**QUITMAN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**GEORGETOWN, GEORGIA**

**MINUTES OF OCTOBER 6, 2020**

**REGULAR MEETING**

The Quitman County Board of Education met in a regular session on October 6, 2020 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. Billy Shirah, Sr., Vice Chairman, Mr. Jimmy Eleby, Mrs. Christi Green, and Mr. Larry Wilborn; Board members; and Mrs. Victoria Harris, School Superintendent.

**ABSENT:** None.

**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 Mr. Eleby, the Board voted unanimously (5, 0), to approve the Agenda as printed.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The Superintendent recommended approval of September 1, 2020 Regular Board Minutes. On a motion by Mr. Shirah and a second by Mr. Eleby, the Board voted unanimously (5, 0), to accept the Superintendent’s recommendation. The motion passed.

The Superintendent recommended approval of September 24, 2020 Called Board Minutes. On a motion by Mr. Wilborn and a second by Mr. Shirah, the Board voted unanimously (5, 0), to accept the Superintendent’s recommendation. The motion passed.

**SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORTS & UPDATES**

Asst. Supt./Principal Jones gave brief school updates to the Board.

Coach Frederick Drake did a presentation to the Board focused on Georgia High School Association updates/requirements for upcoming sports.

The Instructional Coaches did a presentation on their roles and responsibilities.

The Finance Team was recognized for the 2019 Audit Report.

Mrs. Amye Murdock received recognition for being the October District Office Spotlight.

Current newspaper articles/ads were shared with the Board.

**PERSONNEL (EXECUTIVE SESSION)**

The Superintendent recommended entering executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel. On a motion by Mr. Shirah and a second by Mrs. Green, the Board voted unanimously (5, 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 (5, 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. However, the Superintendent may have some recommendations resulting from the Executive Session.

The Superintendent recommended approval to hire Ms. Dillya Davis as a paraprofessional. On a motion by Mr. Shirah and a second by Mrs. Green, the Board voted unanimously (5, 0), to accept the Superintendent’s recommendation. The motion passed.

The Superintendent recommended approval to hire Mr. Christopher Wallace as a Music Teacher (Contract Worker) through the Start Grant. On a motion by Mr. Wilborn and a second by Mr. Shirah, the Board voted unanimously (5, 0), to accept the Superintendent’s recommendation. The motion passed.

The Superintendent recommended approval to accept her Letter of Intent to Retire (effective May 31, 2021). On a motion by Mr. Shirah and a second by Mr. Wilborn, the Board voted unanimously (5, 0), to accept the Superintendent’s recommendation. The motion passed.

**FINANCE**

The Superintendent recommended approval of the Financial Report for September 2020. On a motion by Mr. Shirah and a second by Mrs. Green, the Board voted unanimously (5, 0), to accept the Superintendent’s recommendation. The motion passed.

The Superintendent recommended approval of the Tax Collections for August 2020. On a motion by Mr. Wilborn and a second by Mr. Eleby, the Board voted unanimously (5, 0), to accept the Superintendent’s recommendation. The motion passed.

The Superintendent gave each Board Member a copy of the 2019 Audit Report.

The Superintendent recommended approval of the Athletic Coaching Assignments for 2020-2021. On a motion by Mr. Wilborn and a second by Mr. Eleby, the Board voted unanimously (5, 0), to accept the Superintendent’s recommendation. The motion passed.

**MAINTENANCE & OPERATIONS**

Mr. Jon-Erik Jones, Asst. Supt./Principal presented a virtual tour of the building modification updates. He also reviewed the proposed Phase II re-opening plan.

**NEW & UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

The Superintendent shared the proposed dates for Whole Board Training. The Board selected November 4, 2020. The time will be 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon.

The Superintendent reviewed with the Board the COGNIA Review delay letter. The review has been delayed for one year due to COVID and the need for teachers and staff to have an opportunity to adjust to virtual teaching and learning.

The Superintendent informed the Board that Georgia Accrediting Commission sent a letter informing us that we are accredited with Georgia for the 2020-2021 school year.

The Superintendent recommended the approval of Policies under Code Section I that have been on the Table since September 1, 2020. On a motion by Mr. Wilborn and a second by Mr. Shirah, the Board voted unanimously (5, 0), to accept the Superintendent’s recommendation. The motion passed.

The Superintendent recommended approval to rescind Policy GAAA due to new Title IX laws. On a motion by Mr. Shirah and a second by Mr. Wilborn, the Board voted unanimously (5, 0), to accept the Superintendent’s recommendation. The motion passed.

The Superintendent recommended approval to rescind Policy GAEB due to new Title IX laws. On a motion by Mr. Wilborn and a second by Mrs. Green, the Board voted unanimously (5, 0), to accept the Superintendent’s recommendation. The motion passed.

The Superintendent recommended approval to place policies J, GAAA, and GAEB on the Table to be approved at the November 2, 2020 Board Meeting.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Superintendent shared the Board and Administrator Brochure.

The Superintendent shared that Fall Break is scheduled for October 14 -16, 2020.

The Board agreed to change the November Board of Education meeting from the 3rd to the 2nd

(same time – 6:00 p.m.).

The Staff members have the option to sign up to get a flu shot. Mrs. Hixon and Ms. Massey are working to provide these to our employees.

The Superintendent shared that the district received additional supplies from RESA (hand sanitizer, hand sanitizer stations, cloth masks, and coming soon….1000 reusable masks).

The Superintendent shared that we received the Fresh Fruits and Vegetables grant again. The amount is $7,040.00.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With there being no other business to discuss, on a motion by Mr. Shirah and a second by Mr. Wilborn, the Board voted unanimously (5, 0), to adjourn. The motion passed.

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Chairman Secretary