

WEBSTER COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING  
DECEMBER 12, 2023 AT 6:00 P.M.

The Webster County Board of Education held its regular meeting on December 12, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. Mrs. Linda Rogers (teleconference/virtual), Mrs. Mary Hinman (teleconference/virtual), Mr. Donald Brown, Mr. Jimmie Johnson, Mr. Landon Matthews (teleconference/virtual), and Dr. Dorothy Y. Ingram, Superintendent were present.

Mrs. Linda Rogers called the meeting to order.

Mr. Jimmie Johnson gave the invocation.

(No Visitors Present)

The tentative agenda was approved by a motion made by Mrs. Mary Hinman, seconded by Mr. Donald Brown. The motion was approved unanimously.

The October 2023 financial report was approved by a motion made by Mr. Landon Matthews, seconded by Mr. Jimmie Johnson. The motion was approved unanimously.

The November 14, 2023 (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 14, 2023 (6:00 p.m.) regular meeting minutes were approved by a motion made by a motion made by Mrs. Mary Hinman, seconded by Mr. Jimmie Johnson. The motion was approved unanimously.

(No Public Comments)

Line item 8 “Approve the resolution for legislation to introduce and pass in 2024 regular session of the Georgia General Assembly such Legislation as necessary to provide on behalf of the Webster County Board of Education the same election districts and the same terms as office as provided for the commission of the unified government of Webster County Pursuant to House Bill 737 (2023 Session)” was tabled.

The second reading of GCIC/CJIS Applicant Privacy Rights Notification Policy GAKK(4) took place at this time.

The Board approved the GCIC/CJIS Applicant Privacy Rights Notification Policy GAKK(4) by a motion made by Mr. Landon Matthews, seconded by Mrs. Mary Hinman. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Board approved the out-of-service buses as surplus for public sale (13-01, 11-01, 04-27, 07-

1, and 07-2) by a motion made by Mr. Jimmie Johnson, seconded by Mr. Donald Brown. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Board approved Board meeting dates for 2024 by a motion made by Mrs. Mary Hinman, seconded by Mr. Landon Matthews. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Board approved to move Mrs. Kaitlyn Ulrey from a 12-month employee to a 10-month employee for the remainder of 2023-2024 school year by a motion made by Mr. Donald Brown, seconded by Mrs. Mary Hinman.

The Board discussed the Fiscal Year 2025 Budget Calendar at this time.

Dr. Ingram presented the Superintendent's report and the CTAE report—Dr. Ingram presented handouts (discussed at the work session).

CTAE: Dr. Ingram commented that she attended a Regional CLNA Business and Industry Planning Meeting on November 29<sup>th</sup> (Virtually with Sumter, Lee, Schley, Terrell, Dougherty, and Marion Counties). A regional CLNA meeting will be held January 30<sup>th</sup> at SGTC from 8:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. to discuss CTAE needs regionally. FBLA will travel to Peach County High School on January 17<sup>th</sup> to compete in regional completions. The CTAE Fall Advisory Committee meeting was held on December 7<sup>th</sup>, and Mr. Baker plans to work with local industries on “job shadowing” experiences for students next semester. ABAC presented the Gift of Blue to five Webster County FFA students on November 29<sup>th</sup>. Interfor donated \$700 to FFA to purchase FFA jackets, scarves, and ties for three (3) students. Dr. Ingram is preparing purchase orders for the CTAE program improvement grant. WBL: Mr. Baker is currently working with his work-based learning students. He is exploring options to encourage students to enroll in the program next year. Mr. Baker also will attend the West Central Region WBL meeting in January 18<sup>th</sup> in Jackson, Georgia.

Dr. Ingram presented the Principal's report and the Special Education's report sent by Mrs. Balish (not present—attending WCS game at Sowega Charter School). Mrs. Balish and Mr. McCullough attended the Principal and AP Academies at Chattahoochee Flint RESA. On November 29, Mrs. Balish attended Champions for Education Awards Banquet at South Georgia Technical College—WCS honored Mrs. Diane Wills who was very deserving because of her contributions to the school (from the student bags of groceries to the partnering with Dr. Ingram for the FERST Reading Program for Pre-K at WCS, Mrs. Wills has been a strong supporter of Webster County School. The FERST Program “gifts” a book each month to Pre-K students to keep and take home. The aim is for this to really build a love for reading at an early age. Progress reports came out December 4<sup>th</sup> which means the halfway point of quarter 2 is here. On December 5<sup>th</sup>, Mrs. Balish, teachers, and high school students attended a play, “Elf” at the Springer Opera House in Columbus, GA. Afterwards, a dine-in at the Old Time Country Buffet took place—The students enjoyed it all. WCS Annual Caroling on the Square took place December 7<sup>th</sup> with great singing, hot cocoa, and cookies for everyone—a great turnout. The middle school went to

Albany, GA to take part in Nic's Kicks. Each student was able to get at least one pair of new sneakers at no cost to them. Following the shopping spree, they were fed pizza by the Nic's Kicks organization. It was heartwarming to see the students come back with so much pride from owning new shoes they got to pick out themselves. Wednesday, December 13<sup>th</sup>, is the Doughnuts for Dads event (hosted annually). The Holiday Program will be held December 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm. – inviting everyone for a night of Pre-K through 3rd grade singing followed by the high school choir selections. Holiday break begins December 18<sup>th</sup>.

Special Education: The MOE paperwork is taking place right now—hope to be completed very soon. The budget approval for the year will follow. The Special Education team continues to serve the students on their caseloads and check for compliance in all areas.

Mrs. Sterling presented the Title I report—Federal Programs: Budget allocations and spending is going well—working closely with Finance and Human Resources to ensure accuracy and efficiency. Curriculum: Teachers are actively using the new HMH Math and Reading resources. 4<sup>th</sup> grade-HS Science and Social Studies teachers are becoming more familiar with the Progress Learning platform and syncing it to their Google Classroom. Testing: Last week, 3rd-8th grade students completed BEACON assessments. Teachers are meeting Tier 1 of Coherent Instruction by monitoring student progress. This week, 3rd-8<sup>th</sup> grade ELA and Math teachers are reviewing the Beacon data with their students. They were also asked to have each student complete a Goal Setting form for ELA and Math. Monday, Jan. 3rd is a teacher workday. Teachers are scheduled to take a few minutes to watch a webinar discussing how to use DRC Beacon results to guide instruction. Focus points: Teachers—Growth, Mastery, and Designing Instruction Georgia Milestones Predictive Capabilities. Then, review your students' Goal Setting forms in order to help guide instruction. What standards do I need to reteach? How can I rearrange small groups based on this information? How can I plan lessons for students that are in remediation class and/or receive tutoring? K-6th grade students are completing middle of the year DIBELS assessments this week. We will review DIBELS data once we return from the Holiday break. Also on the scheduled teacher workday, Mr. Willie Greene of Middle Flint will speak with WCS faculty and staff on Mental Health Diagnoses that Impact Student Learning from 8:30 to 9:15 a.m.

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

Time Adjourned: 6:20 p.m.

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Approved: 1/9/2024