

Board of Education
Regular Session Minutes
March 19, 2020, 5:30 P.M.
Gilmer County, Georgia

Gilmer County Board of Education

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

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Michael Bramlett (Chairman), Ronald Watkins (Vice-Chair), Tom Ocobock, Jim Parmer and Doug Pritchett

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Dr. Downs and Emily Plumley

VISITORS PRESENT: Lonnie Adams and Robbie Bills

Dr. Downs recommend a motion for approval of the Regular Session Regular Session Agenda as presented. Motion by Mr. Watkins second by Mr. Parmer to approve the agenda. Motion Carried. All voted Yes.

The Invocation was given by Pat Shelton from Harvest Missionary.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Dr. Downs.

Public Participation: None

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

- Board Minutes:
 - February 10, 2020, Work and Executive Session
 - February 13, 2020, Regular Session
- Out of State/Overnight Field Trips:
 - Academic Field Trips (See Attachment)
 - Student Activities/Athletic-Based Field Trips (See Attachment)

Superintendent's Report:

- i. Parent and Community Engagement: 2020-2021 Academic Calendars: Dr. Downs recommended approval to adopt Academic Calendar #1 for the 2020-2021 school year as discussed at the Work Session on Monday March 16, 2020. Motion by Mr. Pritchett

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and second by Mr. Parmer to adopt Academic Calendar #1. Motion Carried. Mr. Bramlett, and Mr. Ocobock voted Yes. Mr. Watkins abstained.

- ii. High Performing Culture and Workforce: Personnel: Dr. Downs noted that personnel for approval this month is a combination of the monthly list which consists of resignations, terminations, retirements, new staffing and the annual certified staff renewals.
 - a. Monthly Personnel: Dr. Downs recommended approval of monthly personnel as discussed in Executive Session on Monday March 16, 2020 with one minor change to add Eugene Duckett to the list of terminations. Personnel was placed on display for the public information during this meeting. Motion by Mr. Ocobock and second by Mr. Parmer to approve the monthly personnel list. Motion Carried. All voted Yes.
 - b. Annual Certified Staff Renewal: Dr. Downs explained that each school will be voted on separately to all discussion of any names the Board may wish to consider separately or need to abstain from to prevent nepotism. The approvals are as follows:
 - **Student Services**: Motion by Mr. Parmer and second by Mr. Watkins to approve Amy Bradshaw, Katrina Kingsley, Erin Low, Jessica Martin and Diane Vautrot for Student Services. Motion Carried. All voted Yes. Motion by Mr. Ocobock and second by Mr. Pritchett to approve Darnel Barbay for Student Services. Motion Carried. Mr. Bramlett and Mr. Parmer voted Yes. Mr. Watkins abstained.
 - **CCES**: Motion by Mr. Ocobock and second by Mr. Parmer. Motion Carried. Mr. Watkins and Mr. Pritchett voted Yes. Mr. Bramlett abstained.
 - **EES**: Motion by Mr. Watkins and second by Mr. Parmer. Motion Carried. All voted Yes.
 - **MVE**: Motion by Mr. Ocobock and second by Mr. Parmer. Motion Carried. Mr. Bramlett and Mr. Pritchett voted Yes. Mr. Watkins abstained.
 - **CCMS**: Motion by Mr. Watkins and second by Mr. Ocobock. Motion Carried. Mr. Parmer and Mr. Bramlett voted Yes. Mr. Pritchett abstained.
 - **GHS**: Motion by Mr. Watkins and second by Mr. Parmer. Motion Carried. All voted Yes.
- iii. Operational Effectiveness:
 - i. 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 March 16, 2020.

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Motion Carried. All voted Yes, as follows:

- Policy IHE Promotion and Retention
- Policy IHF Graduation Requirements
- Policy JGF Student Safety
- Policy JGF(2) Seclusion and Restraint of Students
- Policy GARH Employ Leaves and Absences

iv. Fiscal Accountability:

- i. Phase II GHS Renovation Resolution: Dr. Downs recommended a motion to approve the Phase II GHS Renovation Resolution as presented at the Work Session on Monday March 16, 2020. Motion by Mr. Parmer and second by Mr. Ocobock to approve the Renovation Resolution. Motion Carried. All voted Yes.
- ii. Budget: Dr. Downs recommended a motion to approve the FY2020 Financial Summary – January 2020 and the 2015 ESPLOST Expenditures – March 2020. Motion by Mr. Pritchett and second by Mr. Parmer to approve the financial reports. Motion Carried. All voted Yes.

Superintendent's Announcements/Comments: Dr. Downs updated the Board on the number of meals that were served to students through the now implemented "Seamless Summer" feeding program. Currently there are 12 feeding sites throughout the district today the number of meals served were 557. That is close to 400 more meals than Monday March 16, 2020 which was the first day of serving meals.

Adjourn:

Motion by Mr. Ocobock and second by Mr. Parmer to adjourn the Regular Session. Motion Carried. All voted Yes. Meeting was adjourned at 5:47p.m.

Shanna Downs, Ed.D., Superintendent

Mr. Bramlett, Chairman

Submitted by: _____
Emily Plumley, Board Clerk