

Board of Education
Regular Session Minutes
December 17, 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 from Fetch Your News and Steve Fields.

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

The Invocation was led by Steve Fields of Covenant Community Church

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Dr. Downs.

Public Participation: None

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

Board Minutes:

- November 16, 2020 Work and Executive Session
- November 19, 2020 Regular Session

Out of State and Overnight Field Trips (see attached)

Fund Raising Requests (see attached)

Superintendent's Report:

- i. **Academic Achievement:** Parent Student Handbook: Dr. Downs spoke to the Board regarding the recent change in the Title IX legislation that requires school districts to designate a district level Title IX coordinator. This coordinator must have Title IX in his or her title. Dr. Downs noted that Ms. Lindy Patterson, Director of State and Federal Programs is the Title IX coordinator for Gilmer County Schools. It is required that the district's Parent Student Handbook reflect this change. Dr. Downs recommended a motion to approve the Parent Student Handbook as discussed at the Work Session on Monday December 15, 2020 and the addition of naming Ms. Lindy Patterson as the districts Title IX coordinator. Motion by Mr. Ocobock and second by Mr. Pritchett to adopt the updated the Parent Student Handbook. Motion Carried. All voted Yes.
- ii. **High Performing Culture and Workforce:** Personnel: Dr. Downs recommended approval of personnel as discussed in Executive Session on Monday December 15, 2020. Personnel

was placed on display for the public information during this meeting. Motion by Mr. Ocobock and second by Mr. Watkins to approve personnel. Motion Carried. All voted Yes.

iii. **Operational Effectiveness:**

- i. Student Code of Conduct: Dr. Downs recommended a motion to adopt the updated Student Code of Conduct as discussed at the Work Session on Monday December 15, 2020. Motion by Mr. Pritchett and second by Mr. Ocobock to adopt the updated Student Code of Conduct. Motion Carried. All voted Yes.
- ii. Policies: Dr. Downs 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 15, 2020. Motion Carried. All voted Yes, as follows:
 - Policy BBA Board Officers
 - Policy BCBI-E(1) Public Participation in Board Meetings - Request
 - Policy BCBI-R(1) Public Participation in Board Meetings

iv. **Fiscal Accountability:**

- i. CCES Kitchen Equipment Purchase: Dr. Downs recommended a motion to approve the purchase of the kitchen equipment for CCES as presented by Ms. Linda Waters, School Nutrition Director. Equipment purchase is to not exceed \$150,000. Motion by Mr. Pritchett and second by Mr. Ocobock to approve the CCES kitchen equipment purchase to not exceed \$150,000. Motion Carried. All voted Yes.
- ii. Budget: Dr. Downs recommended a motion to approve the FY2020 Financial Summary – October 2020, the 2015 ESPLOST Expenditures – December 2020 and the 2020 ESPLOST – December 2020. Motion by Mr. Pritchett and second by Mr. Ocobock to approve the financial reports. Motion Carried. All voted Yes.

Superintendent's Announcements/Comments: Dr. Downs addressed the concerns the Board had at the Work Session on Monday December 15, 2020 regarding an entrance to CCES on Yukon Rd. Dr. Downs confirmed that there will be an entrance from both Clear Creek Drive as well as Yukon Road, At the moment, the Yukon Road entrance is blocked due to utility pole issues.

Adjourn:

Motion by Mr. Ocobock and second by Mr. Pritchett to adjourn the Regular Session. Motion Carried. All voted Yes. Meeting was adjourned at 5:45p.m.

Shanna Downs, Ed.D., Superintendent

Mr. Bramlett, Chairman

Submitted by: _____
Emily Plumley, Board Clerk