**QUITMAN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**GEORGETOWN, GEORGIA**

**MINUTES OF MAY 3, 2022**

**REGULAR MEETING**

The Quitman County Board of Education met in a regular session on May 3, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. in the Boardroom of the Administrative Office, 215 Kaigler Road. Mr. Willie J. Anderson, Chairman, presided.

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

**ABSENT:** Ms. Sherri Hunter.

**CALL TO ORDER AND OPENING CEREMONY**

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

**AGENDA APPROVAL**

On a motion by Mr. Wilborn and a second by Mrs. Green, the Board voted unanimously (4, 0), to approve the Agenda. The motion passed.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The Superintendent recommended approval of March 1, 2022 Regular Board Minutes. On a motion by Mr. Eleby and a second by Mr. Wilborn, the Board voted unanimously (4, 0), to accept the Superintendent’s recommendation. The motion passed.

The Superintendent recommended approval of March 22, 2022 Called Board Minutes. On a motion by Mr. Wilborn and a second by Mr. Eleby, the Board voted unanimously (4, 0), to accept the Superintendent’s recommendation. The motion passed.

**SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORTS & UPDATES**

Principal Curry provided school updates. His agenda included student attendance, academic updates, athletic updates, spotlights, and school events.

Principal Curry stated that FBLA and the Quitman County Schools band would attend Riverfest on April 16th. Also, the band will attend the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the public library.

Coach Frederick Drake and Counselor Nance presented an overview of Mindset Training.

Superintendent Jones spotlighted Ms. Sekeithia Lewis as District Employee of the Month for April.

Superintendent Jones updated the Board on the status of the District Newsletter.

**PERSONNEL (EXECUTIVE SESSION)**

The Superintendent recommended entering executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel. On a motion by Mr. Wilborn and a second by Mrs. Green, the Board voted unanimously (4, 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 unanimously (4, 0), to resume 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.

The Superintendent recommended approval to hire Ms. Terrilyn Diggs Johnson as an elementary school teacher. On a motion by Mr. Eleby and a second by Mr. Wilborn, the Board voted (3, 1), to accept the Superintendent’s recommendation. (Eleby, Green, and Wilborn voted yes. Anderson abstained.) The motion passed.

The Superintendent recommended approval to re-hire Mrs. Suzette Taylor as the high school English/Language Arts teacher. On a motion by Mr. Wilborn and a second by Mrs. Green, the Board voted unanimously (4, 0), to accept the Superintendent’s recommendation. The motion passed.

The Superintendent recommended approval to hire Ms. Dorian Davis-Wright as a substitute bus driver, pending the completion of all requirements. On a motion by Mr. Wilborn and a second by Mrs. Green, the Board voted unanimously (4, 0), to accept the Superintendent’s recommendation. The motion passed.

The Superintendent recommended approval to hire Mr. Scott Swantic as a special education teacher. On a motion by Mr. Eleby and a second by Mr. Wilborn, the Board voted unanimously (4, 0), to accept the Superintendent’s recommendation. The motion passed.

**FINANCE**

The Superintendent recommended approval of the Financial Report for March 2022. On a motion by Mr. Eleby and a second by Mr. Wilborn, the Board voted unanimously (4, 0), to accept the Superintendent’s recommendation. The motion passed.

The Superintendent recommended approval of the Tax Collections for February 2022. On a motion by Mr. Wilborn and a second by Mr. Eleby, the Board voted unanimously (4, 0), to accept the Superintendent’s recommendation. The motion passed.

**MAINTENANCE & OPERATIONS**

The Superintendent recommended approval of the Local Facility Plan. On a motion by Mr. Wilborn and a second by Mrs. Green, the Board voted unanimously (4, 0), to accept the Superintendent’s recommendation. The motion passed.

The Superintendent recommended approval of the Lidar Topographic & Boundary Survey to be completed by Still Waters Engineering of Leesburg, Georgia ($20,125). On a motion by Mr. Wilborn and a second by Mr. Eleby, the Board voted unanimously (4, 0), to accept the Superintendent’s recommendation. The motion passed.

**NEW & UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

The Superintendent recommended approval of the USDA Supply Chain Assistance Grant ($10,000). On a motion by Mr. Eleby and a second by Mr. Wilborn, the Board voted unanimously (4, 0) to accept the Superintendent’s recommendation. The motion passed.

The Superintendent recommended approval of the Nutrition Equipment Grant ($27,774). On a motion by Mr. Wilborn and a second by Mr. Eleby, the Board voted unanimously (4, 0) to accept the Superintendent’s recommendation. The motion passed.

The Superintendent recommended approval of the School Psychologist Contract with Ms. Tammy Parker ($150 for each eligibility report and $550 for each comprehensive evaluation). On a motion by Mr. Wilborn and a second by Mr. Eleby, the Board voted unanimously (4, 0) to accept the Superintendent’s recommendation. The motion passed.

The Superintendent recommended approval of the Jr. Class Easter Picture Fundraiser. On a motion by Mr. Wilborn and a second by Mr. Eleby, the Board voted unanimously (4, 0) to accept the Superintendent’s recommendation. The motion passed.

The Superintendent recommended approval of the central office staff employees for 2022-2023. On a motion by Mr. Wilborn and a second by Mr. Eleby, the Board voted unanimously (4, 0), to accept the Superintendent’s recommendation. The motion passed.

The Superintendent recommended approval of the Return to School Plan amendment (Masks optional effective immediately). On a motion by Mr. Wilborn and a second by Mr. Eleby, the Board voted unanimously (4, 0), to accept the Superintendent’s recommendation. The motion passed.

The Superintendent recommended approval to return the GaDOE MOE funds in the amount of $19,846.61. On a motion by Mr. Wilborn and a second by Mr. Eleby, the Board voted unanimously (4, 0), to accept the Superintendent’s recommendation. The motion passed.

The Superintendent recommended approval to modify the agenda to include SOAR payments. On a motion by Mr. Wilborn and a second by Mr. Eleby, the Board voted unanimously (4, 0), to accept the Superintendent’s recommendation. The motion passed.

The Superintendent recommended approval of SOAR payments to cover budget reductions up to $3,700. On a motion by Mr. Wilborn and a second by Mr. Eleby, the Board voted unanimously (4, 0), to accept the Superintendent’s recommendation. The motion passed.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Superintendent shared the discipline report with the Board.

The Superintendent informed the Board of Summer Professional Learning that would take place.

The Superintendent shared concerns regarding the rise in cell phone issues in the middle school and the administration plan to address those issues.

The Superintendent updated the Board on some of the GaDOE Department of Rural Education initiatives.

The Superintendent distributed the Board and Administrator Brochure.

The next Regular Board meeting is scheduled for May 3, 2022.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With there being no other business to discuss, on a motion by Mr. Eleby and a second by Mr. Wilborn, the Board voted unanimously (4, 0), to adjourn. The motion passed.

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