

Board of Education
Regular Session Minutes
January 27, 2022 6:00 P.M.
Gilmer County, Georgia

Gilmer County Board of Education

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Chairman Mr. Watkins. Mr. Watkins thanked everyone for being at the meeting.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Michael Bramlett, Ronald Watkins (Chairman), Michael Parks, Joe Pflueger and Doug Pritchett (Vice-Chair)

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Dr. Brian Ridley, Katrina Kingsley, Samantha Amos, Matt Johnson, Patricia Partin, Stephanie Burnett, Nicole Pike, James Jones, Jessica Chastain, Charles Walker, Tiffany Boyette, Todd Gearhart, Bob Sosebee, Dana Berry, Lindy Patterson, Melinda Fonteboa, Ashley Stover and Emily Plumley.

VISITORS PRESENT: Jennifer Wright, Nick Wright and Lonnie Adams from FYN.

Dr. Ridley recommended approval of the Regular Session Regular Session Agenda as presented. Motion by Mr. Bramlett and second by Mr. Pritchett to approve the Regular Session agenda. Motion Carried. All voted Yes.

The Invocation was given by John Jones from Autumn Ridge Community Church.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Superintendent, Dr. Brian Ridley.

Public Participation: Ms. Jennifer Wright, Mr. Nick Wright and Mr. Noah Wright spoke to the Board regarding 8th Grade Band members ability to march with high school band members.

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

- Board Minutes:
 - December 13, 2021, Work and Executive Session
 - December 15, 2021, Regular Session
- Out of State/Overnight Field Trips (See Attachment)

Superintendent's Report:

i. Parent and Community Engagement:

- i. Cannery Report: Mr. Mike Bushey, Young Farmer Teacher, shared the annual Cannery Report with the Board. The cannery operated 50 days in the summer of 2021 and was operational 140 days of the year. The number of units canned were 18,516 and 432 units were prepared for freezing. Number of bushels shelled were 46 and the percentage of "Homegrown" products processed are 89%. No meat was processed this year and the total number of visits to the cannery was 1,998. There were also 163 students provided with food processing center instructions this year.

- ii. Reapportionment: Dr. Ridley spoke to the Board regarding the reapportionment map proposed by the state. After discussion at the previous Work Session the district reached out the states Reapportionment office and a new district map was proposed. Dr. Ridley presented this change to the Board and noted the changes from the previously proposed map. After a brief discussion Dr. Ridley recommended approval of the updated proposed Reapportionment map. Motion by Mr. Pritchett and second by Mr. Bramlett. Motion Carried. Mr. Pritchett, Mr. Bramlett and Mr. Watkins voted Yes. Mr. Parks and Mr. Pflueger abstained.
- ii. High Performing Culture and Workforce:
 - i. Personnel: Dr. Ridley recommended approval of personnel as discussed in Executive Session on Monday January 24, 2022. Personnel was placed on display for the public information during this meeting. Motion by Mr. Bramlett and second by Mr. Parks to approve personnel. Motion Carried. All voted Yes.
 - ii. Administrative Renewal: Dr. Ridley 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;
 - Lottie Mitchell, Assistant Superintendent - Curriculum – Motion by Mr. Bramlett and second by Mr. Pflueger. Motion Carried. All voted Yes.
 - Dana Berry, Assistant Superintendent – Operations – Motion by Mr. Bramlett and second by Mr. Pritchett. Motion Carried. Mr. Bramlett, Mr. Pritchett and Mr. Watkins voted Yes. Mr. Parks and Mr. Pflueger abstained.
 - Lindy Patterson, Federal Programs Director and Title IX Coordinator – Motion by Mr. Pritchett and second by Mr. Bramlett. Motion Carried. All voted Yes.
 - Jessica Chastain, Student Services Director– Motion by Mr. Pflueger and second by Mr. Bramlett. Motion Carried. All voted Yes.
 - Trina Penland, Finance Director – Motion by Mr. Bramlett and second by Mr. Parks. Motion Carried. All voted Yes.
 - John Call, Technology Director – Motion by Mr. Bramlett and second by Mr. Pritchett. Motion Carried. All voted Yes.
 - Patricia Partin, School Nutrition Director – Motion by Mr. Pflueger and second by Mr. Parks. Motion Carried. All voted Yes.
 - Samantha Amos, Transportation Director – Motion by Mr. Bramlett and second by Mr. Pritchett. Motion Carried. All voted Yes.
 - Bob Sosebee, Director of Facilities and Transportation – Motion by Mr. Bramlett and second by Mr. Pflueger. Motion Carried. All voted Yes.
 - Kim Cagle, Testing Coordinator – Motion by Mr. Bramlett and second by Mr. Parks. Motion Carried. All voted Yes.
 - Carla Foley, Principal - Motion by Mr. Bramlett and second by Mr. Pritchett. Motion Carried. Mr. Watkins, Mr. Pritchett, and Mr. Bramlett voted Yes. Mr. Parks abstained. Mr. Pflueger voted No.
 - Nicole Pike, Principal - Motion by Mr. Pritchett and second by Mr. Parks. Motion Carried. All voted Yes.
 - Melinda Fonteboa, Principal - Motion by Mr. Pritchett and second by Mr. Bramlett. Motion Carried. All voted Yes.

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- Stephanie Burnette, Principal – Motion by Mr. Bramlett and second by Mr. Parks. Motion Carried. All voted Yes.
- Charles Walker, Principal - Motion by Mr. Pflueger and second by Mr. Bramlett. Motion Carried. All voted Yes.

iii. Operational Effectiveness:

- i. Board and Vice Chair: Dr. Ridley 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. All voted Yes. Motion by Mr. Bramlett to nominate Mr. Pritchett to become the vice-chairman. Motion Carried. All voted Yes
- ii. 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 January 24, 2022. Motion Carried. All voted Yes, as follows:
 - Policy JBCCA Student Assignment to Schools
 - Policy IDFA Gender Equity in Sports
 - Policy IEDA Unstructured Break Time
 - Policy IFBG Internet Acceptable Use
 - IFBC Media Programs

iv. Fiscal Accountability:

- i. Budget: Dr. Ridley 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. Ridley thanked Ms. Patricia Partin, School Nutrition Director for providing the Board with healthy snacks. Throughout the year Ms. Partin presents the Board with a variety of new healthy snacks that is introduced to students during meals.

Charter Discussion led by Mr. Pritchett:

Mr. Pritchett read an exert from the districts Charter regarding fiscal accountability.

Adjourn:

Motion by Mr. Pritchett and second by Mr. Pflueger to adjourn the Regular Session. Motion Carried. All voted Yes. Meeting was adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

Dr. Brian Ridley., Superintendent

Mr. Watkins, Chairman

Submitted by: _____
Emily Plumley, Board Clerk