

Board of Education
Regular Session Minutes
December 19, 2019, 5:30 P.M.
Gilmer County, Georgia

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The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Chairman Mr. Watkins. Mr. Watkins thanked everyone for being at the meeting.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Ronald Watkins (Vice-Chair), Tom Ocobock and Doug Pritchett

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Michael Bramlett (Chairman) and Jim Parmer

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Superintendent Dr. Shanna Downs, Bob Sosebee, Kim Cagle, and Emily Plumley

VISITORS PRESENT: Lonnie Adams from FYN and Robbie Bills

Dr. Downs recommended approval of the Regular Session Regular Session Agenda as presented. Motion by Mr. Ocobock second by Mr. Pritchett to approve the agenda with the noted change. Motion Carried. All voted Yes.

The Invocation was given by Pastor Jamie Dotson of Mt. Vernon Baptist Church.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Superintendent, Dr. Shanna Downs.

Public Participation: None

Consent Items: Motion by Mr. Ocobock and second by Mr. Pritchett to approve the Consent Items. Motion Carried. All both voted Yes, as follows:

- Board Minutes:
 - November 18, 2019, Work and Executive Session
 - November 21, 2019, Regular Session
- Out of State/Overnight Field Trips:
 - Academic Field Trips (See Attachment)
 - Student Activities/Athletic-Based Field Trips (See Attachment)
 - Fund Raising Requests: (None)

Superintendent's Report:

- i. High Performing Culture and Workforce:
 - i. Personnel: Dr. Downs recommended a motion to approve personnel as discussed in the Executive Session on Monday December 16, 2019 with the addition of Lana Hamby and Christian Johnson. Personnel was placed on display for the public information during this meeting. Motion by Mr. Pritchett and second by Mr. Ocobock to approve personnel. Motion Carried. All voted Yes.
- ii. Operational Effectiveness:
 - i. Student Code of Conduct: Dr. Downs recommended a motion to approve the Student Code of Conduct with the additions as discussed at the Work Session on Monday December 16, 2019. Motion by Mr. Pritchett and second by Mr. Ocobock to approve the Student Code of Conduct. Motion Carried. All voted Yes.
 - ii. Policies: Motion by Mr. Ocobock and second motion by Mr. Watkins to move the following policies from the table and approve the second reading, with the changes as discussed at the Work Session Monday December 16, 2019. Motion Carried. All voted Yes, as follows:
 - Policy GAK (1) Criminal Background Check
 - Policy DJ Expenditure of Funds (Rescind)
 - Policy DJCA Pay Day Schedules (Rescind)
 - Policy DJCB Salary Deductions
 - Policy DJEAC Purchasing or Credit Card Use
- iii. Fiscal Accountability:
 - i. Keyless Entry for EES, MVE, CCMS & LWEC: Dr. Downs recommended a motion to approve the Keyless Entry purchase for Ellijay Elementary. Mountain View Elementary, Clear Creek Middle School and the Larry Walker Education Center. Motion by Mr. Pritchett and second motion by Mr. Ocobock to approve the Keyless Entry purchase for EES, MVE, CCMS & LWEC. Motion Carried. All voted Yes.
 - ii. Budget: Dr. Downs recommended a motion to approve the FY2020 Financial Summary - October 2019 and the 2015 ESPLOST Expenditures. Motion by Mr. Ocobock and second by Mr. Pritchett to approve the financial reports. Motion Carried. All voted Yes.

Superintendent's Announcements/Comments: Dr. Downs announced that the results of the ratings call that was received last week are in. We are very pleased with today's ratings outcome by Moody's. The Series 2020 Bonds will be rated Aa1.

Adjourn:

Motion by Mr. Pritchett and second by Mr. Ocobock to adjourn the Regular Session. Motion Carried. All voted Yes. Meeting was adjourned at 5:37p.m.

Shanna Downs, Ed.D., Superintendent

Mr. Bramlett, Chairman

Submitted by: _____
Emily Plumley, Board Clerk