

WEBSTER COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
JUNE 10, 2024 AT 6:23 P.M.

The Webster County Board of Education held its regular scheduled meeting on June 10, 2024 at 6:23 p.m. (the time was delayed due to the work session lasting longer than expected). Mrs. Linda Rogers, Mrs. Mary Hinman, Mr. Donald Brown, Mr. Jimmie Johnson, and Dr. Dorothy Y. Ingram, Superintendent were present. Mr. Landon Matthews was absent.

Mrs. Linda Rogers called the meeting to order.

Mr. Jimmie Johnson gave the invocation.

(No Visitors Present)

The Board approved the tentative agenda with the amendment of updating the total on line item 11 of the agenda to state \$14,493.75 which is less the payment of \$60.30 that had already been paid in March—by a motion made by Mrs. Mary Hinman, seconded by Mr. Donald Brown. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Board approved the April 2024 financial report by a motion made by Mr. Jimmie Johnson, seconded by Mrs. Mary Hinman. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Board approved the May 14, 2024 (5:00 p.m.) work session minutes by a motion made by Mr. Donald Brown, seconded by Mrs. Mary Hinman. The motion was approved unanimously.

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

The Board approved the May 16, 2024 (6:00 p.m.) public hearing minutes by a motion made by Mr. Donald Brown, seconded by Mr. Jimmie Johnson. The motion was approved unanimously.

(No Public Comments)

The Board approved the final budget for fiscal year 2025 by a motion made by Mr. Donald Brown, seconded by Mrs. Mary Hinman. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Board approved the Sheridan Construction contracts (A1A Document A133-2019 and A1A Document A201-2017)—Sheridan Construction will bid out Part A of the project with the bid process for Part B to follow—by a motion made by Mr. Donald Brown, seconded by Mr. Jimmie Johnson. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Board approved to pay SRJ Architect billing statement in the amount of \$14,493.75 by a motion made by Mr. Jimmie Johnson, seconded by Mrs. Mary Hinman. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Board approved the fundraisers for the 2024-2025 school year (per memo dated 6/10/2024) by a motion made by Mrs. Mary Hinman, seconded by Mr. Jimmie Johnson. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Board approved courses with no textbook for the 2024-2025 school year (per memo dated 6/10/2024) by a motion made by Mrs. Mary Hinman, seconded by Mr. Donald Brown. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Board approved the personnel recommendations of the Superintendent for the 2024-2025 school year (per memo dated 6/10/2024) by a motion made by Mr. Jimmie Johnson, seconded by Mr. Donald Brown. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Board approved the personnel recommendation of the Superintendent to amend fiscal year 2025 supplements (per memo dated 6/10/2024) by a motion made by a motion made by Mr. Donald Brown, seconded by Mr. Jimmie Johnson. The motion was approved unanimously.

Dr. Ingram presented the Superintendent's report and the CTAE Report. 2022 ESPLOST deposit for the end of May 2024 was \$18,155.38 (handout). Governor Kemp is providing school security grants in the FY 2025 Budget of \$47,124 for each school. Handouts were provided for GSBA—Risk E-lert June 2024, GSBA—RMS Safety Scenario—May 2024, GSBA—Policy Alert—June 2024, and GSBA—Capitol Watch May State Board meeting. Also, a handout was provided for the State Board Meeting Agenda—June 2024 and the Webster County 4-H Report—May 2024. Facilities Update: MTC has completed the technology work at the Board Office. Ms. Hill has to complete a test run. Mr. Speegle has the softball field ready. Custodial Staff is working on stripping and waxing floors. Administration is working on the master schedule for classroom assignments for teachers. Curriculum/Academics/Testing and Summer School started June 3rd. GA Milestones Retest will be held June 25-26, 2024. Three (3) of our high school students are participating in SGTC's STEM Camp June 9-14. Dual Enrollment Update: Classes started for SGTC Summer dual enrollment students (5) on May 23rd. Webster County Schools have been assigned a Regional Accreditation Evaluator (RAE) for the 2024-2025 Cognia Continuous Improvement Journey and Accreditation Review. The current accreditation expires June 30, 2025. Administrators will attend the GASROE Educator Day in Athens on June 18, 2024. I will attend the Southern Superintendent's Conference on June 12-14 in Jekyll Island. Next Board Meetings: July 9, 2024 Work Session: 5:00 p.m. Board Meeting: 6:00 p.m. EVENTS: Summer School June 3-27, 2024. GA Milestone Retest June 25-26, 2024. DISTRICT HOLIDAYS: June 19—Juneteeth and July 1-4—Independence Day Holidays.

CTAE: Waiting for DOE approval of the Consolidated Application and the CLNA. FY 2024 CTAE Budgets have been expended to a zero balance. Completion reports for CTAE are due June 30, 2024. Mr. Baker and Mr. McCullough are attending the GACTE Conference in Duluth June 9-12, 2024. WBL: Mr. Baker met with students who are interested in participating WBL next school year.

Dr. Ingram presented the Principal's Report and the Special Education Report: (provided by Ms. Balish) Dr. Ingram, Mr. McCullough, and Mrs. Balish attended the School Safety Conference in Columbus, GA last week as part of our continuous effort to provide students, faculty, and staff with a safe environment. The custodial staff is busy working to keep the facility looking like brand new. Every year, they work their magic to keep Webster County School's facilities and grounds a place to be proud of. Summer school is underway. The day consists of 4 hours filled with instruction by teachers, nutrition from the cafeteria ladies, and, if needed, a bus ride to and from school. The Milestones test "re-take" will be given to record any improvement. High school students are using this opportunity in the APEX lab for credit recovery to keep from getting behind in classes.

Special Education Report: Mrs. Balish is working with Ms. Hill. The special education flow through budget spending has been completed. Special Education is looking into replacing the Speech Path next year for speech services with a speech therapist who is now an independent contractor. The agreement

paperwork is being reviewed at this time. The Speech Path's OT services were replaced last year as a start to transitioning back to more "in person" services rather than mostly virtual. All IEPs are completed for the year.

Dr. Ingram presented the Title I Report—Federal Programs (provided by Mrs. Sterling): The Stronger Connections Grants has been approved by the DOE. Funds are to be expended by August 2025. All other Title Funding is to be expended by June 30, 2024. Professional Development: Several Educators are attending PD this month: Mac and Baker: CTAE Conference, Sterling: Federal Programs conference Garrett: MathCON Gorton: Creativity in the Content Areas (RESA). Reaccreditation: WCS was recently notified of our Regional Accreditation Evaluator (RAE): Next steps: Virtual meeting (pending). Assessments/Summer School: Summer School is going well. Students in grades 3rd, 5th and 8th will retest in Reading only. Retest dates: June 25th and 26th.

The Board approved to adjourn by a motion made by Mrs. Mary Hinman, seconded by Mr. Jimmie Johnson. The motion was approved unanimously.

Prepared by: Regina T. Dotts  
Time Adjourned: 6.51 p.m.  
Approved 07/10/2024