

Board of Education
Regular Session Minutes
January 26, 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 Chairman Mr. Pritchett. Mr. Pritchett thanked everyone for being at the meeting.

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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: Joe Pflueger

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Superintendent Dr. Brian Ridley, Katrina Kingsley, Derek Bowen, Jennifer Painter, Carla Foley, Christina Shute, Lauren Vick, Jessica Gearheart, Karrie Sanford, Darcie Pritchett, Joy Wingate, April Sanford, Torri Hensley, James Jones, Bob Sosebee, Ashley Stover, Lindsey Banks, Melinda Fonteboa, Dana Berry, Lottie Mitchell, Samantha Kelley, Chandra Teague, Kelly Arnold, Stephanie Burnette, Charles Walker, Lindy Patterson, Lottie Mitchell, Sarah West, Todd Gearhart, Jessica Chastain, Trina Penland, Patricia Partin, Suzanne Jabaley and Emily Malone.

VISITORS PRESENT: Nilda Juarez, Hannah Towns, Jeremy Towns, Jane McArthur, Isabelle Gill, Shannon McArthur, Brandy McArthur and Jason Hammel.

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

The Invocation was given by Shane Duggan from New Hope Baptist.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Dr. Ridley.

Awards & Recognitions:

- Mr. Pritchett welcomed newly Board elect member Mr. Jacob Callihan to the Board.
- MVE Media Specialist Ms. Jennifer Painter presented awards to the county Spelling Bee winners and to the District Winner and 1st Runner Up. Awards are as follows; District Winner - Emilie Del Rossi – MVE, 1st Runner Up - Harper McClure – MVE. Individual School Winners: Jackson Towns – CCES, Quinn Johnson – CCES, Ryn Baldwin – EES, Ellamae Floria – EES, Noah Hammel – CCMS, Keenan Smallwood – CCMS, Jazmin Landaverde – CCMS, Ryan Hooper – CCMS, Isabelle Gill – CCMS and Alex Alonzo - CCMS

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- Director of Federal Programs & District Title IX Director Ms. Lindy Patterson recognized Ms. Jessica Gearhart who was selected to serve on the GaDOE Teacher Working Committee (TWC) to validate associations between the Georgia Standards of Excellence and the WIDA English Language Development Standards.
- Director of Assessment and Compliance Ms. Nicole Pike presented awards to the following teachers for achieving Inter-Rater Reliability in Scoring through the Torrance Center at UGA. This certification allows teachers to be Torrance scorers for our students. The recognitions are as follows; April Sanford, Joy Wingate, Lauren Vick, Beth Mooney, Patricia Ellis, Torri Hensley, Lindsay Banks, Melodie Watkins, Debbie Starks, Darcie Pritchett, Karrie Sanford and Julie McLendon.

Public Participation: None

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. Pritchett as Chairman. Second by Mr. Parks. Motion Carried. Mr. Bramlett, Mr. Parks and Mr. Callihan voted Yes. Mr. Pritchett abstained. Motion by Mr. Callihan to nominate Mr. Parks to become the Vice-Chairman. Second by Mr. Bramlett. Motion Carried. Mr. Callihan, Mr. Pritchett and Mr. Bramlett voted Yes. Mr. Parks abstained.

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

- Board Minutes:
 - December 12, 2022, Work and Executive Session
 - December 15, 2022, Regular Session
- Out of State and Overnight Fieldtrips
- Policies for Second Reading
 - i. Policy EE Food Services Management
 - ii. Policy EEE Wellness Program
 - iii. Policy GANA Infectious Diseases
 - iv. Policy JCDAE Weapons
 - v. Policy JGFGB Concussion Management

Superintendent's Report:

a. Operational Effectiveness:

- i. Personnel: Dr. Ridley recommended approval of personnel as discussed in Executive Session on Monday January 23, 2023 with one minor change. The Personnel list is now Personnel A and Personnel B. Personnel was placed on display for the public information during this meeting. Motion by Mr. Bramlett and second by Mr. Callihan to approve Personnel A. Motion Carried. All voted Yes. Motion by Mr. Callihan and second by Mr. Bramlett to approve Personnel B. Motion Carried. Mr. Bramlett, Mr. Pritchett and Mr. Callihan voted Yes. Mr. Parks abstained.
- ii. Administrative Renewal: Dr. Ridley recommended approval of the Administrative Renewals that was presented at the Board Work Session, Monday January 23, 2023. This list includes district office administrators, campus principles and program directors. Administrative Renewals was placed on display for the public information during this meeting. Motion by Mr. Bramlett and second by Mr. Parks to approve Administrative Renewals. Motion Carried. All voted Yes.

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- iii. 2023 Board Meeting Dates: Dr. Ridley recommended approval of the 2023 Board Meeting Dates as presented at the Work Session, Monday January 23, 2023. Motion by Mr. Parks and second by Mr. Bramlett. Motion Carried to approve the 2023 Board Meeting Dates. Motion Carried. All voted Yes.

- b. Fiscal Accountability:

- i. Budget: Dr. Ridley recommended a motion to approve the FY2022 Financial Summary – November 2022, 2015 ESPLOST Expenditures – January 2023, 2020 ESPLOST – January 2023 and FY22 SPLOST Audit Report. Motion by Mr. Bramlett and second by Mr. Callihan to approve the financial reports. Motion Carried. All voted Yes.

Superintendent's Announcements/Comments: None

Monthly Training led by Mr. Pritchett

Adjourn:

Motion by Mr. Callihan and second by Mr. Parks to adjourn the Regular Session. Motion Carried. All voted Yes. Meeting was adjourned at 6:21pm.

Dr. Brian Ridley, Superintendent

Mr. Pritchett, Chairman

Submitted by: _____
Emily Malone, Board Clerk