

Board of Education
Regular Session Minutes
May 19, 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: Ronald Watkins (Chairman), Doug Pritchett (Vice-Chair), Michael Parks, Joe Pflueger and Michael Bramlett

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Superintendent Dr. Brian Ridley, Dana Berry, Samantha Amos, Derek Bowen, Todd Gearhart, Jessica Gearhart, Nicole Pike, Charles Walker, Sarah West, Lindy Patterson, Tiffany Boyette, Ashley Stover, Trina Penland and Emily Plumley.

VISITORS PRESENT: Lauren Gonzales

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

The Invocation was given by Chad Hall of Cartecay Baptist.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Dr. Ridley.

Presentations and Recognitions:

- Director of Federal Programs and Title IX Coordinator Ms. Lindy Patterson recognized Ellijay Elementary School teacher Ms. Jessica Gearhart as the Exemplarily ESOL Teacher of the Year.
- GHS Track Coach Ashley DeWitt presented award certificates to the Track team for their qualifications and placements at state. Awards are as follows: Taylor McCormick – AAA State Champion in High Jump, Will Kiker – AAA 7th Place Pole Vault, Carson Purvis – AAA 8th Place in the 1600, John Keener – AAA 8th Place in 4x800, Zachary Bobak – AAA 8th Place in 4x800, Michael Little – AAA 8th Place in 4x800 and Carson Purvis – AAA 8th Place in 4x800.

Public Participation: None

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:
 - April 11, 2022, Work and Executive Session
 - April 14, 2022, Regular Session
- Out of State/Overnight Field Trips:
 - Student Activities/Athletic-Based Field Trips (See Attachment)

Superintendent's Report:**a. High Performing Culture and Workforce:**

- i. Personnel: Dr. Ridley recommended approval of personnel as discussed in Executive Session on Monday May 16, 2022. Personnel was placed on display for the public information during this meeting. Motion by Mr. Pritchett and second by Mr. Pflueger to approve personnel. Motion Carried. All voted Yes.
- ii. FY 23 State Salary Schedule: Dr. Ridley recommended a motion to approve the FY23 State Salary Schedule as discussed at the Work Session on Monday May 16, 2022. Motion by Mr. Bramlett and second by Mr. Parks to approve the FY23 State Salary Schedule. Motion Carried. All voted Yes.
- iii. FY23 Activity and Academic Supplements: Dr. Ridley recommended a motion to approve the FY23 Activity and Academic Supplements as discussed at the Work Session on Monday May 16, 2022. Motion by
- iv. FY23 Parapro Work Calendar: Dr. Ridley spoke to the Board regarding the Parapro work calendar and the need for additional days. Currently parapro work 180 days and the proposed calendar adds 3 days to accommodate required annual training. Dr. Ridley recommended a motion to approve the FY23 Parapro Work Calendar for 183 days. Motion by Mr. Pritchett and second by Mr. Bramlett to add the additional days. Motion Carried. All voted Yes.

b. Operational Effectiveness:

- i. Legion Rd. Fuel Tanks/Old Fuel Tank Removal Approval: Dr. Ridley recommended approval of the Legion Rd. Fuel Tanks/Old Fuel Tank Removal as discussed at the Work Session, Monday May 16, 2022. Motion by Mr. Pflueger and second by Mr. Parks to approve the Legion Rd. Fuel Tanks/Old Fuel Tank Removal Approval. Motion Carried. All vote Yes.
- ii. Oil/ Transmission Fluid/ Anti-Freeze Bid Approval: Dr. Ridley recommended a motion to approve the Oil/ Transmission Fluid/ Anti-Freeze bids as presented at the Work Session Monday May 16, 2022. Motion by Mr. Bramlett and second by Mr. Parks to approve the Oil/ Transmission Fluid/ Anti-Freeze bids. Motion Carried. All voted Yes.
- iii. MECHS Lease Agreement: Dr. Ridley recommended a motion to approve the MECHS Lease Agreement as discussed at the Work Session Monday May 16, 2022. Motion by Mr. Pritchett and second by Mr. Parks to approve the MECHS Lease Agreement. Motion Carried. All voted Yes.
- iv. Policies: Motion by Mr. Bramlett and second motion by Mr. Parks to move the following policies from the table and approve the second reading, with the changes as discussed at the Work Session Monday May 16, 2022. Motion Carried. All voted Yes, as follows:

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- Policy DFC Federal Funds
- Policy FGAD Architect Responsibilities in Facilities Projects (rescind)
- Policy GCRH Classified Personnel Vacations

c. Fiscal Accountability:

- i. Budget: Dr. Ridley recommended a motion to approve the FY2022 Financial Summary – March 2022, 2015 ESPLOST Expenditures – April 2022, 2020 ESPLOST – April 2022, School Activity Accounts – March 2022 and the FY 2021 Georgia Department of Audits Clearance Letter. 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 reminded everyone that Graduation will be held on at 10:00 am on Saturday May 28, 2022 at Huff Mosely Stadium.

Strategic Plan Discussion led by Mr. Pritchett:

Mr. Pritchett read an exert from the districts strategic plan regarding Norms and Protocols for Board members.

Adjourn:

Motion by Mr. Bramlett and second by Mr. Parks to adjourn the Regular Session. Motion Carried. All voted Yes. Meeting was adjourned at 6:14pm.

Dr. Brian Ridley, Superintendent

Mr. Watkins, Chairman

Submitted by: _____
Emily Plumley, Board Clerk