

Board of Education
Work and Executive Session Minutes
April 11, 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, Dana Penland, Samantha Amos, Holly Kinsey, Lottie Mitchell, Jennifer Smith, David Wiebers, Sarah West, Nicole Pike, Katrina Kingsley, Chandra Teague, Dana Berry, Kelly Arnold, Darci Pritchett, Bob Sosebee, Carla Foley, Stephanie Burnette, Molly Parks, Lindy Patterson, Charles Walker, Nallely Juarez, Derek Bowen, Jessica Chastain, Trina Penland, Shelly Mayo and Emily Plumley.

VISITORS PRESENT: Lonnie Adams from FYN, Keith Aiken, Malaki Thompson, Kelley Garrett, Lila Cantrell, Nikki Cantrell, Sam Callihan, Keyln Carter, Mary Scott Brasswell, Theresa Braswell, Emma Reed, Chelsea Parker, Madelin Shull, Olivia Shull, Alexandra School, Maddy Patterson, Izell Richards, Della Richards, Hezekiah Richards, Dakota Brown, Ashlee Lopez, Alba Monrogez Telles, Grant Young, Apryl Black, Halle West, Karen Warren, Elizabeth Warren, Devin Watkins, Alayna Berger, Lola Howard, Josh Howard, Christine Inman, Michelle Burdelon and Niccki Doss.

Dr. Ridley recommended approval for the Work Session agenda with a minor change to move Outdoor Learning Labs as the first item under Academic Achievement and CCES as the second item. Motion by Mr. Bramlett and second by Mr. Pritchett to approve the Work Session agenda with the noted change. Motion Carried. All voted Yes.

Invocation was led by Eddie Kerr from Crossroads Baptist Church.

The Pledge was led by Dr. Ridley.

Presentations and Recognitions:

- Assistant Superintendent Ms. Lottie Mitchell introduced Gilmer Schools principals who recognized his or her Georgia Young Authors participants and winners. The recognitions are as follows; Emma Reed-K-MVE, Hezekiah Richards-1st-CCES, Lakelyn Garrett-2nd-CCES, Lila Cantrell-3rd-Honorable Mention (NGRESA Contest)-MVE, Kelyn Carter-4th-MVE, Hope Watkins-5th-EES, Alayna Berger-6th-CCMS, Delaina Keller-7th-CCMS, Tabitha Hunger-8th-CCMS, Elizabeth Warren-10th-GHS, Chelsea Parker-11th-GHS and Apryl Black-12th-NGRESA Contest Winner
- CCMS 8th Grade Math/Algebra 1 teacher Ms. Darcie Pritchett presented awards to students who participated in the MathCon with national ranking of 80% or higher. The awards are as follows; Madison Patterson, Salvador Ruiz-Aguillon, Kaden Lowman, Carlos Montes-Matias,

Jasmin Bautista, Kenley Thompson, Benjamin Elmore, Alexandra Shull, Lilyan Cook, Caleb Grimes, Mikaila Brewer and Devin Watkins.

- Ms. Holly Kinsey CCMS Band Director presented members of the Honor Band and Mr. David Wiebers GHS Band Director presented members of the GHS Wind Symphony with a certificate for Outstanding Achievement at the 2022 GEMA District IX Large Group Performance Evaluation.

Consent Items:

Dr. Ridley noted to the Board that the following Consent Items will be proposed for approval at the Regular Session on Thursday April 14, 2022:

- Board Minutes:
 - March 14, 2022, Work; Executive Session
 - March 17, 2022, Regular Session
 - March 18, 2022, Board Retreat
 - Out of State and Overnight Field Trips (see attached)

Superintendent's Report:

1. Academic Achievement:

- a. Outdoor Learning Labs: Director of Federal Programs Director and District Title IX Coordinator Ms. Lindy Patterson presented the Board a summary of Federal Grant expenditures for the districts Outdoor Learning Labs.
- b. CCES: Ms. Stephanie Burnette, Principal at Clear Creek Elementary, STEM Lab teacher Ms. Patricia Ellis along with CCES students presented the Board with a video of students working together, problem solving and building projects in the lab. Students also got the chance to show off their own STEM lab projects. The Board and Dr. Ridley congratulated students on a job well done.

2. Parent and Community Engagement:

- a. Literacy Night – April 29, 2022: Dr. Ridley announced that the districts Family Literacy Night will be held on the field at Huff Mosely Stadium Friday April 29, 2022 from 6pm – 8pm. Each school along with members of the community will have booths set up on the football field with activities and books for children of all ages. Dr. Ridley invited everyone to attend.

3. High Performing Culture and Workforce:

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

4. Operational Effectiveness:

- a. Capital Asset Disposition: Dr. Ridley presented the Board with a Capital Asset Disposition form which is used to disposition district items that are no longer needed or in use. Dr. Ridley noted that the form was for informational purposes only and did not require Board approval.
- b. Legion Rd. Fuel Tanks: Dr. Ridley presented the Board with two bids that were received for the fuel tanks located at the transportation barn on Legion Rd. Dr. Ridley explained that the bid received for \$230,371.43 was more detailed due to the parts itemized in the bid. The other

bid received was for \$97,810.00. Dr. Ridley noted that a recommendation for approval of the \$97,810.00 bid will be made at the Regular Session on Thursday April 14, 2022.

- 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 DFC Federal Funds
 - Policy FGAD Architect Responsibilities in Facilities Projects
 - Policy GCRH Classified Personnel Vacations

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.

- 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 DIE Fraud Prevention
 - Policy EBBF Safety Inspections
 - Policy JB Student Attendance
 - Policy JBC(1) Homeless Students

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 received from GSBA legal counsel are as follows: Policy JB Student Attendance to remove the STEP program (Student Teen Election Participant) as part of the attendance 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 April 14, 2022.

5. **Fiscal Accountability:**

- a. Nutrition: School Nutrition Report – December 2021: Ms. Patricia Partin, Director of School Nutrition presented the School Nutrition Report – December 2021 to the Board.
- b. Athletic Supplements: Dr. Ridley presented the Board with the updated Athletic Supplements for the upcoming school year. A recommendation for approval will be made at the Regular Session on Thursday April 14, 2022.
- c. District Bonus: Dr. Ridley spoke to the Board regarding the \$2,000 bonus approved by Governor Brian Kemp. The state has approved funds the district for 458 of 559 employees which amounts to \$916k. The remaining amount will be paid by the district through CARES Funds. Subs who meet requirements of 10 or more days per month can earn up to \$1000. The bonus total for all employees is \$1,143,690. This amount includes both the state and districts portions. Dr. Ridley noted that a recommendation for approval will be made at the Regular Session on Thursday April 14, 2022.

d. Budget Update:

- i. Purchasing Policy Expenditures and Approvals – April 2022: Expenditures and Approvals were presented for informational purposes only and exempt from Board approval.
- ii. FY2020 Financial Summary – February 2022: Ms. Trina Penland, Director of Finance presented the FY 2021 Financial Summary for February 2022 to the Board.
- iii. 2015 ESPLOST Expenditures – April 2022: Ms. Trina Penland also presented the Board the 2015 ESPLOST Expenditures for April 2022.
- iv. 2020 ESPLOST Expenditures – April 2022: Ms. Trina Penland also presented the Board the 2020 ESPLOST Expenditures for April 2022.

Superintendent's Announcements/Comments:

- Dr. Ridley updated the Board on the scoreboard installation at Huff Mosely Stadium. The pole for the scoreboard has been set and installation is on track for completion.
- Dr. Ridley also reminded everyone that the EES Chorus will be singing at the National Anthem at the Braves game tonight beginning at 7:15pm.

Public Participation: None**Executive Session:**

Motion by Mr. Parks and second by Mr. Pritchett 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. Pflueger and second by Mr. Watkins to adjourn. All voted Yes. The meeting was adjourned at 8:14p.m.

Dr. Brian Ridley, Superintendent

Mr. Watkins, Chairman

Submitted by: _____
Emily Plumley, Board Clerk