

Board of Education
Regular Session Minutes
January 28, 2021 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), Michael Parks, Joe Pflueger and Doug Pritchett

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Superintendent Dr. Shanna Downs, Matt Johnson, Tiffany Boyette, Katrina Kingsley, Todd Gearhart, Bob Sosebee, Deborah Westmoreland and Emily Plumley.

VISITORS PRESENT: Lonnie Adams from FYN, Thom Shores, Robert Westmoreland, Don Callihan, Caitlin Sheperd, Paul Standard Jr. and Robert Ferguson.

Dr. Downs recommended approval of the Regular Session Regular Session Agenda as presented with one amendment to add "Election of Board Chairman and Vice Chairman" to be added as the first item of business before the Consent Items.

The Invocation was given by Thom Shores from the First United Methodist.

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

Public Participation: None

Election of Board Chairman and Vice-Chairman: Dr. Downs stated that the Board needs to elect chairman and vice-chairman to lead the Board in the coming year. Motion by Mr. Bramlett to nominate Mr. Watkins as chairman. Motion Carried. Mr. Bramlett, Mr. Pritchett, Mr. Parks and Mr. Pflueger all voted Yes. Mr. Watkins abstained. Motion by Mr. Bramlett to nominate Mr. Pritchett to become the vice-chairman. Motion Carried. All voted Yes.

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

- Board Minutes:
 - December 2, 2020, Board Training
 - December 14, 2020, Work and Executive Session
 - December 17, 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: MEC Lease Agreement: Dr. Downs recommended a motion to approve the MEC lease agreement with the revisions as discussed at the Work Session on Monday January 25, 2021. Motion by Mr. Watkins and second by Mr. Pritchett. Motion Carried. All voted Yes.
- ii. High Performing Culture and Workforce:
 - i. Personnel: Dr. Downs recommended approval of personnel as discussed in Executive Session on Monday January 25, 2021. Personnel was placed on display for the public information during this meeting. Motion by Mr. Pritchett and second by Mr. Parks to approve personnel. Motion Carried. All voted Yes.
 - ii. Administrative Renewal: Dr. Downs recommended approval of campus level administrative positions and central office administrative positions. Personnel was placed on display for the public information during this meeting. Approvals are as follows;
 - Kim Cagle, Assistant Superintendent – Motion by Mr. Watkins and second by Mr. Pflueger. Motion Carried. All voted Yes.
 - Lottie Mitchell, Assistant Superintendent – Motion by Mr. Parks and second by Mr. Pritchett. Motion Carried. All voted Yes.
 - John Call, Director of Technology – Motion by Mr. Watkins and second by Mr. Pritchett. Motion Carried. All voted Yes.
 - Jessica Chastain, Director of Student Services – Motion by Mr. Pflueger and second by Mr. Pritchett. Motion Carried. All voted Yes.
 - Lindy Patterson, Director of Federal Programs and Title IX Coordinator – Motion by Mr. Watkins and second by Mr. Parks. Motion Carried. All voted Yes.
 - Trina Penland, Director of Finance – Motion by Mr. Pritchett and second by Mr. Pflueger. Motion Carried. All voted Yes.
 - Bob Sosebee, Director of Facilities and Transportation – Motion by Mr. Pflueger and second by Mr. Watkins. Motion Carried. All voted Yes.
 - Linda Waters, Director of School Nutrition – Motion by Mr. Parks and second by Mr. Pritchett. Motion Carried. All voted Yes.
 - Stephanie Burnette, Principal – Motion by Mr. Watkins and second by Mr. Pritchett. Motion Carried. Mr. Watkins, Mr. Pritchett, Mr. Parks and Mr. Bramlett voted Yes. Mr. Pflueger abstained.
 - Carla Foley, Principal - Motion by Mr. Pritchett and second by Mr. Watkins. Motion Carried. Mr. Watkins, Mr. Pritchett, Mr. Parks and Mr. Bramlett voted Yes. Mr. Pflueger abstained.
 - Lauree Pierce, Principal - Motion by Mr. Pritchett and second by Mr. Watkins. Motion Carried. Mr. Watkins, Mr. Pritchett, Mr. Parks and Mr. Bramlett voted Yes. Mr. Pflueger abstained.
 - Nicole Pike, Principal - Motion by Mr. Pritchett and second by Mr. Watkins. Mr. Watkins, Mr. Pritchett, Mr. Parks and Mr. Bramlett voted Yes. Mr. Pflueger abstained.
 - Charles Walker, Principal - Motion by Mr. Watkins and second by Mr. Parks. Mr. Watkins, Mr. Pritchett, Mr. Parks and Mr. Bramlett voted Yes. Mr. Pflueger abstained.

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iii. Operational Effectiveness:

- i. Policies: Motion by Mr. Pritchett 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 January 25, 2021. Motion Carried. All voted Yes, as follows:
 - Policy EE Food Services Management
 - Policy EEE Wellness Program
 - Policy JCDAE Weapons
 - Policy JGFGB Concussion Management

iv. Fiscal Accountability:

- i. Budget: Dr. Downs recommended a motion to approve the FY2020 Financial Summary - December 2020, 2015 ESPLOST Expenditures – January 2021, 2020 ESPLOST – January 2021 and the FY2020 SPLOST Performance Audit. Motion by Mr. Pritchett and second by Mr. Watkins to approve the financial reports. Motion Carried. All voted Yes.

Superintendent's Announcements/Comments: Dr. Downs announced that the district was pleased to have members of the community in the audience present to participate in a reception held by the Touchdown Club to welcome Gilmer High Schools new football coach, Coach Paul Standard and his family to Gilmer County.

Adjourn:

Motion by Mr. Pflueger and second by Mr. Pritchett to adjourn the Regular Session. Motion Carried. All voted Yes. Meeting was adjourned at 5:55p.m.

Shanna Downs, Ed.D., Superintendent

Mr. Bramlett, Chairman

Submitted by: _____
Emily Plumley, Board Clerk