board Meeting Minutes. On a motion by Mr. Wilborn and a second by Mr. Eleby, the Board voted (3, 0) to accept the Superintendent’s recommendation. The motion passed.

The Superintendent recommended approval of December 17, 2024, Called Board Meeting Minutes. On a motion by Mr. Wilborn and a second by Mr. Eleby, the Board voted (3, 0) to accept the Superintendent’s recommendation. The motion passed.

**SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORTS & UPDATES**

The Superintendent presented certificates for student and staff recognitions, along with District Staff spotlights (Mrs. Johnson-Crocker & Mrs. S. Gilbert).

**PERSONNEL (EXECUTIVE SESSION) –**

The Superintendent recommended entering an executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel. On a motion by Mr. Wilborn and a second by Mr. Eleby, the Board voted (3, 0), to accept the Superintendent’s recommendation. The motion passed.

On a motion by Mr. Wilborn and a second by Mr. Eleby, the Board voted (3, 0), to resume the regular session. The motion passed.

Chairman Anderson stated that the Board had met in executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel. No decisions were made, and no votes were taken; only discussion took place.

**FINANCE**

The Superintendent recommended approval of the Financial Report for December 2024. On a motion by Mr. Wilborn and a second by Mr. Eleby, the Board voted (3, 0), to accept the Superintendent’s recommendation. The motion passed.

The Superintendent recommended approval of the Tax Collections for November 2024. On a motion by Mr. Wilborn and a second by Mr. Eleby, the Board voted (3, 0), to accept the Superintendent’s recommendation. The motion passed.

The Superintendent informed the Board that he would be working to get the Budget Planning Timeline updated for FY2026. He asked the Board let him know if they had anything they would like to be included.

**MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS**

The Superintendent recommended approval of the Proposed Board of Education dates and time for 2025. On a motion by Mr. Wilborn and a second by Mr. Eleby, the Board voted (3, 0), to accept the Superintendent’s recommendation. The motion passed.

The Board selected the Vice Chairman for 2025. Mr. Larry Wilborn was selected (with no other nominations) to continue as Vice Chairman. Mr. Wilborn accepted the position. The Board agreed unanimously.

The Superintendent recommended the approval of the Cuthbert Southern Tribune as the Legal Organ for 2025. On a motion by Mr. Wilborn and a second by Mr. Eleby, the Board voted (3, 0), to accept the Superintendent’s recommendation. The motion passed.

The Superintendent recommended the approval to continue utilizing PKKN (Pereira, Kirby, Kinsinger & Nguyen, LLC) for legal services for 2025. On a motion by Mr. Wilborn and a second by Mr. Eleby, the Board voted (3, 0), to accept the Superintendent’s recommendation. The motion passed.

The Superintendent recommended the approval of Regions Bank for Financial Services for 2025. (This transition is in progess from Five Star Credit Union.) On a motion by Mr. Wilborn and a second by Mr. Eleby, the Board voted (3, 0), to accept the Superintendent’s recommendation. The motion passed.

The Superintendent provided the board with an update on the modular building project.

**NEW & UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Field Trips**:

None.

**Fundraisers:**

None.

**House Bill 581 Update**:

The Superintendent provided updates on House Bill (HB) 581 and discussed information with the Board to ensure compliance with the new law.

The Superintendent will follow up with the Board near the end of the week to get possible meeting dates.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Superintendent and Board discussed the upcoming Board Retreat. The Superintendent will work on the agenda.

The Superintendent and Board discussed having a site visit to the Athletic Field project.

The next Regular Board meeting will take place on Tuesday, February 4, at 6:00 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With there being no other business to discuss, on a motion by Mr. Wilborn and a second by Mr. Eleby the Board voted (3, 0), to adjourn. The motion passed.

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Chairman Secretary