

WEBSTER COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR SCHEDULED MEETING MINUTES  
OCTOBER 10, 2023 AT 6:00 P.M.

The Webster County Board of Education held its regular meeting on October 10, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. Mrs. Linda Rogers, Mrs. Mary Hinman, Mr. Donald Brown, Mr. Jimmie Johnson, Mr. Landon Matthews, and Dr. Dorothy Y. Ingram (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 tentative agenda was approved by a motion made by Mrs. Mary Hinman, seconded by Mr. Jimmie Johnson. The motion was approved unanimously.

The August 2023 financial report was approved by a motion made by Mr. Donald Brown, seconded by Mr. Landon Matthews. The motion was approved unanimously.

The September 12, 2023 (5:00 p.m.) work session minutes were approved by a motion made by Mr. Jimmie Johnson, seconded by Mrs. Mary Hinman. The motion was approved unanimously.

The September 12, 2023 (6:00 p.m.) regular meeting minutes were approved by a motion made by Mrs. Mary Hinman, seconded by Mr. Jimmie Johnson. The motion was approved unanimously.

The September 19, 2023 (9:00 a.m.) special called meeting minutes were approved by a motion made by Mr. Landon Matthews, seconded by Mr. Donald Brown. The motion was approved unanimously.

(No public comments)

The second reading of Investment Earnings Board Policy (Descriptor Code: DFL) took place at this time.

The Board approved Investment Earnings Board Policy (Descriptor Code: DFL) by a motion made by Mrs. Mary Hinman, seconded by Mr. Donald Brown. The motion was approved unanimously.

The second reading of Governmental/Agency Funds within Schools Board Policy (Descriptor Code is Blank) took place at this time.

The Board approved Governmental/Agency Funds within Schools Board Policy by a motion made by Mr. Donald Brown, seconded by Mr. Jimmie Johnson. The motion was carried unanimously.

The second reading of GASB 87 Board Policy (Descriptor Code is Blank) took place at this time.

The Board approved GASB 87 Board Policy by a motion made by Mrs. Mary Hinman, seconded by Mr. Landon Matthews. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Board approved to pay SRJ Architects, Inc. \$23,323.95 for architect fees (bond construction funds account) by a motion made by a motion made by Mr. Donald Brown, seconded by Mr. Jimmie Johnson. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Board approved to hire Sheridan Construction as "Construction Manager" for Webster County Schools renovations and modifications project-2247 (pending contract approval) by a motion made by Mrs. Mary Hinman, seconded by Mr. Landon Matthews. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Board approved the personnel recommendation of the Superintendent to hire Ms. Alondrea Roberson as a substitute teacher (pending completion of background check) by a motion made by Mr. Landon Matthews, seconded by Mr. Jimmie Johnson. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Board approved the recommendation of the Superintendent to pay employees on November 17, 2023, December 15, 2023, and January 19, 2024 by a motion made by Mrs. Mary Hinman, seconded by Mr. Donald Brown. The motion was approved unanimously.

Dr. Ingram presented the Superintendent's report and the CTAE report—discussed in the work session (handout).

Mrs. Balish presented the Principal's report and the Special Education report—WCS held its monthly fire drill and mandatory intruder alert drill. Mrs. Balish commented that she attended a teacher recruitment meeting at Chattahoochee Flint RESA on Sept 13th. Grandparents Day was held Sept 22nd (a huge success). The Principal and AP Academy was held September 26th at Chattahoochee Flint RESA. The juniors and seniors attended Probe Fair at Georgia Southwestern University on Sept 28th. Vision screenings were held September 29<sup>th</sup>. Progress reports are ready as of Oct 2nd. A new substitute teacher applicant was interviewed on October 6<sup>th</sup>. The middle school took a field trip to the Perry Fair October 9<sup>th</sup>. REACH Scholarship Program is tomorrow at 1:30 p.m. in the gym—winners for this year are Jimear Moses and Syncere Colbert). Friday, October 12, our FBLA will travel to the Perry Fair for the State FBLA Rally.

Special Education Report: The special education case managers have their students in order—WCS first FTE count is complete for the school year (everyone did a great job serving the students on FTE day including speech and OT. Also, GOIEP reported that all paperwork was up to date and on time. Mrs. Balish commented that she attended a couple of Special Education Director Webinars recently that have been very informative. Also, Mrs. Balish attended a Special Education Budget and Data Tools meeting in Albany, GA by GADOE. Two grants were received—IDEA Rural Special Education Grant for \$26,000 and the ESSER III–ARP–LL Special Education Rural Grant for \$24,000 (funds to be spent by September 30<sup>th</sup>). Mrs. Balish commented that all funds were spent as close to the penny—with the help of Special Education Teachers in selecting items beneficial to the department, Dr. Ingram in local purchasing and Ms. Hill in online ordering and receiving (appreciate the teamwork). For the bulk of the grant funding, WCS was able to build one of the best special education life skills rooms around as well as an Interactive White Board (98”) for the lunchroom and the conference room (65”) - can be used for IEP meetings or any virtual.

Mrs. Sterling presented the Title I report—Federal Programs: All FY'2023 Federal Program grants were drawn down by the September 30 deadline. Federal Program Grants received for FY 2024: Title I-A: \$143,943. Title II-A: \$ 20,686. Title IV-A: \$10,983. ESSER III: Mrs. Sterling is reviewing the detailed expenditure report to determine the balance of remaining funds. This grant has tidings through September 2024. Testing: Beginning of the year assessments and diagnostics have been completed. Mrs. Balish and Mrs. Sterling are reviewing the data and discussing next steps/ideas for incentives to increase students' fidelity in test taking. Teachers have identified and referred students to EIP and/or SST. Those meetings are being scheduled and held. Teachers have notified parents of tutoring opportunities and many have begun working with students after school.

The meeting was adjourned by a motion made by Mr. Donald Brown, seconded by Mr. Jimmie Johnson.  
The motion was approved unanimously.

Time Adjourned: 6:16 p.m.  
Prepared By: Regina T. Dotts  
Approved: 11/14/2023