**QUITMAN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**GEORGETOWN, GEORGIA**

**MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 4, 2025**

**REGULAR MEETING**

The Quitman County Board of Education met in a regular session on February 4, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. in the Boardroom of the Administrative Office, 215 Kaigler Road, Georgetown, Georgia. Mr. Willie J. 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:** Ms. Sherri Hunter and Mrs. Christi Green, Board members.

**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 (3, 0), to approve the agenda as printed. The motion passed.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The Superintendent recommended approval of January 7, 2025, Regular Board 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 January 28, 2025, Housebill 581 Hearing Minutes, (Called). 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 and Principal presented student and teacher awards for the month.

Mrs. Shirley Fair-Johnson was the District’s person of the month. She presented an overview and updates of her department. The Superintendent presented her with a Certificate.

The Principal’s Report was presented by Mrs. Coffey. She provided mid-year updates.

The Superintendent presented updates which included his attendance at the Rural Caucus.

**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.

The Superintendent recommended approval of Mr. Willie Lee’s retirement, effective at the end of his work year. On a motion by Mr. Wilborn and a second by Mr. Eleby, the Board voted to accept the Superintendent’s recommendation. The motion passed.

The Superintendent recommended approval of Ms. Shirley Fair-Johnson’s retirement, effective at the end of her contract. On a motion by Mr. Wilborn and a second by Mr. Eleby, the Board voted to accept the Superintendent’s recommendation. The motion passed.

The Superintendent recommended approval of Ms. Lorene Richardson’s retirement, effective immediately. On a motion by Mr. Wilborn and a second by Mr. Eleby, the Board voted to accept the Superintendent’s recommendation. The motion passed.

The Superintendent recommended approval of Ms. Evon Belflower’s retirement, effective at the end of the school year. On a motion by Mr. Wilborn and a second by Mr. Eleby, the Board voted to accept the Superintendent’s recommendation. The motion passed.

The Superintendent recommended approval of Mr. Curtis Hawkins as a substitute teacher. On a motion by Mr. Wilborn and a second by Mr. Eleby, the Board voted to accept the Superintendent’s recommendation. The motion passed.

The Superintendent recommended approval of Ms. Katlin Davis as a substitute teacher. On a motion by Mr. Wilborn and a second by Mr. Eleby, the Board voted to accept the Superintendent’s recommendation. The motion passed.

The Superintendent recommended approval of Mrs. Suwanda Coffey as the Principal and Curriculum Director for the 2025-2026 school year. On a motion by Mr. Wilborn and a second by Mr. Eleby, the Board voted to accept the Superintendent’s recommendation. The motion passed.

**FINANCE**

The Superintendent recommended approval of the Financial Report for January 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 approval of the Tax Collections 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.

A timeline was reviewed for the FY26 Budget.

The Superintendent recommended approval of the final schedule to change banks from Five Star Credit Union to Regions Bank, transferring funds under the fee schedule. On a motion by Mr. Wilborn and a second by Mr. Eleby, the Board voted to accept the Superintendent’s recommendation. The motion passed.

**MAINTENANCE & OPERATIONS**

The Superintendent recommended the approval for Albany Air to complete air conditioning repairs for the Elementary School Unit at the cost of $2,432,20. 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 purchase a propane hot water heater from Gala Gas at the amount of $2,479.00 (this includes labor). 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 the Breezeway Repair. The cost is $15,000 and would be shared between the Quitman County Board of Education and Head Start ($7500 each), The repairs will be done by MRJ Solutions. 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 updates on the athletic project.

The Superintendent and Board discussed a possible school bus purchase.

**NEW & UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Mr. Anderson noted that after the discussion of the Superintendent’s contract during the December 17, 2024, meeting, a vote was not taken for approval. The Board agreed to provide the Superintendent with an increase retroactive to the time they began the discussion and to update his contract with a clause stating that if he terminates on his own he must provide them with a 6 month notice. His contract is to be amended to reflect 3 years. 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 Staffing Projections for 2025-2026 was discussed.

Housebill 581 updates were given. The next Hearing will take place on Tuesday, February 11th.

The Superintendent informed the Board that two students would travel to the RESA Student Advisory in March.

The Superintendent recommended approval of the following fund raisers:

Valentine Gram for FBLA – On a motion by Mr. Wilborn and a second by Mr. Eleby, the Board voted to accept the Superintendent’s recommendation. The motion passed.

Snack sale for Special Teams – On a motion by Mr. Wilborn and a second by Mr. Eleby, the Board voted to accept the Superintendent’s recommendation. The motion passed.

PBIS Easter Jewelry Sale – On a motion by Mr. Wilborn and a second by Mr. Eleby, the Board voted to accept the Superintendent’s recommendation. The motion passed.

Jr. Class Easter Pictures – On a motion by Mr. Wilborn and a second by Mr. Eleby, the Board voted to accept the Superintendent’s recommendation. The motion passed.

The Superintendent & Board discussed a Board Retreat.

The Superintendent will give the Board copies of the Legislative Positions.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were 0 public comments.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The next Regular Board Meeting is March 4, 2025, at 6p.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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