**COFFEE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**MINUTES OF**

**May 1, 2025**

**Regular Board Meeting**

A regular meeting of the Coffee County Board of Education was held May 1, 2025, 5:30 p.m. in the Board of Education Office, Elba, Alabama.

# ATTENDANCE

# Brian McLeod, Galen McWaters, Rodrick Caldwell, Sherry Eddins, Rhonda Strickland, Eric Payne, Mike Bailey and Superintendent: Kelly Cobb

# ABSENT

None

**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. Caldwell, and it passed unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF APRIL 3, 2025**

The minutes of the April 3, 2025, meeting was approved as printed.

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT AND BANK/CASH RECONCILIATION FOR MARCH 2025**

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

**APPROVAL TO EMPLOY SUMMER WORKERS**

Mrs. Cobb recommended the board approve the hiring of summer workers for all campuses. Mr. Caldwell made a motion to accept Mrs. Cobb’s recommendation with a second by Mrs. Strickland, and it passed unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF NEW BROCKTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PROBATIONARY PRINCIPAL CONTRACT**

Mrs. Cobb recommended the board approve the New Brockton Elementary School Probationary Principal Contract that was presented. Mr. McLeod made a motion to accept Mrs. Cobb’s recommendation with a second by Mrs. Eddins, and it passed unanimously.

**APPROVAL TO BID FOR MILK**

Mrs. Cobb recommended the board approve to bid for milk. A motion was made by Mr. Bailey with a second by Mrs. Eddins, and it passed unanimously.

**APPROVAL TO BID FOR PRODUCE**

Mrs. Cobb recommended the board approve to bid for produce. A motion was made by Mrs. Strickland with a second by Mr. McLeod, and it passed unanimously.

**APPROVAL TO RENEW BID FOR BREAD/BAKERY**

Mrs. Cobb recommended the approval to renew the bid for bread/bakery. A motion was made by Mr. Bailey with a second by Mrs. Eddins, and it passed unanimously.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION (IF NEEDED)**

No executive session was held.

**PERSONNEL**

Mrs. Cobb recommended the following personnel action be approved as presented in writing:

**CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL**

**The following resignations are recommended to be approved:**

1. **Jackson Baker –** TEAMS Teacher at Zion Chapel High School, effective April 22, 2025.
2. **Kira Thomas –** Teacher at Kinston Elementary School, effective June 1, 2025.
3. **James Thompson –** Teacher at Zion Chapel High School, effective May 23, 2025.
4. **Abigail Grantham –** Teacher at Zion Chapel Elementary School, effective May 23, 2025.

**The following retirements are recommended to be approved:**

**1. Dawn Nolin –** Teacher at New Brockton Elementary School. Ms. Nolin is retiring effective June 1, 2025.

**2**. **Deborah Williams** – Teacher at New Brockton Middle School. Mrs. Williams is retiring effective June 1, 2025.

**3. Heatherly Smith** – Technology Integration Facilitator. Mrs. Smith is retiring effective June 30, 2025.

**The following transfers are recommended to be approved for the 2025-2026 school year:**

1. **Jennifer Koehler –** Teacher at New Brockton Elementary School to Teacher at New Brockton Middle School.
2. **Johnny “Randy” Bryant –** Assistant Principal at Zion Chapel High School to Assistant Principal at New Brockton Elementary School.

**The following employments are recommended to be approved for the 2025-2026 school year:**

1. **Crystal Mount –** Teacher at Kinston Elementary School.
2. **Carmen Hilliard –** Teacher at New Brockton Elementary School.
3. **Alexis Caron –** Teacher at New Brockton Elementary School.
4. **Rachel Stinson –** Teacher at New Brockton High School.
5. **Julian “Ben” Thompson –** Teacher at New Brockton High School.
6. **Bailey Hansen –** Teacher at Zion Chapel School.
7. **Deborah Smartt –** Teacher at Zion Chapel School.
8. **Kristen Shinaberry –** Teacher at New Brockton Middle School.
9. **Amber Michelle Jones –** TEAMS Math Teacher at Zion Chapel High School.
10. **Masey Snyder –** Teacher at Zion Chapel Elementary School.

**CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL**

**The following resignation is recommended to be approved:**

1. **Alexis Thomas –** Custodian at New Brockton MiddleSchool, effective May 23, 2025.

**The following employments are recommended to be approved for the 2025-2026 school year:**

**1. Wesley Killingsworth –** 10-MonthCustodian at New Brockton Elementary School.

**2. Jessica Wingard** – CNP Worker at New Brockton Elementary School.

**3. Danny Turner** – Bus Driver for Coffee County Schools.

**4. Trevor Davis** – 10-Month Custodian at New Brockton Middle School.

Mr. McLeod made a motion to approve Mrs. Cobb’s recommendation with a second by Mr. Caldwell, and it passed unanimously.

**ACKNOWLEDGMENTS**

Several board members commented on how smoothly this school year has gone by and congratulated the administrators who were approved at the meeting. Lastly, Mr. McWaters stated that he looked forward to celebrating the success of our students at the awards ceremony.

**SUPERINTENDENT COMMENTS**

Mrs. Cobb introduced Mrs. Holli Richardson as the new district administrator, Mrs. Emily Herbert as the new principal at New Brockton Elementary, and Mr. Randy Bryant as the new assistant principal at New Brockton Elementary School. She also recognized Mrs. Heatherly Smith, who submitted her retirement for board approval. Lastly, she informed everyone that we would be moving to the auditorium for the awards ceremony with the refreshments in the resource room.

**NOTICE OF NEXT REGULAR MEETING**

The next regular meeting will be held on June 5, 2025, 5:30 p.m.

**RECESS**

The Board took a brief recess and moved to the auditorium for Kinston’s awards program.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. McWaters called the meeting to order.

**KINSTON AWARDS PROGRAM**

Mrs. Cobb welcomed parents and students to the Academic Awards Ceremony, honoring seniors who have excelled in academics and leadership during the school year. She introduced Board members and Mrs. Driggers, Principal of Kinston High School. Mrs. Driggers introduced members of her staff.

RECOGNITION OF KINSTON STUDENTS

*AWARDS RECIPIENTS*

Reese Arnett Kayedance Baxley Alexis Bradley

Drew Branch Jasmine Brown Makynlea Cain

Haiden Eaton Whitton Floyd Marcus Free

Logan Hardin Savannah Hawthorne Kaedynce Hunt

Dylan Jones Isabelle Kelley Haven Lee

Malachi McCarty Brant McCollough Kelcie Odom

Tori Pettis Corbin Sutherland Molly Kate Weeks

Laken White Jorja Beth Wilson

Everyone was invited to a reception in the resource room.

**RECESS**

The Board took a brief recess before beginning the next awards program.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. McWaters called the meeting to order.

**NEW BROCKTON AWARDS PROGRAM**

Mrs. Cobb welcomed parents and students to the Academic Awards Ceremony, honoring seniors who have excelled in academics and leadership during the school year. She introduced Board members and Mrs. Bourne, Assistant Principal of New Brockton High School. Mrs. Bourne introduced members of her staff.

RECOGNITION OF NEW BROCKTON STUDENTS

*AWARDS RECIPIENTS*

Christian Balderama Natalia Ball Vincent Becker

Anna Blackmon Jacey Boland Morgan Casey

Jayme Cron Madelynne Crowley William Fricks

Ava Green Autumn Griffin Lyla Hataway

Jayda Jones Kaleigh Kirkland Xander Knoebel

Cheyenne Koehler Heidi Koehler Claire Lassiter

Quinn Long Joshua Lopez Leilani Perdue

Jared Petitt Hayden Pope Jaiden Radcliffe

Aubry Reeves Samantha Siniard Aiden Sizemore

Joshua Smith Reese Starling Grayson Thornton

Megan Tindol Xavier Torres Samantha Tyler

Mason Walock Seth Watson

Everyone was invited to a reception in the resource room.

**RECESS**

The Board took a brief recess before beginning the next awards program.

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. McWaters called the meeting to order.

**ZION CHAPEL AWARDS PROGRAM**

Mrs. Cobb welcomed parents and students to the Academic Awards Ceremony, honoring seniors who have excelled in academics and leadership during the school year. She introduced Board members and Mr. Robison, Principal of Zion Chapel High School. Mr. Robison introduced members of his staff.

RECOGNITION OF ZION CHAPEL STUDENTS

*AWARDS RECIPIENTS*

Olivia Lee Brodie Stinson Emma Adkison

Dylan Baker Riley Bannin Zane Cotton

Brodie Davis Carson Dobbs Joseph Farris

Brady Flowers Tyler Gibson Jasie Herbert

Gracie Jinright Joseph LeGear Kate Lucero

Carlee McAllister Kylee Meachem Alex Moseley

Kristian Prettyman Emily Rhodes Austin Sikes

Shea Wambles London Williamson

Everyone was invited to a reception in the resource room.

**ADJOURN**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.