

WEBSTER COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
JULY 11, 2023 AT 6:00 P.M.

The Webster County Board of Education held its regular meeting on July 11, 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 Board approved the tentative agenda by a motion made by Mr. Jimmie Johnson, seconded by Mr. Landon Matthews. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Board approved the May 2023 financial report by a motion made by Mrs. Mary Hinman, seconded by Mr. Jimmie Johnson. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Board approved the June 13, 2023 work session minutes (5:00 p.m.) by a motion made by Mr. Landon Matthews, seconded by Mr. Donald Brown. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Board approved the June 13, 2023 regular meeting minutes (6:00 p.m.) 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. Jimmie Johnson. 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.

(No Action Taken)

(No Public Comments)

The Board approved to submit the Exemplary Board application by a motion made by Mrs. Mary Hinman, seconded by Mr. Landon Matthews. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Board approved the 5.1% salary increase (State Salary Scale per Governor Kemp) for full-time bus drivers by a motion made by Mrs. Mary Hinman, seconded by Mr. Donald Brown. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Board approved the Faculty & Staff Handbook for 2023-2024 by a motion made by Mr. Landon Matthews, seconded by Mr. Donald Brown. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Board approved the PreK-2 Parent/Student Handbook for 2023-2024 by a motion made by Mrs. Mary Hinman, seconded by Mr. Landon Matthews. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Board approved the 3-8 Parent/Student Handbook for 2023-2024 by a motion made by Mr. Donald Brown, seconded by Mrs. Mary Hinman. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Board approved the 9-12 Parent/Student Handbook for 2023-2024 by a motion made by Mr. Jimmie Johnson, seconded by Mrs. Mary Hinman. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Board approved the Alternative School Handbook for 2023-2024 by a motion made by Mr. Landon Matthews, seconded by Mr. Donald Brown. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Board approved the Gifted Handbook for 2023-2024 by a motion made by Mr. Donald Brown, seconded by Mrs. Mary Hinman. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Board discussed the Regional Career Academy at this time.

The Board discussed the Ferst Reading Partnership with Webster County Family Connections at this time.

Dr. Ingram presented the Superintendent's Report and the CTAE Report.

Superintendent's Report—2022 ESPLOST deposit for the end of June 2023 was \$18521.24. Webster received a Dyslexia grant from the GADOE for Dyslexia screeners (K-3) in the amount of \$532.00 (handout). Proposed plan for employer rate classified health insurance premium increase will be implemented within the next three years. The Department of Community Health must approve the proposed plan (handout). GSBA handouts were provided for Risk E-lert—July 2023, RMS Safety Scenario—June 2023; Policy Alert—July 2023; Capitol Watch/Opinion—June 2023 State Board Meeting Agenda. Summer school students participated in Georgia Milestones retest June 27 and 28. Pre-planning for faculty/staff will begin Friday August 25, 2023. Superintendent Richard Woods is proposing to change the percentage requirement of the numeric score on the Georgia Milestones End of Course assessment on students' final grade to a minimum of 10% from the current percentage requirement of 20% - grades 9-12: Algebra: Concepts and Connection, US History, American Literature, and Biology (handout). The State Board approved a waiver of promotion requirement for grades 5 and 8 and EOC course (Algebra: Concepts and Connections) grade requirement for mathematics for 2023 -2024. GMAS Math scores will be delayed to late summer or early fall 2024 due to new math standards and assessments (handout). Facilities Update: working with MTC to complete technology updates at BOE office. A core assessment of the roof was conducted on July 11, 2023. Dr. Ingram will attend a Georgia Fund1 update meeting virtually on July 18, 2023. Upcoming Events—Next Board Meetings: August 8, 2023 (Work Session 5:00 p.m., Board Meeting 6:00 p.m.). Events: Pre-Planning begins August 25th, Open House is Aug 31st. District Holidays: A school holiday is scheduled for September 4th in observance of Labor Day, and the first day of school is Sept 5th. Dr. Ingram highlighted on student enrollment, attendance, COVID updates.

CTAE Report—Waiting for DOE budget allocations. Ms. Stephens will attend the GVATA (Georgia Vocational Agriculture Teachers Association) Summer Conference in Tifton July 10-12, 2023. The greenhouse has been assessed by Atlas—waiting to hear from them in reference to repairs. Agriculture Leadership in Horticulture career pathway will be offered. Courses will include: Basic Agricultural Science, General Horticulture and Plant Science, and Agribusiness Management and Leadership. Handouts were presented for FY'22 Annual Report-CTAE Resource Network and Georgia's Hot Careers to 2030. WBL: Students who are interested in participating in WBL for 2023-2024 will be contacting Mr. Baker this summer. DUAL ENROLLMENT—Two students enrolled at SGTC for the summer. Ms. Fletcher will assist with fall 2023 students in July with registration. Transcripts from SGTC and GSW for spring 2023 have been received.

Mrs. Balish presented the Principal's Report and the Special Education Report.

Principal's Report—Mrs. Balish, Mrs. Rogers, and Mr. McCullough attended the School Safety Conference in Athens, GA. New regulations were presented and received information regarding suggestions to keep students, faculty, and staff safer. Mrs. Balish and Mr. McCullough brought back the information to Dr. Ingram for her consideration. Mrs. Balish mentioned that they have been working on the school safety plan (checking it for any changes or additions). There will be an administrative safety plan meeting again possibly Thursday, July 19th. Mrs. Balish attended the Principal Academy Summer Conference at Columbus State, sponsored by Chattahoochee Flint RESA. They provided a lot of great information to use in the upcoming school year. Summer school ended on June 29th. The GA Milestones Re-test was given on June 27th and 28th (scores are back) but they are embargoed at this time. Mrs. Balish commented that they were particularly proud of all the high school students that were able to recover credits enough to continue moving forward next year. At this time, Dr. Ingram, Mrs. Balish, and Coach Mac are virtually attending the annual GAEL Conference. So far, there have been some great speakers providing useful information and inspiration. The custodial staff for the summer is working hard on getting the building ready for the 23—24 school year. In the areas they have already finished, the floors look like glass. Mrs. Balish ended to report with, “We appreciate all the extra efforts they go to in order to make our building shine.”

Special Education Report—Special education purchases have been completed for the year (received much needed supplies and tools for the classrooms). The teachers should begin the year with everything they need for the students. At this time, Mrs. Balish is beginning to plan for the upcoming school year—making decisions about teacher caseloads. With the addition of our new Special Education teacher, Samantha Williams, the school will finally have all teachers in place for elementary, middle, high school, and self contained.

Title I Report—(Dr. Ingram shared report from Mrs. Sterling) Federal Programs/Curriculum: Mrs. Sterling has reviewed the latest detailed expenditure report for all programs and have notated and shared findings with Ms. Hill (Programs will be closed out in September 2023). The FY'24 CLIP has been submitted to the State for review and approval. Curriculum: CS received the new curriculum for Reading K-8 and Math K-12. Materials have been checked in and are in the process of being disbursed to the teachers' classrooms. Houghton Mifflin Harcourt will be on campus on August 30th to provide Professional Learning for all Math teachers grades K-12. Mrs. Sterling has mailed all Math teachers to let them know they can pick up their Teachers Edition if they would like to review the materials beforehand. Summer School/Testing: WCS completed another successful year of Summer School. EOG Retests were completed without any irregularities! Results are in (summary shared). Both the Principal's Testing Certification and the Superintendent's Testing Certification forms have been finalized and submitted to the State.

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

Time Adjourned: 6:37 P.M.
Prepared By: Regina T. Dotts
Approved: 8/8/2023