**QUITMAN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**GEORGETOWN, GEORGIA**

**MINUTES OF MAY 4, 2021**

**REGULAR MEETING**

The Quitman County Board of Education met in a regular session on May 4, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. in the Boardroom of the Administrative Office, 215 Kaigler Road. Mr. Willie J. Anderson, Chairman, presided.

**PRESENT:** Mr. Willie J. Anderson, Chairman; Mr. Jimmy Eleby, Mrs. Christi Green, and Mr. Larry Wilborn; Board members; Mrs. Victoria Harris, School Superintendent(out-going), and Mr. Jon-Erik Jones, School Superintendent (incoming). Mrs. Harris and the Board gave permission for Mr. Jones to act as the recommending Superintendent during this meeting.

**ABSENT:** Mr. Billy Shirah, Vice Chairman attended to submit his resignation. After his announcement he exited.

**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**

On a motion by Mr. Wilborn and a second by Mr. Eleby, the Board voted unanimously (5, 0), to approve the Agenda. The motion passed.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The Superintendent recommended approval of April 13, 2021 Regular Board Minutes. On a motion by Mr. Wilborn and a second by Mr. Eleby, the Board voted unanimously (4, 0), to accept the Superintendent’s recommendation. (Anderson, Eleby, Green and Wilborn voted yes. Mr. Shirah abstained.) The motion passed.

**SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORTS & UPDATES**

Asst. Principal Curry (In-coming Principal) provided the Board with brief school updates regarding testing, athletics, and student and staff spotlights. He also gave the Board members a gift from the Lady Hornets Basketball Team.

Mr. Jerome Upshaw was recognized for being the May District Office Spotlight.

Superintendent Harris thanked the Board of Education for the opportunity to serve the students of Quitman County. She also passed the torch to Mr. Jones. This was her last regular Board of Education Meeting. We all love her and will truly miss her!

Chairman Willie Anderson presented Superintendent Harris with a Resolution for her years of dedicated service as our Superintendent.

Mr. Billy Shirah resigned from the Board. We thank him for his 20+ years of dedicated service.

Superintendent Harris shared newspaper articles/ads that appeared in the newspaper.

**PERSONNEL (EXECUTIVE SESSION)**

The Superintendent recommended entering executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel. 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.

On a motion by Mr. Wilborn and a second by Mr. Eleby, the Board voted unanimously (4, 0), to resume regular session. The motion passed.

Chairman Anderson stated that the Board had met in executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel. No decisions were made, and no votes were taken; only discussion took place.

The Superintendent recommended approval of the slate of Summer SOAR rehires. 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.

The Superintendent recommended approval of Mr. Larry Franklin as a Summer SOAR new hire. 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.

The Superintendent recommended approval to accept the resignation of Mrs. Jasmine Green-Scott, Counselor, effective June 17, 2021. 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.

The Superintendent recommended approval to accept the resignation of Mrs. Susan Scott, Academic Coach, effective the last day of her contract. 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.

The Superintendent recommended approval of Ms. Brittany Nance as the School Counselor, pending successful reference checks. On a motion by Mr. Wilborn and a second by Mr. Eleby, the Board voted (4, 0), to accept the Superintendent’s recommendation. The motion passed.

**FINANCE**

The Superintendent recommended approval of the Financial Report for April 2021. 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.

The Superintendent recommended approval of the Tax Collections for March 2021. 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.

The Superintendent shared Budget Updates to include Budget Comparisons and the Unofficial QBE Allotments. There will be a need for a Budget Workshop in May.

**MAINTENANCE & OPERATIONS**

The Superintendent received 3 quotes for a School Bus. He recommended purchasing a 48 passenger Blue Bird bus from Yancey Bus Sales in the amount of $99,094.00. The State FY21 bus allotment ($77,270) and CARES ($21,824) will be used for the purchase. 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.

The Superintendent recommended approval of a purchase order for $1,710 for a cyber power ups rack mount that will be funded by a technology grant. 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.

The Superintendent recommended approval of the renewal of the Johnson Controls sprinkler agreement in the amount of $2,775.00. 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 new Support Staff salary scale to go into effect July 2021 (custodians, paraprofessionals, bus drivers, and cafeteria workers). 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.

The Superintendent recommended approval of the Pre-K teacher salary as funded by the Pre-K program. 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.

The Superintendent recommended approval of the Public Participation Administrative Procedures for Policy BCBI. 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.

The Superintendent recommended approval to solicit bids for diesel, gas, pest control, propane, insurance, and school food services. 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.

The Superintendent recommended approval of Option #1, $10,000 per year for the life of the grant for CARES Act Grant management. 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.

A delegate and alternate were selected for the GSBA Delegate Assembly; Mrs. Christi Green will serve as the delegate and Mr. Larry Wilborn, the alternate.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Superintendent shared the Board and Administrator Brochures with the Board.

The next Regular Board Meeting is June 1, 2021.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With there being no other business to discuss, on a motion by Mr. Wilborn and a second by Mr. Eleby, the Board voted unanimously (4, 0), to adjourn. The motion passed.

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