

Board of Education
Work and Executive Session Minutes
February 14, 2022 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. Watkins.

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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Dr. Brian Ridley, Paul Standard Jr., Samantha Amos, Holly Kinsey, Naomi Esparza, Bob Sosbee, Sarah West, Nicole Pike, Stephanie Burnette, Lottie Mitchell, Carla Foley, Lindy Patterson, Trina Penland, Dana Berry, Jessica Chastain, Kelly Smith, Hope Johnson, Melinda Fonteboa, Patricia Partin, Charles Walker and Emily Plumley

VISITORS PRESENT: Alba Monraga-Telles, Malaki Thompson, Kinsleigh Purivs, Steve Purvis, Kara Purvis, Clara Smith, Lawrence Kirchmayer, Jason Smith and Karen Powell

Dr. Ridley recommended approval for the Work Session agenda as presented. Motion by Mr. Bramlett and second by Mr. Pritchett to approve the Work Session agenda. Motion Carried. All voted Yes.

Invocation was led by Mr. John Call.

The Pledge was led by Dr. Ridley.

Presentations and Recognitions:

- Gilmer High School Principal Ms. Carla Foley recognized the Class of 2023 Valedictorian Luke Bryant and Salutatorian Kinsleigh Purvis. Dr. Ridley and the Board congratulated both for their success.
- Ms. Foley also recognized GHS STAR Student of the Year Kinsleigh Purvis along with STAR Teacher of the Year Ellijay Elementary School Assistant Principal Ms. Ashley Stover who was nominated by Ms. Purvis. Ms. Stover was unable to attend and will be recognized at a later date. Dr. Ridley and the Board congratulated both for their success.
- Clear Creek Middle School Band Director Ms. Holly Kinsey and Gilmer High School Band Director Mr. David Wiebers recognized students who made honor band at all different levels. Those students are as follows; CCMS-GMEA District Honor Band; Nelson Jacinto, Malaki Thompson, Eddie Alonzo, Nick Wright, J.P. Miller- Alternate and Noah Wright – Alternate. GHS- District Honor Band; Haleigh Ledford, Dominick McAuliffe, Alba Monraga-Telles. UGA Honor Band- Dakota Brown, Haleigh Ledford, Dominick McAuliffe, Alba Monraga-Telles and UA Honor Band Nathaniel McClure.
- Gilmer High School Cheer Coach Naomi Esparza recognized Emma Abernathy and Emma Reece for being named 7AAA All-Region Competition Cheer Team and Bella Zagarola for 7AAA All-Region Competition Cheer Honorable Mention.

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 17, 2022:

- Board Minutes:
 - January 24, 2022, Work; Executive Session
 - January 27, 2022, Regular Session
- Out of State and Overnight Field Trips (see attached)

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

- a. Clear Creek Middle School: Principal Ms. Nicole Pike, Assistant Principal Ms. Sarah West, Assistant Principal Thomas Griffith and Academic Coach Ms. Krista Garland presented to the Board ways CCMS promotes reading. At CCMS students are asked to read a book for 20 minutes a day. This provides students with extra intervention time and it enriches vocabulary.

2. Parent and Community Engagement:

- a. FFA Proclamation: Gilmer High School Young Farmers Teacher Claire Woodard spoke to the Board regarding the FFA Proclamation. This proclamation designates the week of February 19-26, 2022 as National FFA Week. This week celebrates the FFA program and it's students with special events and a student livestock show.

3. High Performing Culture and Workforce:

- a. Personnel: Dr. Ridley noted that personnel will be discussed in Executive Session.
- b. 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 22-23 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.

4. Operational Effectiveness:

- a. 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.
- b. Gym Scoreboard Update: Mr. Dana Berry, Assistant Superintendent of Operations updated the Board on the status of the gym scoreboard. The district has received confirmation from 4 vendors. A meeting will be held after the winter break with the installer and engineers to ensure drawings are correct. The shot clocks will be installed above the back boards and to the left. The district is waiting on a wrench quote which is required to install the scoreboard. Mr. Berry noted that the Board will be updated once more progress has been made.

- c. 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 IHE Promotion and Retention
 - Policy IHF Graduation Requirements
 - Policy JGF Student Safety
 - Policy JGF(2) Seclusion or Restraint of Students

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.

- d. 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 AFC Emergency Closings
 - Policy CMA Administrative Rules
 - Policy DFK Gifts and Bequests
 - Policy GCRA(1) Drug Screening of Bus Drivers

The policies have been on the district website since the meeting in January. All policies have been submitted to GSBA legal counsel for review. Changes are as follows: Policy CMA Administrative Rules – rescind and Policy DFK Gifts and Bequest – employees soliciting and “crowdfunding” changes to policy. No public input was received. Dr. Ridley noted that a recommendation for approval of these policies will be made at the Regular Session on Thursday February 17, 2022.

5. **Fiscal Accountability:**

- a. Federal Programs Budgets – Ms. Lindy Patterson, Director of Federal Programs and District Title XI Coordinator presented the Federal Programs Budget report to the Board.
- b. Nutrition: School Nutrition Report – December 2021: Ms. Patricia Partin, Director of School Nutrition presented the School Nutrition Report – December 2021 to the Board.
- c. Purchasing Policy Expenditures and Approvals – February 2022: Expenditures and Approvals were presented for informational purposes only and exempt from Board approval.
- d. Budget Update:
 - i. FY2020 Financial Summary – December 2021: Ms. Trina Penland, Director of Finance presented the FY 2021 Financial Summary for December 2021 to the Board.
 - ii. 2015 ESPLOST Expenditures – February 2022: Ms. Trina Penland also presented the Board the 2015 ESPLOST Expenditures for February 2022.
 - iii. 2020 ESPLOST Expenditures – February 2022: Ms. Trina Penland also presented the Board the 2020 ESPLOST Expenditures for February 2022.

- iv. School Activity Accounts – December 2021: Ms. Trina Penland also presented the Board the 2020 ESPLOST Expenditures for February 2022.

Superintendent's Announcements/Comments:

- Dr. Ridley spoke about the announcement of the Gilmer College and Career Academy set to open for the 2022-2023 School Year.
- Pre-K registration will be April 14, 2022 at the Larry Walker Education Center and Kindergarten registration will be held May 2 – 13, 2022 at the Board of Education Administrative and Technology Offices.
- Dr. Ridley congratulated the GHS Wrestlers for being named Sate Team Champions.

Public Participation: None

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

Adjourn:

Motion by Mr. Bramlett and second by Mr. Parks to adjourn. All voted Yes. The meeting was adjourned at 8:21p.m.

Dr. Brian Ridley, Superintendent

Mr. Watkins, Chairman

Submitted by: _____
Emily Plumley, Board Clerk