

Board of Education  
Regular Session Minutes  
March 16, 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 (Chairman), Michael Parks (Vice-Chair), Jacob Callihan, Joe Pflueger and Michael Bramlett

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Superintendent Dr. Brian Ridley, Nicole Pike, Amy Kiser, Samantha Kelley, Lindy Patterson, Dana Penland, Bob Sosebee, Katrina Kingsley, Stephanie Burnett, Dana Berry, Ken Martin, Derek Bowen, Patricia Partin, Caitlin Snider, Katie Mayfield, Lynne Barnes, DeAnne Stenberg, Angie Booker, Charles Walker, Carla Foley, Ashley Stover, Stephanie Watkins, Sonia Bennett, Tom Griffith, Roger Bunnell, Melinda Fonteboa, Hope Henson, Trina Penland and Emily Malone.

VISITORS PRESENT: Jennifer Colson and Michael Bunnell

Dr. Ridley recommended approval of the Regular Session Agenda with one amendment to add Recognitions before Public Participation on the agenda. Motion by Mr. Bramlett and second by Mr. Parks to approve the Regular Session Agenda with the addition. Motion Carried. All voted Yes.

The Invocation was given by Jennifer Colson from the CLC.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Dr. Ridley.

#### **Recognitions:**

- Ms. Samantha Kelley Director of Transportation recognized Roger Bunnell as Transportation Employee of the Month for the month of March.
- Ms. Patricia Partin Director of School Nutrition recognized Ginger Leonard as School Nutrition Employee of the Month for the month of March.
- Ms. Lindy Patterson Director of Federal Programs and District Title IX Coordinator recognized the following teachers who received the Fine Arts Consumables and Equipment grant from the Georgia Department of Education. Recognitions are as follows; Katie Mayfield, Brandi Byrd and Andrea Handley.
- Ms. Lottie Mitchell Assistant Superintendent recognized this years Charter Fund Mini Grant recipients who received a total of \$52,215.16 in grants. Recognitions are as follows; Ema Henson, Lacey Richard, Kayla Easley, Mary Melissa May, Heath Hinton, David Bushey, Mikella Rutter, Carla Foley (CTAE Teachers) and Mr. Kris Martinez.

**Public Participation:**

- Joshua Snider spoke to the Board regarding the literacy program being used in elementary schools within the district and the standards set by the Georgia Department of Education.
- Sam Snider also spoke to the Board regarding the literacy program used taught in elementary schools within the district and the standards set by the Georgia Department of Education.

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

- Board Minutes:
  - February 13, 2023, Work and Executive Session
  - February 16, 2023, Regular Session
- Out of State and Overnight Fieldtrips
- SY 24-25 Academic Calendar Proposal

**Superintendent's Report:**

a. Operational Effectiveness:

i. High Performing Workforce:

1. Personnel: Dr. Ridley recommended approval of personnel as discussed in Executive Session on Monday March 13, 2023. Personnel was placed on display for the public information during this meeting. Motion by Mr. Parks and second by Mr. Pflueger to approve Personnel. Motion Carried. All voted Yes.

ii. Operational Services:

1. Gilmer High School Renovation Resolution: Dr. Ridley recommended a motion to approve the Gilmer High School Renovation Resolution as discussed at the Work Session, Monday March 13, 2023. Motion by Mr. Callihan and second by Mr. Bramlett to approve the Gilmer High School Renovation Resolution. Motion Carried. All voted Yes.
2. Southwest Property Transfer: Dr. Ridley recommended a motion to approve the Southwest Property Transfer as discussed at the Work Session, Monday March 13, 2023. Motion by Mr. Parks and second by Mr. Bramlett to approve the Southwest Property Transfer. Motion Carried. All voted Yes.
3. Vehicle Surplus: Dr. Ridley recommended a motion to approve the Vehicle Surplus as discussed at the Work Session, Monday March 13, 2023. Motion by Mr. Pflueger and second by Mr. Parks to approve the Vehicle Surplus. Motion Carried. All voted Yes.

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4. Policies Motion by Mr. Bramlett and second motion by Mr. Callihan to move the following policies from the table and approve the second reading, with the changes as discussed at the Work Session Monday March 13, 2023. Motion Carried. All voted Yes, as follows:

- Policy BD Policy Development
- Policy DIB Financial Reports

b. Fiscal Accountability:

- i. Budget: Dr. Ridley recommended a motion to approve the FY2022 Financial Summary – January 2023, 2015 & 2020 ESPLOST – March 2023 and School Activity Account Report – December 2022. Motion by Mr. Pflueger and second by Mr. Bramlett to approve the financial reports. Motion Carried. All voted Yes.

**Superintendent's Announcements/Comments:** Dr. Ridley congratulated the GHS Envirothon Team for making it to the World Championship held in Canada this summer.

**Monthly Training led by Mr. Pritchett**

**Adjourn:**

Motion by Mr. Bramlett and second by Mr. Parks to adjourn the Regular Session. Motion Carried. All voted Yes. Meeting was adjourned at 6:39 pm.

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Dr. Brian Ridley, Superintendent

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Mr. Pritchett, Chairman

Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_  
Emily Malone, Board Clerk