**QUITMAN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**GEORGETOWN, GEORGIA**

**MINUTES OF OCTOBER 3, 2023**

**REGULAR MEETING**

The Quitman County Board of Education met in a regular session on October 3, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. in the Boardroom of the Administrative Office, 215 Kaigler Road. Mr. Larry Wilborn, Vice Chairman, presided.

**PRESENT:** Mr. Willie J. Anderson, Chairman; Mr. Larry Wilborn, Vice Chairman, Mr. Jimmy Eleby, Mrs. Christi Green, and Ms. Sherri Hunter, Board members; and Mr. Jon-Erik Jones, School Superintendent.

**ABSENT:** None

**CALL TO ORDER AND OPENING CEREMONY**

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman Wilborn with a moment of silence followed by the Pledge.

**AGENDA APPROVAL**

Prior to the approval of the agenda, Superintendent Jones asked if the agenda could be amended to add two additional items (Gym Floor Covering and ESP Head Start Transportation under New and Unfinished Business. The Board members agreed to the agenda additions. On a motion by Mr. Eleby and a second by Mrs. Green the Board voted unanimously (4, 0), to approve the agenda. The motion passed.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The Superintendent recommended approval of September 5, 2023, Regular Board Meeting Minutes. On a motion by Mr. Eleby and a second by Mrs. Green, the Board voted (4, 0) to accept the Superintendent’s recommendation. The motion passed.

The Superintendent recommended approval of September 25, 2023, Called Board Meeting Minutes. On a motion by Mr. Eleby and a second by Mrs. Green, the Board voted (4, 0) to accept the Superintendent’s recommendation. The motion passed.

**SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORTS & UPDATES**

Principal’s Report:

Ms. Parks provided a brief school update. Professional Development that took place includes faculty/staff training in (LETRS) Language Essentials for Teachers of Reading and Spelling; and faculty/staff training in (LLI) Level Literacy Intervention

Upcoming Events: National PreK week celebration October 2-6; National Custodian Appreciation celebration, October 2nd; Title 1 Parent Night (10/10); Muffins for Moms (10/12); Q1 Honor Roll celebration (10/19); Do-nuts for Dads (10/23); and PBIS Fun Day (10/27)

Superintendent’s Report:

Coach Drake, Athletic Director, provided Athletic department updates and upcoming training for the Athletic Staff.

The Superintendent provided the Board Members with a Code of Ethics Compliance form. After reading the form all board members signed and returned their form to the Superintendent.

The Superintendent shared with the Board; Quitman County High School has been recognized by GaDOE as a Reward School.

The Superintendent informed the Board, Quitman County Schools will be going through Georgia Accreditation.

The Superintendent informed the Board that he serves on the Columbus Technical College Board. A $1 Million Mobile Construction Lab will be making stops at Georgia Schools, and he has put in a request for the lab to come to Quitman County Schools.

The Superintendent shared with the Board, Wallace Community College, Eufaula, AL, wants to partner with Quitman County Schools. Although the Superintendent feels this is a great opportunity for our students, he has forwarded the documents from Wallace College to GaDOE for review and guidance.

**PERSONNEL (EXECUTIVE SESSION)**

Not Needed

**FINANCE**

The Superintendent recommended approval of the Financial Report for September 2023. On a motion by Mr. Wilborn and a second by Mrs. Green, the Board voted unanimously (4, 0), to accept the Superintendent’s recommendation. The motion passed.

The Superintendent recommended approval of the Tax Collections for August 2023. On a motion by Mr. Eleby and a second by Mrs. Green, the Board voted unanimously (4, 0), to accept the Superintendent’s recommendation. The motion passed.

The Superintendent recommended approval to put $250,000.00 in a Five Star Certificate - Special Deposit Rate for 13 months @ 6%. On a motion by Mr. Eleby and a second by Mrs. Green, the Board voted unanimously (4, 0), to accept the Superintendent’s recommendation. The motion passed.

**MAINTENANCE & OPERATIONS**

The Superintendent recommended approval to purchase Cat 6 Cables Network/Ethernet Drops from PCS to satisfy items needed under the approved Georgia Safer School Safety Grant in the amount of $7,848.00. The Superintendent informed the Board that he hopes the $7,848 will be covered in the $250,000.00 grant. However, if it does not the Cat 6 Cables purchase will have to be paid out of local funds. On a motion by Mr. Eleby and a second by Mrs. Green, the Board voted unanimously (4, 0), to accept the Superintendent’s recommendation. The motion passed.

**NEW & UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

GSBA:

The Superintendent provided the Board with a GSBA Update. GSBA will be spotlighting Quitman County at the December 2023 Conference in Atlanta, GA. A video shoot for the spotlight will take place on October 27, 2023.

Field Trips:

The Superintendent informed the Board on the following Field Trips that will take place:

High School Spanish Classes – El Jalisco, Eufaula, AL – November 1-2, 2023

Tools for College Success Class will be doing College Visits to Columbus State University (10/18); Georgia Southwestern State University (11/10); South Georgia Tech (11/16) and Albany State University (11/28)

(Mr. Willie Anderson entered the meeting).

Fundraisers:

The Superintendent recommended approval of a Costume Festival to be held on October 25, 2023. On a motion by Mr. Eleby and a second by Mrs. Green, the Board voted (5, 0) to accept the Superintendent’s recommendation. The motion passed.

The Superintendent recommended approval of a Krispy Kreme Do-nut certificate sale sponsored by FBLA. On a motion by Mr. Eleby and a second by Mrs. Green, the Board voted (5, 0) to accept the Superintendent’s recommendation. The motion passed.

The Superintendent recommended approval of Scream O Grams sale sponsored by FBLA. On a motion by Mr. Eleby and a second by Mrs. Green, the Board voted (5, 0) to accept the Superintendent’s recommendation. The motion passed

ESP Headstart Transportation Request:

The Superintendent recommended approval to support Headstart with transportation requests when drivers are available to provide transportation. On a motion by Mr. Eleby and a second by Mrs. Green, the Board voted (5, 0) to accept the Superintendent’s recommendation. The motion passed

Gym Floor Covering:

The Superintendent recommended approval for James Mullins to refinish and repaint the Gymnasium Floor at the High School in the amount of $2100.00. On a motion by Mr. Eleby and a second by Mrs. Green, the Board voted (5, 0) to accept the Superintendent’s recommendation. The motion passed

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No Comments.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Superintendent informed the board the Graduation Rate will be published to the public soon. He will send the Board members and email of the Graduation Rate details prior to the public announcement.

The next Regular Board meeting will take place on Tuesday, November 7, 2023, at 6:00 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With there being no other business to discuss, on a motion by Mr. Eleby and a second by Mrs. Green, the Board voted unanimously (5, 0), to adjourn. The motion passed.

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Chairman Secretary