

Board of Education
Work and Executive Session Minutes
March 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, Josh Ghobadpoor, Karla Cantrell, Tiffany Boyett, Derek Bowen, Matt Johnson, Patricia Partin, Lottie Mitchell, Chandra Teague, Sarah West, James Jones, Carla Foley, Jessica Chastain, Nicole Pike, Kelly Arnold, Dana Berry, Melinda Fonteboa, Lindy Patterson, Trina Penland and Emily Malone.

VISITORS PRESENT: Jennifer Smith

Dr. Ridley recommended a motion to amend the Work Session agenda to remove MVE HVAC from the agenda. 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 John Call.

The Pledge was led by Dr. Ridley.

Presentations and Recognitions:

- GHS Boys Basketball Assistant Coach Trey Rickman recognized the following players for their achievement this season. Recognitions are as follows; Jackson McVey-Region 7AAA 1st Team All Region, Ryder Wofford-Region 7 AAA 2nd Team All Region and Keegen Bryant-Region 7 AAA Honorable Mention.
- GHS Girls Basketball Coach Danni Wright recognized the following players for their achievements this season. Recognitions are as follows; Aliza Chastain-Region 7 AAA Honorable Mention and Lucy Ray-Region 7 AAA Honorable Mention.
- GHS Swim Coach Paige Johnstone and Assistant Coach Alton Guidry recognized the following players for their achievements this season. Recognitions are all A-AAA GHSA State Swimming and are as follows; Law Lykins – 10th Place in 200 Free and 100 Fly Finals, Larz Fowler, Law Lykins, Ian Berry and Jacob Kucera – 8th Place in 400 Free Relay Finals, Cheyene Smith, Law Lykins, Ian Berry, Jacob Kucera – 5th Place in 200 Free Relay Finals.
- GHS Wrestling Coach Josh Ghobadpoor recognized the following players for their achievements at State. Recognitions are as follows; GHSA AAA Area VII Duals Champion, Sectional Duals Champions, State Duals Runner-Up; Boys State Duals Recognitions - Juan Rafael, Tony Puac, Leo Domingo, Manny Velasquez, Carson Farist, Kellen Watts, Alex Raymundo, Bregan Berry, Domingo Velasquez, Eliceo Perez, Kade Miller, Lleison Pauc, Carlos Jacinto, Luis Lucas, Frisly Ambrocio, Bo Cronic, Blakley Andrews, Jovani

Raymundo, Bryan Loarca, Diego Jacinto, Bryson Shubin, Denny Ramirez, Gavin Solar and Gavin Daley. GHSA AAA Area VII Champion, GHSA AAA Sectional A Champion, GHSA AAA State Champion - Boys Traditional Recognitions; Juan Rafael, Leo Domingo, Carson Farist, Alex Raymundo, Bregan Berry, Llesion Puac, Luis Lucas, Frisly Ambrocio, Blakely Andrews, Jovani Raymundo, Diego Jacinto, Bryson Shubin and Denny Ramirez. GHSA Area VII Champions, GHSA Prelim Duals Champion, GHSA Duals Overall 4th Place - Girls State Duals Recognitions; Margarita Lucas-Bautista, Allie Mayo, Hannah Mayo, Piper McCormick, Josephine Royer, Taylor Schiesser, Sarai Solis-Sanchez, Leticia Tercero Perez, Linda Tercero-Perez, Carmelina Tercero-Rafael, Carmelina Tercero-Rafael, Itzzy Xec-Luna and Felisha Yarbrough. Girls State Traditional Recognitions: Hannah Mayo - GHSA Traditional Area VII 3rd Place, GHSA Girls Sectional A Qualifier, Josephone Royer - GHSA Traditional Area VII Champion, GHSA Girls Sectional A 5th Place, GHSA Traditional State Qualifier, Taylor Schiesser - GHSA Traditional Area VII Champion, GHSA Girls Sectional A Champion, GHSA Traditional State Champion, Sarai Solis-Sanchez - GHSA Traditional Area VII 3rd Place, GHSA Girls Sectional A 5th Place, GHSA Traditional 5th Place, Leticia Tercero Perez - GHSA Traditional Area VII Champion, GHSA Girls Sectional A 4th Place, GHSA Traditional 4th Place, Linda Tercero-Perez - GHSA Traditional Area VII 4th Place, GHSA Girls Sectional 1 6th Place, GHSA Traditional 5th Place, Carmelina Tercero-Rafael - GHSA Traditional Area VII 4th Place, GHSA Girls Sectional A Qualifier and Itzzy Xec-Luna - GHSA Traditional Area VII 3rd Place, GHSA Girls Sectional A Qualifier.

Consent Items:

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

- Board Minutes:
 - February 13, 2023, Work; Executive Session
 - February 16, 2023, Regular Session
- Out of State and Overnight Field Trips

Superintendent's Report:

1. Academic Achievement:

- a. Gilmer High School: GHS Principal Mr. Derek Bowen presented the Board with a video consisting of student testimonies about how the opportunities and activities offered at GHS along with staff has contributed to student success.

2. Parent and Community Engagement:

- a. Family Literacy Night: Dr. Ridley announced that the community wide Family Literacy Night will be held on April 28, 2023 at Huff Mosley Stadium. Details for the event are being finalized and will be made available to the public when they become available.
- b. 2024-2025 Calendar Proposal: Dr. Ridley presented the Board with 3 draft academic calendars for the 2024-2025 school year. Dr. Ridley noted that upon Boards approval on Thursday at the Regular Session drafts will be sent to employees for vote on preferred calendar.

3. Operational Effectiveness:

a. High Performing Workforce:

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

b. Operational Services:

- i. Gilmer High School Renovation Resolution: Dr. Ridley presented the Board with the Gilmer High School Renovation Resolution. The purpose of the resolution is to officially close out the 3-phase renovation at GHS and receive reimbursement from the State of Georgia. Dr. Ridley noted a recommendation to approve the resolution will be made at the Regular Session on Thursday March 16, 2023.
- ii. Lawncare Proposal: Dr. Ridley spoke to the Board regarding proposals received for lawncare for the district. Dr. Ridley noted that if it is the Boards wishes the Lawncare Proposals will be voted upon at the Regular Session, Thursday March 16, 2023.
- iii. Southwest Property Transfer: Dr. Ridley spoke to the Board regarding the Southwest property that currently houses North Georgia Regional Educational Services Agency (NGRESA). Dr. Ridley explained the terms and conditions of the transfer which would allow NGRESA to obtain the districts property for \$1. Upon vacancy NGRESA will relinquish the property back to Gilmer County Schools. Dr. Ridley noted a recommendation for approval will be made at the Regular Session on Thursday March 16, 2023.
- iv. Vehicle Surplus: Dr. Ridley explained to the Board that the vehicle is no longer in commission and a recommendation for approval will be made at the Regular Session on Thursday March 16, 2023.
- v. 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 BDH Suspension of Policies Waivers
 - Policy BE School Board Records
 - Policy ED Student Transportation Management

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 April.

- vi. Compliance/Policy (Second Reading): Policies presented for first readings in February and have been posted on the GCSS website for public comment and also sent to GSBA for legal counsel review.
 - Policy BD Policy Development
 - Policy DIB Financial Reports

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

5. Fiscal Accountability:

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

Superintendent's Announcements/Comments: Dr. Ridley reminded the Board of the upcoming Family Literacy Night in April. Dr. Ridley also noted that the annual Board Retreat will be held on March 24, 2023 at the LWEC Professional Learning Room followed by the districts first of two Annual Budget Hearings.

Public Participation: None

Executive Session:

Motion by Mr. Parks and second by Mr. Bramlett 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 9:28 p.m.

Dr. Brian Ridley, Superintendent

Doug Pritchett, Chairman

Submitted by: _____
Emily Malone, Board Clerk