

WEBSTER COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 11, 2022 AT 6:00 P.M.

The Webster County Board of Education held its regular meeting on January 11, 2022 at 6:00 p.m. Mrs. Linda Rogers (Virtual-Requested Mrs. Mary Hinman to Officiate Due to Zoom Accessibility), Mrs. Mary Hinman, Mr. Donald Brown, Mr. Jimmie Johnson, Mr. Tim Matthews, and Dr. Dorothy Y. Ingram (Superintendent) were present.

Mrs. Mary Hinman called the meeting to order.

Mr. Jimmie Johnson gave the invocation.

Mrs. Mary Hinman recognized visitors.

The tentative agenda was approved with the amendment of adding to the agenda—#5 Approve to Participate in the Engage Program and #6 Brian Knight via Zoom-Redistricting Plan—by a motion made by Mr. Donald Brown, seconded by Mr. Jimmie Johnson. The motion was approved unanimously.

The November 2021 financial report was approved by a motion made by Mr. Jimmie Johnson, seconded by Mrs. Linda Rogers. The motion was approved unanimously.

The December 14, 2021 regular meeting minutes were approved by a motion made by Mr. Tim Matthews, seconded by Mr. Donald Brown. The motion was approved unanimously.

The December 28, 2021 special called meeting minutes were approved by a motion made by Mr. Donald Brown, seconded by Mr. Jimmie Johnson. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Board approved to participate in the Engage Program by a motion made by Mr. Donald Brown, seconded by Mr. Tim Matthews. The motion was approved unanimously.

Mr. Brian Knight, via Zoom, discussed the Redistricting Plan (reapportionment suggestions) at this time. Dr. Ingram presented the Board an updated map of the Census 2020 Redistricting Plan received from Mr. Knight (handout).

Mrs. Mary Hinman was nominated as Vice-Chairlady for 2022. There being no further nominations, Mrs. Mary Hinman was elected as Vice-Chairlady for 2022 by a motion made by Mrs. Linda Rogers, seconded by Mr. Donald Brown. The motion was approved 4-1, with Mrs. Linda Rogers, Mr. Donald Brown, Mr. Jimmie Johnson, and Mr. Tim Matthews voting for the motion; Mrs. Mary Hinman abstained.

The Board discussed the Census 2020 Redistricting Plan at this time. After discussion, the Board agreed to keep the Webster County Board of Education voting districts as is—Dr. Ingram will contact Mr. Kirby (School Attorney) to move forward.

The Board approved the referendum resolution to enable authorization of educational special purpose local option sales tax (ESPLOST) to be placed on the ballot in the may 24, 2022 election by a motion made by Mr. Donald Brown, seconded by Mr. Jimmie Johnson. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Board approved the personnel recommendation of the Superintendent to move Mrs. Beverly Matthews from a long-term substitute teacher to a 49% teacher (Title I funds) by a motion made by Mr. Jimmie Johnson, seconded by Mrs. Linda Rogers. The motion was approved 4-1, with Mr. Jimmie

Johnson, Mrs. Linda Rogers, Mrs. Mary Hinman, and Mr. Donald Brown voting for the motion; Mr. Tim Matthews abstained.

The Board approved the personnel recommendation of the Superintendent to hire Mr. Jake Everett as a volunteer to assist with school bass fishing (pending completion of background check) by a motion made by Mr. Jimmie Johnson, seconded by Mr. Tim Matthews. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Board approved the personnel recommendation of the Superintendent to hire Mr. Derrick Pearce as a volunteer to assist with school bass fishing (pending completion of background check) by a motion made by Mr. Donald Brown, seconded by Mr. Jimmie Johnson. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Board approved the personnel recommendation of the Superintendent to hire Mr. Cody Patrick as a volunteer to assist with school bass fishing (pending completion of background check) by a motion made by Mr. Jimmie Johnson, seconded by Mrs. Linda Rogers. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Board approved the personnel recommendation of the Superintendent to hire Carson Hinman as a volunteer to assist with school bass fishing (pending completion of background check) by a motion made by Mr. Donald Brown, seconded by Mr. Tim Matthews. The motion was approved 4-1, with Mr. Donald Brown, Mr. Tim Matthews, Mrs. Linda Rogers, and Mr. Jimmie Johnson voting for the motion; Mrs. Mary Hinman abstained.

The Board approved the personnel recommendation of the Superintendent to hire Mr. Lester Jones as a volunteer to assist with school bass fishing (pending completion of background check) by a motion made by Mr. Tim Matthews, seconded by Mr. Donald Brown. The motion was approved unanimously.

Dr. Ingram presented the Superintendent's report and the CTAE report—commented on the Georgia Department of Health COVID-19 updates as of January 10, 2022 (handout); COVID Procedures; Georgia Department of Public Health and CDC Letters (handout); GSBA Capitol Watch Online January 11, 2022 Update (handout); Congratulations to the Star Student (Mackenzie Busby) and Start Teacher (Mr. John Wilder); and Bass Fishing Team's first tournament at Lake Seminole January 21-22, 2022. Dr. Ingram also commented she is working on the proposed calendar for the 2022-2023 school year; School Holidays coming up January 17-18, 2022; Roofing Issue—met with a roofing inspector January 6, 2022; and School COVID numbers on Quarantine/Isolation students and employees.

CTAE report: Ordering approved budget items for CTAE; CTAE Winter Conference in Atlanta February 9-11, 2022; Results of CTAE Monitoring and Risk Assessment summary: Recommendations: Recommended we encourage an increase in participation of business and industry during CTAE Advisory Committee meetings, Research industry certification for pathways by 2026. Commendations for: Offering 3 pathways with limited staff; creating a learning environment that supports all learners; providing CTSO-FBLA; Supporting teachers earning work-based learning endorsement as well as Computer Science endorsement; and 100% high school graduates completing a CTAE Pathway. High School: January 13-Class ring orders for 10th graders and January 24-Dual Enrollment Workshop (GSW). DUAL Enrollment: Classes started January 10th and March 3rd is Dual Enrollment registration SGTC & GSW.

Title I report (sent by Mrs. Swain and Mrs. Sterling)—in the midst of preparing for Cross Functional Monitoring that will be held February 22, 2022 and information is being gathered and scanned to be uploaded into the portal.

Mrs. Ellis presented the Special Education report and the Principal's report—Due to COVID shut-down in H.S., adjustments had to be made for semester testing and report card release timing—the new dates are January 25th teacher will turn in grades to Mrs. Cox, proofs will be handed out to the teachers and

returned to Mrs. Cox on the 26th, and report cards will be sent home Thursday the 27th. Also, Ms. Ellis commented that she has worked on contracts for the school's new hotspots and computers that the students will take home soon—prior to presenting to the Board, Dr. Ingram is reviewing the contract and Ms. Hill will review on the technology end. Ms. Ellis has asked the H.S. team to provide a list of students who are not logging into class through Google Classroom—Ms. Ellis has started making telephone calls after school time (some didn't have Internet or a computer and some parents didn't know their child was not logging in).

Special Education and Pre-K report—Special Education team is working hard to complete new policies and procedures manual for the February audit. The team is also beginning to conduct a few IEP meetings as each expiration time gets close. Also, Special Education received the yearly report card and scored 94 out of 100—the team has discussed ways to pull the score up to 100 but very proud of the score received. Pre-K report—the dept. is ready to add, “Now Accepting Pre-K Applications at WCS”, to the sign in the entrance way of the school. Over the past couple of days, the dept. has put together packets including application and list of forms needed so that parents could start thinking about sending their children to school for the first time.

The meeting was adjourned by a motion made by Mr. Donald Brown, seconded by Mr. Tim Matthews. The motion was carried unanimously.

Time Adjourned: 7:04 p.m.
Prepared By: Regina T. Dotts
Approved: 2/8/2022