

WEBSTER COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
JULY 13, 2021 AT 6:00 P.M.

The Webster County Board of Education held its regular meeting on July 13, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. Mrs. Linda Rogers, Mrs. Mary Hinman, Mr. Donald Brown, Mr. Jimmie Johnson, Mr. Tim Matthews, and Dr. Dorothy Ingram (Interim Superintendent) were present.

Mrs. Linda Rogers called the meeting to order.

Mr. Jimmie Johnson gave the invocation.

Mrs. Linda Rogers recognized visitors. No comments given.

The Board approved the tentative agenda by a motion made by Mrs. Mary Hinman, seconded by Mr. Jimmie Johnson. The motion was approved unanimously.

The May 2021 financial report was approved by a motion made by Mr. Tim Matthews, seconded by Mr. Donald Brown. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Board approved the June 14, 2021 regular meeting minutes by a motion made by Mrs. Mary Hinman, seconded by Mr. Jimmie Johnson. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Board approved to enter into executive session to discuss or deliberate upon the appointment, employment, compensation, hiring, disciplinary action or dismissal, or periodic evaluating or rating of a public officer or employee or to interview applicants for the position of superintendent; (O.C.G.A. 50-14-3(b)(2)) by a motion made by Mr. Donald Brown, seconded by Mr. Tim Matthews. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Board approved to exit out of executive session by a motion made by Mr. Donald Brown, seconded by Mrs. Mary Hinman. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Board approved the Faculty & Staff Handbook for 2021-2022 by a motion made by Mr. Jimmie Johnson, seconded by Mrs. Mary Hinman. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Board approved the PreK-2 Parent/Student Handbook for 2021-2022 by a motion made by Mr. Tim Matthews, seconded by Mr. Donald Brown. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Board approved the 3-8 Parent/Student Handbook for 2021-2022 by a motion made by Mrs. Mary Hinman, seconded by Mr. Jimmie Johnson. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Board approved the 9-12 Parent/Student Handbook for 2021-2022 by a motion made by Mr. Tim Matthews, seconded by Mr. Donald Brown. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Board approved the Alternative School Handbook for 2021-2022 by a motion made by Mr. Jimmie Johnson, seconded by Mrs. Mary Hinman. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Board approved the Gifted Handbook for 2021-2022 by a motion made by Mr. Donald Brown, seconded by Mr. Tim Matthews. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Board approved the recommendation of the Superintendent for a "no locker use" policy for 2021-2022 by a motion made by Mr. Jimmie Johnson, seconded by Mr. Tim Matthews. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Board approved the District Strategic Plan by a motion made by Mrs. Mary Hinman, seconded by Mr. Donald Brown. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Board approved the Resolution to Request GADOE Assistance in Developing a New Five-Year Local Facilities Plan by a motion made by Mr. Jimmie Johnson, seconded by Mr. Tim Matthews. The motion was approved unanimously.

Dr. Ingram presented the Board with a packet for the Superintendent's report. The school system received a remarkable amount of support from surrounding counties during this period of transition. Dr. Tangela Madge, Supt of Randolph County Schools, donated 2 pallets of 8 ounce hand sanitizer (96 bottles) to the Webster County School System. The flooring contractors have installed the flooring in the library. (They are working on the floors in the front office this week—the office staff is temporarily located in the library.) The administrative staff is working collaboratively to complete master schedules. Dr. Ingram spoke with Commissioner Holbrook in reference to the recent bridge inspection—he stated that there were no structural issues with any of the bridges. Dr. Ingram and Commissioner Holbrook will meet after his meeting with the bridge inspector next week. Dr. Ingram stated that she and Ms. Ellis met with Mr. John Ramage at GADOE Facilities Services on July 7, 2021. There was discussion on the process of the five-year local facilities plan review (Dr. Ingram included a copy of the resolution in the packet for the Board's information). Also, the administrative staff is finalizing the return to school (in-person) re-opening safety procedures as outlined by the Centers of Disease Control (CDC), Department of Public Health (DPH), and the Georgia Department of Education (GADOE)—the re-opening plan will be submitted at the next Board meeting for approval. Dr. Ingram stated that she included in the Board members packet, the latest CDC Guidance for COVID Prevention in K-12 schools. The administrative staff is reviewing the school's Emergency/Disaster Plan. The walk-in combination cooler freezer is on schedule to be installed the first week of August (one week projection for the installation process). The maintenance and custodial staff are working hard to prepare the school and grounds for the beginning of the new school year. Georgia Milestones End of Grade and Course results are embargoed and will be released in early August. Dr. Ingram stated that the school system is expecting to receive \$20,778.12 in Emergency Operational Funds from USDA for the cafeteria (further information will be emailed soon). Dr. Ingram ended the Superintendent's report with, "the administrative staff would like to thank the Webster County Board Members for continued support as we work to educate students."

Ms. Ellis presented the Special Education report. She stated that they are prepping for the new school year. They are going over the IEP to make sure they are correct and up-to-date in their system in hopes of passing the upcoming audit. Ms. Ellis ended the report commenting that all items have been ordered and arriving to the school.

Title I Report (Ms. Swain) – Still receiving orders, both Cares ACT I and II have been approved, and Cares ACT III is waiting to be approved. As of 9/30/2021, there is \$13,000 left to spend.

Dr. Ingram presented the CTAE report. Summer GACTE Conference is July 14th at the Classic Center in Athens, GA (will receive the 2021-22 budget information at this time). Summer GAEL Conference is

virtual July 12th – 14th. Updates are being completed on CTAE nondiscrimination notification and pathway offerings. Mr. Baker and Mrs. Alridge have completed the computer science endorsements in accordance with SB108 requiring all Georgia middle and high schools to offer computer science by 2025. FY'22 Perkins Monitoring and Risk Assessment is still planned for October 27th (virtual). Dr. Ingram attended the CTAE Director's meeting virtually on July 13th. High School: Senior pictures are scheduled for August 27th at the school. Master schedules and individual schedules are being prepared next week. Teachers will participate in the APEX Learning, on-line learning program, training during pre-planning. Dual Enrollment: SGTC (summer ends July 29th), SGTC (fall begins August 18th), GSW (summer ends July 28th), GSW (fall begins August 18th).

The Board approved to adjourn by a motion made by Mr. Donald Brown, seconded by Mr. Jimmie Johnson. The motion was approved unanimously.

Time Adjourned: 7:24 P.M.
Prepared By: Regina T. Dotts
Approved: 8/10/2021