

Board of Education
Regular Session Minutes
April 16, 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 Pledge of Allegiance was led by Dr. Downs.

Public Participation: None

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

- Board Minutes:
 - March 16, 2020, Work and Executive Session
 - March 19,2020, Regular Session
 - March 20, 2020, Board Retreat

Superintendent's Report:

- i. High Performing Culture and Workforce: Personnel: Dr. Downs recommended approval of personnel as discussed in Executive Session on Monday April 13, 2020 with one addition of Marsha Stanley to the retirement list as of April 14, 2020. Personnel was placed on display for the public information during this meeting. Motion by Mr. Watkins and second by Mr. Pritchett to approve personnel. Motion Carried. All voted Yes.

ii. Operational Effectiveness:

- i. Policies: Motion by Mr. Watkins and second motion by Mr. Bramlett to move the following policies from the table and approve the second reading, with the changes as discussed at the Work Session Monday April 13, 2020.

Motion Carried. All voted Yes, as follows:

- Policy JAA Equal Educational Opportunities
- Policy JB Student Attendance
- Policy JBC(1) Homeless Students
- Policy JBC(3) Social Security Numbers (Rescind)
- Policy EBBF Safety Inspections
- Policy DIE Fraud Prevention

iii. Fiscal Accountability:

- i. FY19 Audit Clearance Letter: Dr. Downs recommended a motion to approve the FY19 Audit Clearance Letter from the Georgia Department of Education with no findings. Motion by Mr. Ocobock and second by Mr. Watkins to approve the clearance letter. Motion Carried. All voted Yes.
- ii. Budget: Dr. Downs recommended a motion to approve the FY2020 Financial Summary – February 2020, the 2015 ESPLOST Expenditures – April 2020, the 2020 ESPLOST – April 2020 and the FY21 Certified and Classified State Salary Schedule. 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 thanked both North Georgia RESA and the Buckhorn Estates community for their donation to the clothing fund for the Gilmer High.
- Dr. Downs announced that the annual GSBA Summer Conference held in Savannah is canceled for this year.
- Dr. Downs also noted that the number of students who received a lunch for today and breakfast for tomorrow was 1699.

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Adjourn:

Motion by Mr. Pritchett and second by Mr. Parmer to adjourn the Regular Session. Motion Carried. All voted Yes. Meeting was adjourned at 5:48p.m.

Shanna Downs, Ed.D., Superintendent

Mr. Bramlett, Chairman

Submitted by: _____
Emily Plumley, Board Clerk