

Board of Education
Regular Session Minutes
February 25, 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: Ronald Watkins (Chairman), Doug Pritchett (Vice-Chair), Michael Parks, Joe Pflueger and Michael Bramlett

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Superintendent Dr. Shanna Downs, Trina Penland, Carla Foley, Lauree Pierce, Melinda Fonteboa, Lindy Patterson, Lottie Mitchell, Bob Sosebee and Emily Plumley.

VISITORS PRESENT: Lonnie Adams from FYN

Dr. Downs recommended approval of the Regular Session Regular Session Agenda as presented. Motion by Mr. Bramlett and second by Mr. Parks. Motion Carried. All voted Yes.

The Invocation was given by Brondy Davis from Tails Creek Baptist Church.

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

Public Participation: None

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

- Board Minutes:
 - January 25, 2021, Work and Executive Session
 - January 28, 2021, Regular Session
- Out of State/Overnight Field Trips:
 - Academic Field Trips (See Attachment)
 - Student Activities/Athletic-Based Field Trips (See Attachment)

Superintendent's Report:

a. High Performing Culture and Workforce:

i. Personnel: Dr. Downs recommended approval of personnel as discussed in Executive Session on Monday February 22, 2021. Personnel was placed on display for the public information during this meeting. Motion by Mr. Bramlett and second by Mr. Pflueger to approve personnel. Motion Carried. All voted Yes.

ii. Annual School Personnel Renewal: Dr. Downs recommended approval of certified

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staff beginning with staff closely related to Board members. Personnel was placed on display for the public information during this meeting. Approvals are as follows;

- Candi Davis – Motion by Mr. Pritchett and second by Mr. Parks. Motion Carried. Mr. Watkins, Mr. Pritchett, Mr. Parks and Mr. Pflueger voted Yes. Mr. Bramlett abstained.
- Donna Parks – Motion by Mr. Pflueger and second by Mr. Bramlett. Motion Carried. Mr. Pritchett, Mr. Watkins, Mr. Bramlett and Mr. Pflueger voted Yes. Mr. Parks abstained.
- Jeris Pflueger – Motion by Mr. Bramlett and second by Mr. Parks. Motion Carried. Mr. Pritchett, Mr. Watkins, Mr. Bramlett and Mr. Parks voted Yes. Mr. Pflueger abstained.
- Darcie Pritchett – Motion by Mr. Bramlett and second by Mr. Pflueger. Motion Carried. Mr. Watkins, Mr. Parks, Mr. Bramlett and Mr. Pflueger voted Yes. Mr. Pritchett abstained.
- Tina Watkins – Motion by Mr. Pflueger and second by Mr. Parks. Motion Carried. Mr. Pritchett, Mr. Bramlett, Mr. Parks and Mr. Pflueger voted Yes. Mr. Watkins abstained.
- CCES Staff – Motion by Mr. Parks and second by Mr. Pritchett. Motion Carried. All voted Yes.
- EES Staff – Motion by Mr. Bramlett and second by Mr. Pritchett. Motion Carried. All voted Yes.
- MVE Staff – Motion by Mr. Pflueger and second by Mr. Watkins. Motion Carried. All voted Yes.
- CCMS Staff – Motion by Mr. Bramlett and second by Mr. Parks. Motion Carried. All voted Yes.
- GHS Staff – Motion by Mr. Pflueger and second by Mr. Bramlett. Motion Carried. All voted Yes.

b. Operational Effectiveness:

- i. Amended Board Training Plan: Dr. Downs recommended a motion to approve the Amended Board Training Plan as discussed at the Work Session on Monday February 22, 2021. Motion by Mr. Bramlett and second by Mr. Pritchett. Motion Carried. All voted Yes.
- ii. Legislative Delegate and Alternate: Dr. Downs spoke to the Board regarding the nomination of a delegate and alternate to represent the Board and to propose changes to the GSBA Legislative Positions if they wish to do so. Proposed changes can be amendments to current positions, deleting positions or adding new ones. Motion by Mr. Watkins and second by Mr. Bramlett to nominate Mr. Pritchett as the Legislative Delegate. Motion Carried. All voted Yes. Motion by Mr. Watkins and second by Mr. Pritchett to nominate Mr. Bramlett as Delegate Alternate. Motion Carried. All voted Yes.
- iii. Policies: Motion by Mr. Bramlett and second motion by Mr. Pritchett to move the following policies from the table and approve the second reading, with the changes as discussed at the Work Session Monday February 28, 2021. Motion Carried. All voted Yes, as follows:
 - Policy GBC Professional Personnel Recruitment

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- Policy IDFC Community Coaches

c. Fiscal Accountability:

- i. CPA Custodial Supplies Quote: Dr. Down recommended a motion to approve the purchase of custodial supplies that is exempt from Policy DJED. Although custodial supplies are being purchased through Federal funds Board approval is still required for purchases over \$100,000.00. Dr. Downs recommended a motion to approve the custodial supplies purchased through CPA for \$119,036.29. Motion by Mr. Parks and second by Mr. Bramlett. Motion Carried. All voted Yes.
- ii. Budget: Dr. Downs recommended a motion to approve the FY2020 Financial Summary - December 2020, 2015 ESPLOST Expenditures – February 2021, 2020 ESPLOST – February 2021 and the School Activity Accounts – December 2020. Motion by Mr. Pritchett and second by Mr. Bramlett to approve the financial reports. Motion Carried. All voted Yes.

Superintendent's Announcements/Comments:

- Dr. Downs announced the Ladycats defeated Ringold on Monday night with a score of 67-39. The girls' basketball team will advance to the next round Friday night at Greater Atlanta Christian. The number of spectators has been capped at 30%, in the event it is live streamed GHS will have a link on their Facebook page for those wishing to watch.
- Dr. Downs also spoke to the Board regarding the GSBA Summer Conference scheduled for June in Savannah. Though the platform has not been confirmed as to virtual or in person, Dr. Downs asked that the Board members look at their calendars to confirm a spot when registration becomes available.

Adjourn:

Motion by Mr. Bramlett and second by Mr. Pritchett to adjourn the Regular Session. Motion Carried. All voted Yes. Meeting was adjourned at 6:30pm.

Shanna Downs, Ed.D., Superintendent

Mr. Watkins, Chairman

Submitted by: _____
Emily Plumley, Board Clerk