

Board of Education
Work and Executive Session Minutes
January 23, 2023 6:00 P.M.
Gilmer County, Georgia

Gilmer County Board of Education

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mr. Pritchett.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Michael Bramlett, Michael Parks, Jacob Callihan, Joe Pflueger and Doug Pritchett (Vice-Chairman)

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Dr. Brian Ridley, Derek Bowen, Dana Berry, Donna West, Stephanie Burnette, Carla Foley, Holly Kinsey, Lindy Patterson, Jessica Chastain, Patricia Partin, Sarah West, Samantha Kelley, Bob Sosebee, Charles Walker, Melinda Fonteboa and Emily Malone.

VISITORS PRESENT: Pamela Gary, Angel Dougherty, Alicia Dougherty, Jonathan Lock, Jim Parmer and Cody Bearden.

Dr. Ridley recommended a motion approve the Work Session agenda as presented. Motion by Mr. Parks and second by Mr. Bramlett to approve the Work Session agenda. Motion Carried. All voted Yes.

Invocation was led by Cody Bearden from Boardtown Church of Christ.

The Pledge was led by Dr. Ridley.

Presentations and Recognitions:

- CCMS Wrestling Coach Thomas Glanton received recognition for the CCMS Wrestling team for winning the Mountain League Championship. Coach Glanton also presented recognized those wrestlers who placed. The recognitions are as follows; Individual Placers; 1st Place Madden Hopkins and Fabian Perez, 2nd Place: Brantley Fain, Braelyn Nelson, Dawson Richard and Rylen Haley, 3rd Place Keigan Brookshire, Nelson Jacinto, Joseph Baughman, Juan Jacinto, Blake Becker and Waylon Englerv, 4th Place Chase Cantrell, Adolfo Bautista, Gaspar Tercero and Cade Garland.
- CCMS Band Director Ms. Holly Kinsey recognized Nelson Jacinto for becoming a member of the All State Band.
- GHS Band Director Mr. David Wiebers recognized the following students for their accomplishments. The recognitions are as follows; -Megan Chessner - Reinhardt Univ. Honor Band, Nathaniel McClure - Reinhardt Univ. Honor Band and Univ. of AL Honor Band, Ky Richard - Reinhardt Univ. Honor Band, Noah West - Reinhardt Univ. Honor Band, Grace Settel - Univ. of GA JanFest, David Rafael-Garcia - Univ. of GA JanFest, Harley Barthelmess- Univ. of GA JanFest, Abigail Keener - Univ. of GA JanFest, Haleigh Ledford- Univ. of GA JanFest, Alba Monraga-Telles - Univ. of GA JanFest, Tracy Mosley - Univ. of GA JanFest.

Consent Items:

Dr. Ridley noted to the Board that the following Consent Items will be proposed for approval at the Regular Session on Thursday January 26, 2023:

- Board Minutes:
 - December 12, 2022, Work; Executive Session
 - December 15, 2022, Regular Session
- Out of State and Overnight Field Trips

Superintendent's Report:**1. Academic Achievement:**

- a. Clear Creek Middle: Principal Ms. Sarah West and Assistant Principal Ms. Hope Henson presented to the Board how they were able to create the Bobcat Culture at CCMS. Students learn how to have compassion, the courage to be kind, how to be a respectful listener and many other character-building lessons. This helps students learn to respect one another.

2. Parent and Community Engagement:

- a. Here Comes the Bus: Director of Transportation Ms. Samantha Kelley spoke to the Board regarding the "Here Comes the Bus" app. The app will allow parents to track their child's bus to and from school. Parents can set a radius to receive alerts on how far their child's bus is from their bus stop and the estimated time of arrival. Here Comes the Bus is currently being tested on a few routes in the district before possible implementation across the Board.

3. High Performing Culture and Workforce:

- a. Personnel: Dr. Ridley noted that personnel will be discussed in Executive Session.

4. Operational Effectiveness:

- a. Personnel: Dr. Ridley noted that personnel will be discussed in Executive Session.
- b. Administrative Renewal: Dr. Ridley noted that the administrative renewals are for the 2023-2024 school year and include district office directors, principals and program directors. A recommendation for approval for Administrative Renewal will be made at the Regular Session, Thursday January 26, 2023.
- c. 2023 Board Meeting Dates: The 2023 tentative Board Meeting dates were presented for the Boards review at the December Work Session. Dr. Ridley noted that if no changes are needed a recommendation for approval will be made at the Regular Session, Thursday January 26, 2023.
- d. Board and Vice Chair: Dr. Ridley stated that at the Regular Session on Thursday January 26, 2023 the Board will need to elect a Board Chair and Vice-Chair for 2023.
- e. Compliance/Policy (First Reading): The following policies were presented for first reading in order to comply with recent changes in the law and/or GSBA recommendations to update the current wording:

- Policy GBC Professional Personnel Recruitment
- Policy IDFC Community Coaches

Dr. Ridley explained that these policies will be posted on the GCSS Website for public review and comment before a second reading at the Board of Education Work Session at next month's meeting. Subject to feedback and public deliberations, these will be voted upon at the Regular Session in February.

- f. Compliance/Policy (Second Reading): Policies presented for first readings in November and have been posted on the GCSS website for public comment and also sent to GSBA for legal counsel review.

- Policy EE Food Services Management
- Policy EEE Wellness Program
- Policy GANA Infectious Diseases
- Policy GARH Employee Leaves and Absences
- Policy BCBI Public Participation in Board Meetings

The policies have been on the district website since the meeting in November. All policies have been submitted to GSBA legal counsel for review. No changes received from GSBA legal counsel and no public input was received. Dr. Ridley asked that these policies be moved to the Consent Agenda and also noted that a recommendation for approval of these policies will be made at the Regular Session on Thursday January 26, 2023.

5. **Fiscal Accountability:**

- a. Nutrition: School Nutrition Report – November 2022: Ms. Patricia Partin, Director of School Nutrition presented the School Nutrition Report – November 2022 to the Board. Ms. Partin also discussed with the Board the upcoming Administrative and Percurrent Review.
- b. Budget Update:
 - i. Purchasing Policy Expenditures and Approvals – January 2023: Expenditures and Approvals were presented for informational purposes only and exempt from Board approval.
 - ii. FY2023 Financial Summary – November 2022: Ms. Trina Penland, Director of Finance presented the FY 2022 Financial Summary for November 2022 to the Board.
 - iii. 2015 ESPLOST Expenditures – January 2023: Ms. Trina Penland also presented the Board the 2015 ESPLOST Expenditures for January 2023.
 - iv. 2020 ESPLOST Expenditures – January 2023: Ms. Trina Penland also presented the Board the 2020 ESPLOST Expenditures for January 2023.

Superintendent's Announcements/Comments: None

Public Participation: None

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Executive Session:

Motion by Mr. Bramlett and second by Mr. Parks to enter Executive Session for Real Estate, Personnel, School Safety Plans and Litigation. Motion carried. All voted Yes.

Motion by Mr. Parks and second by Mr. Bramlett to exit Executive Session. Motion Carried. All voted Yes.

Adjourn:

Motion by Mr. Pflueger and second by Mr. Callihan to adjourn. All voted Yes. The meeting was adjourned at 8:49p.m.

Dr. Brian Ridley, Superintendent

Doug Pritchett, Vice-Chairman

Submitted by: _____
Emily Malone, Board Clerk