

Board of Education
Work and Executive Session Minutes
February 13, 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, Karrie Sanford, Suzanne Jabaley, Kelly Arnold, Torri Hensley, Paleigh Floek, Lindy Patterson, Jessica Chastain, Mike Bushey, Patricia Ellis, Karry Burnette, Samantha Kelley, Patricia Partin, Katrina Kingsley, Charles Walker, Todd Gearhart, Trina Penland, Carla Foley, Heather Griggs, Dana Berry, Melinda Fonteboa, Tom Griffith, Bob Sosebee, James Jones, Lottie Mitchell, Nicole Pike and Emily Malone.

VISITORS PRESENT: Esteban Cecilio

Dr. Ridley recommended a motion to amend the Work Session agenda and add SY 23-24 Calendar to the last item under Operational Effectiveness. Motion by Mr. Bramlett and second by Mr. Parks to approve the Work Session agenda with the addition. Motion Carried. All voted Yes.

Invocation was led by Steve Fields from Covenant Community Church.

The Pledge was led by Dr. Ridley.

Presentations and Recognitions:

- GHS Principal Mr. Derek Bowen recognized GHS STAR Student of the Year Esteban Cecilio along with STAR Teacher of the Year Clear Creek Middle School teacher Dr. Melissa Galloway who was nominated by Mr. Cecilio. Dr. Ridley and the Board congratulated both for their success.
- Mr. Bowen also recognized the Class of 2023 Valedictorian Taylor McCormick and Salutatorian Kylie McCook. Dr. Ridley and the Board congratulated both for their success.
- Assistant Superintendent Mr. Dana Berry and Transportation Director Ms. Samantha Kelley recognized Ms. Heather Griggs as Transportation Employee of the Month. Both Mr. Berry and Ms. Kelley thanked Ms. Griggs for her hard work and dedication to the students.

Consent Items:

Dr. Ridley noted to the Board that the following Consent Items will be proposed for approval at the Regular Session on Thursday February 16, 2023:

- Board Minutes:
 - January 23, 2023, Work; Executive Session
 - January 26, 2023, Regular Session
- Out of State and Overnight Field Trips

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

- a. Math Adoption K-12: Assistant Superintendent Ms. Lottie Mitchell along with Academic Coaches MS. Anglia Samples and Chase Green spoke to the Board regarding the process for Math Adoption in grades K-12. Dr. Ridley noted that a recommendation to approve the proposed Math Adoption will be made at Regular Session on Thursday February 16, 2023.
- b. Clear Creek Elementary: Assistant Principal Ms. Kelly Arnold along with teachers from Clear Creek Elementary spoke to the Board regarding talent development at CCES. Teachers use creativity challenges to help students use divergent thinking.

2. Parent and Community Engagement:

- a. Cannery Report 2022: Mr. Mike Bushey, Young Farmer Teacher, shared the annual Cannery Report with the Board. The cannery was operational 107 days of the year. The number of units canned were 13,127 and the percentage of "Homegrown" products processed were at 89%. No meat was processed this year and the total number of visits to the cannery was 1,338. There were also 254 students provided with food processing center instructions this year.

3. Operational Effectiveness:

- a. High Performing Workforce:
 - i. Personnel: Dr. Ridley noted that personnel will be discussed in Executive Session.
 - ii. Annual School Personnel Renewals: Dr. Ridley reminded the Board that last month district level staff was approved. Letters of intent were sent to staff to determine who wishes to return for the 23-24 SY. Based upon responses received principals and directors have made their recommendations for staff. At the Regular Session Thursday, a recommendation will be made for these staff renewals for the upcoming year.
- b. Operational Services:
 - i. Legislative Delegate and Alternate: Annually the Georgia School Board Association require a Delegate Nomination from districts. School Boards across the state are asked to nominate a delegate to represent his or her Board and to propose changes to the 2023 GSBA Legislative Positions if they wish to do so. On Thursday a recommendation will be made that the Board nominate a Delegate and Alternate.
 - ii. Facilities Update: Director of Maintenance and Facilities Mr. Tom Griffith updated the Board on the facilities and repairs throughout the district.

- iii. 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 BD Policy Development
- Policy DIB Financial Reports

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 March.

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

- Policy GBC Professional Personnel Recruitment
- Policy IDFC Community Coaches

The policies have been on the district website since the meeting in January. 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 February 16, 2023.

- v. 23-24 Academic Calendar Amendment: Dr. Ridley spoke to the Board regarding changes to the 23-24 Academic Calendar. The changes are as follows; Fall Break is October 4, 2023 – October 6, 2023, December 19 & 20, 2023 and May 23 & 24, 2024 are Early Release days and March 14, 2024 is a Professional Learning day. Dr. Ridley noted that a recommendation to amend the calendar will be made at the Regular Session, Thursday February 16, 2023.

5. **Fiscal Accountability:**

- a. Federal Programs Budgets: Ms. Lindy Patterson, Director of Federal Programs and District Title XI Coordinator and Ms. Jessica Chastain, Director of Student Services presented the Federal Programs Budget report to the Board.
- b. Nutrition: School Nutrition Report – December 2022: Ms. Patricia Partin, Director of School Nutrition presented the School Nutrition Report – December 2022 to the Board. Ms. Partin also discussed with the Board the upcoming Administrative and Percurrent Review.
- c. Budget Update:
 - i. Purchasing Policy Expenditures and Approvals – February 2023: Expenditures and Approvals were presented for informational purposes only and exempt from Board approval.
 - ii. FY2023 Financial Summary – December 2022: Ms. Trina Penland, Director of Finance presented the FY 2022 Financial Summary for December 2022 to the Board.

- iii. 2015 ESPLOST Expenditures – February 2023: Ms. Trina Penland also presented the Board the 2015 ESPLOST Expenditures for February 2023.
- iv. 2020 ESPLOST Expenditures – February 2023: Ms. Trina Penland also presented the Board the 2020 ESPLOST Expenditures for January 2023.
- v. School Activity Accounts – December 2022: Ms. Trina Penland also presented the Board the School Activity Accounts for December 2022.

Superintendent's Announcements/Comments: Dr. Ridley reminded the Board and those present that the new ESPLOST will be up for vote to the public in March.

Public Participation: None

Executive Session:

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

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

Adjourn:

Motion by Mr. Callihan and second by Mr. Pflueger to adjourn. All voted Yes. The meeting was adjourned at 8:26p.m.

Dr. Brian Ridley, Superintendent

Doug Pritchett, Chairman

Submitted by: _____
Emily Malone, Board Clerk