**QUITMAN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**GEORGETOWN, GEORGIA**

**MINUTES OF MAY 5, 2020**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**\*\*\*GoToMeeting**

The Quitman County Board of Education met in a Regular Session on May 5, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. (GoToMeeting). Mr. Willie J. Anderson, Chairman, presided.

**PRESENT:** Mr. Willie J. Anderson, Chairman; Mr. Billy Shirah, Sr., Vice Chairman, Mr. Jimmy Eleby, Mrs. Christi Green, and Mr. Larry Wilborn; Board members; and Mrs. Victoria Harris, School Superintendent.

**ABSENT:** None.

**CALL TO ORDER AND OPENING CEREMONY**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Anderson with a moment of silence followed by the Pledge.

**AGENDA APPROVAL**

The Superintendent recommended approval of the agenda. On a motion by Mr. Wilborn and a second by Mr. Shirah, the Board voted unanimously (4, 0), to accept the Superintendent’s recommendation and approve the Agenda. The motion passed.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The Superintendent recommended approval of April 7, 2020 Regular Board Minutes-GoToMeeting. On a motion by Mr. Shirah and a second by Mr. Eleby, the Board voted unanimously (4, 0), to accept the Superintendent’s recommendation. The motion passed.

The Superintendent recommended approval of April 22, 2020 Work Session-GoToMeeting. On a motion by Mr. Wilborn and a second by Mr. Eleby, the Board voted unanimously (4, 0), to accept the Superintendent’s recommendation. The motion passed.

**SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORTS & UPDATES**

Asst. Supt./Principal Jones shared with the Board the format for the GoToMeeting. He then presented his Principal’s updates.

Superintendent Harris and the Board allowed Mrs. Mindy Moss Ward, Tax Commissioner, to give a report on the Forest Land money.

**PERSONNEL**

The Superintendent recommended approval of the Slate of Staff for the Rural Resource Grant (2020-2021). On a motion by Mr. Shirah and a second by Mr. Eleby, the Board voted unanimously (4, 0), to accept the Superintendent’s recommendation. The motion passed.

**FINANCE**

The Superintendent recommended approval of the Financial Report for April 2020. On a motion by Mr. Shirah and a second by Mr. Wilborn, the Board voted unanimously (4, 0), to accept the Superintendent’s recommendation. The motion passed.

The Superintendent recommended approval of the Tax Collections for March 2020. On a motion by Mr. Shirah and a second by Mr. Eleby, the Board voted unanimously (4, 0), to accept the Superintendent’s recommendation. The motion passed.

The Superintendent shared with the Board that there will be a 14% cut in state/QBE funds and that Mrs. Gilbert worked on some preliminary figures and was working on salaries and benefits. At this time, we are not sure if there will be a need to cut or do furloughs until the final budget is done. If there is a need to cut or furlough, we will have those conversations with the Board in a timely manner as appropriate.

**MAINTENANCE & OPERATIONS**

The Superintendent updated the Board on the storm damage to the portables. Quotes are being obtained and would be submitted to the insurance company on May 6, 2020.

The Superintendent updated the Board on the water pipe issue behind the old cafeteria as well as the water issues that are being worked on by the County.

The Superintendent recommended the approval to roll over the annual bids (diesel, gas, propane, pest control, School Food Service) and the insurance bids until the 2021 bid term. On a motion by Mr. Wilborn and a second by Mr. Eleby, the Board voted unanimously (4, 0), to accept the Superintendent’s recommendation. The motion passed.

**NEW & UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

The Superintendent recommended approval of the revised Promotion & Retention Policy to include the grading revisions. On a motion by Mr. Shirah and a second by Mr. Wilborn, the Board voted unanimously (5, 0), to accept the Superintendent’s recommendation. The motion passed. **\*\*\*Mrs. Green stated that she agreed with all the previous votes but could not be heard by the group during the previous agenda items.**

The Superintendent shared the Graduation Plan with the Board. An email will be sent out to them with all the information.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Superintendent thanked the staff for their hard work during the pandemic.

The staff will be working a modified work schedule. The district office is open with staggering staff schedules.

The Superintendent shared that SRJ & LRA have received subcontractor bid proposals. They are in the process of reviewing those proposals so that they can get the GMP package ready by the end of the week (5/8/2020). If possible, they want to start the work by 5/25/2020. There will be a need for a Called Meeting next week (5/11 – 5/15).

**ADJOURNMENT**

With there being no other business to discuss, on a motion by Mr. Shirah and a second by Mrs. Green, the Board voted unanimously (5, 0), to adjourn. The motion passed.

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Chairman Secretary