**QUITMAN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**GEORGETOWN, GEORGIA**

**MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 7, 2023**

**REGULAR MEETING**

The Quitman County Board of Education met in a regular session on February 7, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. in the Boardroom of the Administrative Office, 215 Kaigler Road. Mr. Willie J. Anderson, 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 Chairman Anderson with a moment of silence followed by the Pledge.

**AGENDA APPROVAL**

On a motion by Mr. Wilborn and a second by Mrs. Green, the Board voted unanimously (5, 0), to approve the Agenda as printed. The motion passed.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The Superintendent recommended approval of January 3, 2023, Regular Board Minutes. On a motion by Mr. Eleby and a second by Mrs. Green, the Board voted unanimously (5, 0) to accept the Superintendent’s recommendation. The motion passed.

The Superintendent recommended approval of January 12, 2023, Called Board Meeting Minutes. On a motion by Mr. Eleby and a second by Mrs. Green, the Board voted unanimously (5, 0), to accept the Superintendent’s recommendation. The motion passed.

Votes for these 2 meetings stood the same for Wilborn and Hunter, who were later sworn in by Judge Self. Unanimously agreed.

**SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORTS & UPDATES**

Mr. Rozell Wilson, Educational Trust Fund Collaborative, was present and presented Coach Fred Drake, Athletic Director, a donation for the Athletic Department.

School Spotlights were shared.

The Superintendent recognized Mrs. Deirdre Brown as the District’s Employee of the month for February.

The Superintendent recognized a student, Aaron Robinson, Ms. Ashanti Smith (CTAE teacher), and Ms. Shirley Fair-Johnson (CTAE Director) in honor of CTAE Month.

The Superintendent presented a GAEL Vision Award for 2022-2023 which included a banner that will be displayed on our campus.

The Superintendent shared ads with the Board.

**PERSONNEL (EXECUTIVE SESSION)**

The Superintendent recommended entering executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel. On a motion by Mr. Wilborn and a second by Mr. Eleby, the Board voted unanimously (5, 0), to accept the Superintendent’s recommendation. The motion passed.

On a motion by Mr. Wilborn and a second by Mrs. Green, the Board voted unanimously (5, 0), to resume regular session. The motion passed.

Chairman Anderson stated that the Board had met in executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel. No decisions were made, and no votes were taken; only discussion took place.

The Superintendent recommended approval of Mrs. Amye Murdock’s retirement effective July 31, 2023. On a motion by Mr. Wilborn and a second by Mr. Eleby, the Board voted unanimously (5, 0), to accept the Superintendent’s recommendation. The motion passed.

The Superintendent recommended approval of Mrs. Sharon Benefield’s retirement effective at the end of her current contract. On a motion by Mr. Wilborn and a second by Mr. Eleby, the Board voted unanimously (5, 0), to accept the Superintendent’s recommendation. The motion passed.

The Superintendent recommended approval of Mr. Jonathan Curry’s retirement effective the end of his current contract. On a motion by Mr. Wilborn and a second by Mrs. Green, the Board voted unanimously (5, 0), to accept the Superintendent’s recommendation. The motion passed.

The Superintendent recommended approval of Ms. Annie Wyatt’s retirement effective, May 25, 2023. On a motion by Mr. Wilborn and a second by Mr. Eleby, the Board voted unanimously (5, 0), to accept the Superintendent’s recommendation. The motion passed.

The Superintendent recommended approval to appoint Ms. Kimberly Parks as Interim Principal. On a motion by Mr. Eleby and a second by Mr. Wilborn, the Board voted unanimously (5, 0), to accept the Superintendent’s recommendation. The motion passed.

**FINANCE**

The Superintendent recommended approval of the Financial Report for January 2023. On a motion by Mr. Wilborn and a second by Mr. Eleby, the Board voted unanimously (4, 0), to accept the Superintendent’s recommendation. The motion passed. (This item was tabled on 2-7-23.) It was approved at the 2-9-23 joint Board meeting. Hunter was absent.

The Superintendent recommended approval of the Tax Collections for December 2022. On a motion by Mr. Eleby and a second by Mrs. Green, the Board voted unanimously (5, 0), to accept the Superintendent’s recommendation. The motion passed.

The Superintendent recommended approval to accept the REI Technology Grant in the amount of

$100, 000. On a motion by Mr. Wilborn and a second by Mrs. Green, the Board voted unanimously (5, 0), to accept the Superintendent’s recommendation. The motion passed.

**MAINTENANCE & OPERATIONS**

The Superintendent recommended approval of a Pre-K MacBook purchase (funding from Bright from the Start-$1248). On a motion by Mr. Wilborn and a second by Mrs. Green, the Board voted unanimously (5, 0), to accept the Superintendent’s recommendation. The motion passed.

The Superintendent recommended approval of the GoIEP Professional Learning (PL held on Saturday for 8 Sp. Ed. Teachers with paid stipend). On a motion by Mr. Wilborn and a second by Mr. Eleby, the Board voted unanimously (5, 0), to accept the Superintendent’s recommendation. The motion passed.

The Superintendent recommended approval of 2 bottle filling stations ($1100 each), to be purchased from Amazon. (Three quotes were submitted, Amazon was not the lowest but was selected due to free shipping, availability, and returnable.) On a motion by Mr. Wilborn and a second by Mr. Eleby, the Board voted unanimously (5, 0), to accept the Superintendent’s recommendation. The motion passed.

The Superintendent reviewed and shared the Budget Planning timeline and informed the Board that there may be a need for some called board meetings.

The Superintendent’s contract was unanimously approved and signed by each Board Member. The contract has a 3-year term, ending May 31, 2026.

**NEW & UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

The Superintendent recommended approval of the following field trips & fundraisers:

Sr. Class will be sponsoring a car wash April 29th. On a motion by Mr. Eleby and a second by Mr. Wilborn, the Board voted unanimously (5, 0), to accept the Superintendent’s recommendation. The motion passed.

Jr. Class will be sponsoring a kiddie prom on March 3rd. On a motion by Mr. Wilborn and a second by Mr. Eleby, the Board voted unanimously (5, 0), to accept the Superintendent’s recommendation. The motion passed.

Jr. Class will be sponsoring a Valentine's Day Gram fundraiser. On a motion by Mr. Wilborn and a second by Mrs. Green, the Board voted unanimously (5, 0), to accept the Superintendent’s recommendation. The motion passed.

Jr. & Sr. Class will be sponsoring an Easter Bunny Picture fundraiser, March 27th. On a motion by Mr. Wilborn and a second by Mr. Eleby, the Board voted unanimously (5, 0), to accept the Superintendent’s recommendation. The motion passed.

There are 35 students signed up to travel to Eufaula High School to take the ACT on Saturday. We will provide transportation, if needed.

The annual Night to Shine event has moved to Byne Christian Church in Albany, will be held on Feb. 10th.

The FBLA State Leadership Conference will be held in Atlanta. This is an overnight trip, March 10-11th. On a motion by Mr. Wilborn and a second by Mr. Eleby, the Board voted unanimously (5, 0), to accept the Superintendent’s recommendation. The motion passed.

The Superintendent said he would need to secure final details for the Sr. trip (request for Orlando, FL).

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were comments from 3 audience members.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Superintendent provided additional information about the February 9th joint board meeting with the County Commissioners. The meeting will be held in the Boardroom of the County Commissioners.

The Superintendent informed the Board that the Board and Administrator Brochures would be provided at a later time.

Board member Wilborn made comments about the Discipline Report.

The next Regular Board Meeting is March 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 Mr. Green, the Board voted unanimously (5, 0), to adjourn. The motion passed.

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