**COFFEE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**MINUTES OF**

**March 2, 2023**

**Regular Board Meeting**

A regular meeting of the Coffee County Board of Education was held March 2, 2023, 5:30 p.m. in the Board of Education Office, Elba, Alabama.

# ATTENDANCE

# Brian McLeod, Galen McWaters, Brandi Carr, Mike Bailey, Sherry Eddins, Rhonda Strickland and Superintendent: Kelly Cobb

# ABSENT

Eric Payne

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. McWaters called the meeting to order.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

A motion was made by Mr. Bailey to adopt the agenda as presented. A second was made by Mr. McLeod, and it passed unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 2, 2023**

The minutes of February 2, 2023, meeting was approved as printed.

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT AND BANK/CASH RECONCILIATION FOR JANUARY 2023**

The January financial statement and cash/bank reconciliation reports were provided.

**RECOGNITION OF KINSTON CHEERLEADERS**

Mrs. Cobb recognized the Kinston Cheerleaders and their coaches for winning the State Championship 1A AHSAA Cheerleading Competition. The Kinston Cheerleaders consist of Rachel Hall (Captain), Baylee Smith (Co-Captain), Claire McReynolds, Ella Cooper, Lexi Bradley, Haiden Eaton, Molly Kate Weeks, Jorja Beth Wilson, Laken White, Maggie Courson, Bella Lashley, Madisyn Andress, Rylie Rhoades, and Aubrey Tew. The coaches are Erika Whigham and Connie Hawthorne. Mrs. Cobb and the board members congratulated the cheerleaders and their coaches on this accomplishment.

**PERMISSION TO BID CHILD NUTRITION EQUIPMENT**

Mrs. Cobb requested permission to bid child nutrition equipment. New Brockton Elementary and Zion Chapel are both in need of a dishwasher. Mrs. Eddins made a motion to accept Mrs. Cobb’s recommendation with a second by Mrs. Carr, and it passed unanimously.

**APPROVAL TO AWARD HVAC BID**

Bids for the HVAC are as follows:

Woodall Heating & Cooling, Inc. $25,817.00 Stinnett Heating& Cooling $32,700.00

JNB Services $34,500.00 Snellgrove & Caylor $26,800.00

Mrs. Cobb recommended the bid of $25,817.00 from Woodall Heating & Cooling, Inc. be awarded. A motion was made by Mrs. Strickland with a second by Mrs. Carr and it passed unanimously.

**REQUEST PERMISSION TO BID PHASE II OF THE SYSTEM-WIDE FLOORING PROJECT**

Mrs. Cobb requested permission to bid Phase II of the System-Wide Flooring Project. Mr. McLeod made a motion to accept Mrs. Cobb’s recommendation. A second was made by Mr. Bailey and it passed unanimously.

**ADOPTION OF 2023-2024 SCHOOL CALENDAR**

Mrs. Cobb and District Administrators previously met with the Calendar Committee to discuss the 2023-2024 School Calendar. Mrs. Cobb recommended adoption of the 2023-2024 School Calendar as presented. A motion was made by Mr. McLeod with a second by Mr. Bailey and it passed unanimously.

**APPROVAL TO HIRE BOARD ATTORNEY**

Mr. McWaters entertained a motion to hire a Board Attorney. Mrs. Carr made a motion to hire Ms. Carmen Howell as the new board attorney at the pay rate of $150 per hour. A second was made by Mr. McLeod and it passed unanimously.

**PERSONNEL**

None

**EXECUTIVE SESSION (IF NEEDED)**

No executive session was held.

Attorney Dale Marsh stated there was no need for an executive session unless anyone had questions about the terms of the settlement; it was just a matter of approving a settlement that had been worked through Beasley Allen, a firm in Montgomery, on behalf of a number of school boards. Mr. Marsh recommended that the school board approve this settlement. Mrs. Strickland made a motion to approve the settlement of the board’s claims and authorize the chairman to sign all documents necessary to settle this claim. A second was made by Mr.McLoed and it passed unanimously.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

Board members congratulated the Kinston Cheerleading squad for their accomplishments and congratulated Ms. Carmen Howell on being named the new School Board Attorney.

**SUPERINTENDENT’S COMMENTS**

Mrs. Cobb began her comments by congratulating Zion Chapel School’s Avery Padgett and Ethan Young for signing with the Troy University Bass Fishing Team. Both students will earn a full scholarship to Troy.

Mrs. Cobb also congratulated the New Brockton Middle School Jr Beta Club. They recently attended the State Jr Beta Convention in Montgomery after many months of hard work. They competed in numerous categories and brought home 9 top 5 placements. This is more top placement than any other middle school in the area. Group Projects awards include Living Literature – 4th place, 3D design – 4th place, Quiz Bowl – 5th place, and Portfolio – 1st place. Individual awards include Ashlyn Baker – 1st place Language Arts, Ashlyn Baker – 3rd place Speech, Grace McDuffie – 1st place Premier Performer, Lucy Williams – 2nd place Pottery, and Olivia Martin – 4th place Science. All of these placements have earned a spot to compete at the National Beta Convention this summer.

Mrs. Cobb informed Board members that New Brockton Elementary School had received a grant in the amount of $1800.00 from Southeast Gas to apply toward their purchase of a new swing set for the playground. She also informed them that all elementary schools planned a wide range of literacy activities this week, celebrating Read Across America and Dr. Seuss Week, and baseball and softball seasons kicked off this week.

Lastly, Mrs. Cobb updated board members on the State Report Card for each school and the District. New Brockton Elementary Schools’ overall score is a 85/B which is a 5-point growth from the previous report card. This is a huge accomplishment considering it was during the two-year pandemic. New Brockton High School scored an 83/B, Kinston School scored a 91/A, and Zion Chapel School scored an 87/B. The overall report card score for the District is an 88/B, which is a one-point growth from the previous year.

**NOTICE OF NEXT REGULAR MEETING**

The next regular meeting will be held on April 6, 2023, 5:30 p.m.

**ADJOURN**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.