

Board of Education
Regular Session Minutes
March 17, 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 Chairman Mr. Watkins. Mr. Watkins thanked everyone for being at the meeting.

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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Superintendent Dr. Brian Ridley, Samantha Amos, Todd Gearhart, Dana Berry, Matthew Johnson, Tiffany Boyett, Chandra Teague, Charles Walker, Lynne Barnes, Jennifer Payne, Bob Sosebee, Andrew Ladd, Stephanie Burnette, Ashley Stover, Jessica Chastain, Trina Penland and Emily Plumley.

VISITORS PRESENT: Dani Wright, David Wright, Lonnie Adams from FYN, Brett Burnette and Kyle Ray.

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

The Invocation was given by Lee Logan from Bible Baptist Church.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Dr. Ridley.

Public Participation:

- Ms. Heather Rayborn spoke to the Board regarding contract renewal of the current GHS Athletic Trainer for the 2022-2023 SY.
- Ms. Amber Goodwin also spoke to the Board regarding contract renewal of the current GHS Athletic Trainer for the 2022-2023 SY.

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

- Board Minutes:
 - February 14, 2022, Work and Executive Session
 - February 17, 2022, Regular Session
- Out of State/Overnight Field Trips:
 - Academic Field Trips (See Attachment)
 - Student Activities/Athletic-Based Field Trips (See Attachment)

Superintendent's Report:

- a. Parent and Community Engagement:
 - i. SY 2021-2022 Calendar Amendment: Dr. Ridley spoke to the Board regarding the graduation date of Friday May 27, 2022 posted on the district calendar. After discussion Dr. Ridley recommended the Board amend the SY 2021-2022 Academic Calendar to reflect Saturday May 28, 2022 as the graduation date. Motion by Mr. Bramlett and second by Mr. Pritchett to change the graduation date. Motion Carried. Mr. Watkins, Mr. Parks, Mr. Bramlett and Mr. Pritchett voted Yes. Mr. Pflueger abstained.
- b. High Performing Culture and Workforce:
 - i. Personnel: Dr. Ridley recommended approval of personnel as discussed in Executive Session on Monday March 14, 2022. Personnel was placed on display for the public information during this meeting. Motion by Mr. Pritchett and second by Mr. Bramlett to approve personnel. Motion Carried. All voted Yes.
- c. Operational Effectiveness:
 - i. Gym Scoreboard: Dr. Ridley reminded the Board of the gym scoreboard proposals provided in the Board packet at the Work Session Monday March 14, 2022. Per the Boards request a third proposal was presented to the Board. After discussion by the Board Dr. Ridley recommended the Board accept the third proposal at \$265k. Motion by Mr. Pritchett second by Mr. Parks to approved the gym scoreboard proposal. Motion Carried. Mr. Bramlett, Mr. Watkins, Mr. Parks and Mr. Pritchett voted Yes. Mr. Pflueger voted No.
 - ii. Policies: Motion by Mr. Bramlett and second motion by Mr. Watkins to move the following policies from the table and approve the second reading, with the changes as discussed at the Work Session Monday March 14, 2022. Motion Carried. All voted Yes, as follows:
 - Policy IHE Promotion and Retentions
 - Policy IHF Graduation Requirements
 - Policy JGF Student Safety
 - Policy JGF(2) Seclusion or Restraint of Students
- d. Fiscal Accountability:
 - i. Budget: Dr. Ridley recommended a motion to approve the FY2022 Financial Summary – January 2022, 2015 ESPLOST Expenditures – March 2022 and the 2020 ESPLOST – March 2022. Motion by Mr. Pritchett and second by Mr. Parks to approve the financial reports. Motion Carried. All voted Yes. Mr. Watkins noted that the county mileage rate set by the Board of Education has been lowered over the years. Mr. Watkins added that the lower rate was due to budget stability.

Superintendent's Announcements/Comments: Dr. Ridley reminded the Board that the annual Board Retreat will be held tomorrow at the Larry Walker Educational Center Professional Learning Room.

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Strategic Plan Discussion led by Mr. Pritchett:

Mr. Pritchett read an exert from the districts strategic plan regarding Academic Achievement.

Adjourn:

Motion by Mr. Bramlett and second by Mr. Pritchett to adjourn the Regular Session. Motion Carried. All voted Yes. Meeting was adjourned at 6:26pm.

Dr. Brian Ridley, Superintendent

Mr. Watkins, Chairman

Submitted by: _____
Emily Plumley, Board Clerk