

**Pike County Board of Education  
Board Minutes  
March 15, 2021**

The Pike County Board of Education met at 5:30 P.M. at their regular monthly session at the CA<sup>3</sup>L Building, located at 205 Mockingbird Lane, Troy, Alabama. Board members present for the meeting were as follows:

Dr. Clint Foster, President	District Five
Mr. Justin Davis, Vice-President	District Three
Rev. Earnest Green	District One
Dr. Greg Price (remote)	District Two
Mrs. Linda Steed	District Four
Dr. Mark Bazzell	Secretary to the Board

Absent: Mr. Chris Wilkes                                  District Six

2. The meeting was called to order by the President. The invocation was given by Mrs. Steed.
3. On a motion made by Rev. Green, seconded by Mr. Davis, the Board approved the minutes of February 15, 2021.
4. Hearing of Delegations and Communications
5. On a motion made by Mr. Davis, seconded by Rev. Green, the Board adopted the agenda with one addition.
6. Unfinished Business – None
7. New Business
  - A. On a motion made by Mrs. Steed, seconded by Mr. Davis, the Board approved the Financial Statement for the month of February 2021.
  - B. On a motion made by Rev. Green, seconded by Mr. Davis, the Board approved the payroll for the month of February 2021 and account run date of 02/23/2021 and 03/06/2021.
  - C. On a motion made by Mrs. Steed, seconded by Mr. Davis, the Board approved the CARES 2 ESSER funding priorities.
  - D. On a motion made by Rev. Green, seconded by Mr. Davis, the Board approved the request for 10 teachers to be paid to teach during their planning block to solve overcrowding issues due to 7<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> graders returning to traditional classes.
  - E. On a motion made by Mrs. Steed, seconded by Mr. Davis, the Board approved the travel requests per the attached spreadsheet.
  - F. On a motion made by Rev. Green, seconded by Mr. Davis, the Board approved or denied student transfer requests per the attached spreadsheet.

## 8. Personnel

- A. On a motion made by Mr. Davis, seconded by Mrs. Steed, the Board accepted the resignation of Jerrica Copeland, Math teacher, GHS. RETROACTIVE – March 5, 2021
- B. On a motion made Rev. Green, seconded by Mr. Davis, the Board accepted the resignation of Dr. Margaret Nicholson, SPED teacher, PCHS. Effective May 7, 2021.
- C. On a motion made by Mrs. Steed, seconded by Mr. Davis, the Board approved the catastrophic leave for Amy Beck, Math teacher, PCHS. Approximate leave date is May 17, 2021.
- D. On a motion made by Mr. Davis, seconded by Rev. Green, the Board approved employment of Christine Brown, Bookkeeper, Central Office.
- E. On a motion made by Mrs. Steed, seconded by Rev. Green, the Board approved long-term sub status for Tijuana Knight, Art teacher, GHS.
- F. On a motion made by Mrs. Steed, seconded by Rev. Green, the Board approved long-term sub status for Hannah Sweatt, English teacher, GHS.
- G. On a motion made by Mrs. Steed, seconded by Rev. Green, the Board approved long-term sub status for Jennifer White, Math teacher, GHS.
- H. On a motion made by Mrs. Steed, seconded by Rev. Green, the Board approved long-term sub status for Miesha Straughn, 1<sup>st</sup> Grade teacher, PCES.
- I. On a motion made by Mr. Davis, seconded by Rev. Green, the Board approved volunteer status for John Cody Henderson, Baseball, PCHS.
- J. On a motion made by Mr. Davis, seconded by Rev. Green, the Board approved volunteer status for Kenneth Ryan Singleton, Baseball, PCHS.
- K. On a motion made by Mr. Davis, seconded by Rev. Green, the Board approved volunteer status for Landon Gaskins, Soccer, PCHS.
- L. On a motion made by Mr. Davis, seconded by Rev. Green, the Board approved volunteer status for Christine Danner, Track, GHS.
- M. On a motion made by Rev. Green, seconded by Mrs. Steed, the Board approve catastrophic leave and MFLA for Syreeda Lampley, CNP. RETROACTIVE to February 23, 2021. Approximate return date of April 1, 2021.

On a motion made by Mr. Davis, seconded by Rev. Green, the Board entered Executive Session at 5:57 pm to discuss a pending legal matter and land negotiations.

The Board returned to open session at 7:06 pm.

9. Business by members of the Board and Superintendent of Education not included on the agenda.

A. On a motion made by Mr. Davis, seconded by Mrs. Steed, the Board approved to authorize Superintendent to expand signing bonuses to include high school math, science, social science, English, music and all special education positions. In addition, to immediately offer contracts to qualified, vetted candidates, and to pay a stipend for candidates to travel for an in-person interview.

10. On a motion made by Rev. Green, seconded by Mr. Davis, the Board voted to adjourn the meeting at 7:07 p.m.

ATTEST:

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Dr. S. Mark Bazzell, Secretary

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Dr. Clint Foster, President