

Echols County Board of Education  
Meeting Minutes  
October 20, 2015

The October 20, 2015 regular meeting of the Echols County Board of Education was called to order at 7:35 PM by Chester Register.

Board members present were Bo Corbett, Rocky Crosby, Chester Register and Florence Staten.

Following the invocation and pledge to the flag, Rocky Crosby made a motion to approve the agenda. Florence Staten seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

Florence Staten made a motion to approve the September 22, 2015 meeting minutes with correction. Bo Corbett seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

#### VISITORS

None

#### BUDGET AND FINANCE

Ms. Staten informed the Superintendent that January payroll is done 1 week earlier.

Rocky Crosby made a motion to approve the Accounts Payable register. This was seconded by Florence Staten. Motion passed 4-0.

#### REPORTS

Mr. Rosser informed the Board stated that 36 students took the SAT or ACT on site last month. Our current high school number is 230 and our unofficial graduation rate is 90%. The new Move On When Ready (MOWR) requirements will be presented to the Board tonight for a policy change to reflect the program needs. MOWR will allow us to expand our offerings in CTAE with nursing and criminal justice. Mr. Rosser asked for volunteers on November 6, college application day.

Mr. Beale stated our current ES/MS number is 602, down 3 from September. He reminded the board of upcoming events including Family Reading Night.

The Superintendent updated the Board on the progress of the individual teams meeting regarding the Strategic plan. A job description and recommendation will come to the Board at the December meeting for a Curriculum Director. The Board was informed that we are scheduled to go before the State Board for approval of our Strategic Waiver.

Dr. Jewell presented the MVC proposal for review, the new ABM contract, 2 of the 3 quotes for HVAC work at the K-8 building, as well as an update on the septic system, and the Soft Docs solution.

Dr. Jewell stated that we need a solution for financial preparation. One choice is to hire a part-time contractor to do this. The Board asked Dr. Jewell to come back with a recommendation.

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Projected impacts of the tentative ERC funding formula appears to be negligible at this point in time. A state wide raise in minimum wage would increase the budget by \$370,000.

Summaries from written reports:

Federal: The new Migrant SSP was hired to work with 3-12 year olds. Our corrective action plan and the CLIP were approved.

SPED: Medicaid Audit found some issues. We are moving to the Georgia Online IP to ensure fidelity of our records. We have carryover money for Early Intervention Services. Our Special Education audit will be in February/March of 2016.

Tech: Lightning damage is being submitted for insurance. There are several upcoming expenses due to dated/damaged infrastructure and/or equipment.

#### FIELD TRIPS

Florence Staten made a motion to approve all field trips except#3 as no students will be attending that trip. Bo Corbett seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0

1. Middle School(Garner)- VSU Outdoor 10/23 \*
2. Counseling (Black)-Valdosta High Probe Fair – 10/26/15\*
3. Senior Student Council(Hamm) Jacksonville School Climate – 10/28/15
4. FCA(Guilliams) Valdosta 10/28/15
5. FFA Livestock Judging(Corbett) – Covington 11/6-7
6. FFA(Majeski)- Waycross Tractor Operation 11/11
7. FFA(Corbett) - Waycross Floriculture, Landscaping 11/11\*
8. FFA(Corbett) –Ocilla, Livestock Judging Regional - 11/17
9. Grade 1- Tifton, GA Museum/Village – 11/20\*
10. Grade 4- Jacksonville Zoo - 12/2\*
11. FFA (Majeski) –ABAC – 12/8
12. FFA (Majeski) – Cook County Ag Sales – 12/10
13. FBLA(Isgro) – Ware County High-Regional Competition – 1/13\*
14. Grade 2 – VSU, Bunnacula - 2/12\*
15. FBLA(Isgro) Athens-State Competition 3/6-8\*
16. Grade 5 – Jacksonville, MOSH - 3/10\*
17. Counseling – Wiregrass, Health Occupations – 4/12\*
18. PreK – Quitman, Exotic Animal Sanctuary – 4/15\*
19. 8th Grade – Orlando, Universal Studios – 5/13\*.

#### FUND RAISING REQUESTS

Bo Corbett made a motion to approve all fund raising requests except # 7 pending further information from Mr. Beale and the Superintendent regarding policy. Rocky Crosby seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

1. FBLA- Lollipop Sales 11/2 (Isgro)
2. Cheerleading – Cookies 11/2-13 (Sills)

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3. Senior Beta – Food Drive 11/4-18 (Highsmith) Service
4. Girls Basketball – Chicken Dinner 11/7(Carter)
5. FFA – Boston Butt Sale 11/19 (Majeski)
6. Senior Beta 9 Santa Shop 12/2-16 (Highsmith) Service
7. MS Student Council – Winter Dance 12/11(Crawford)
8. K-8 - St Jude Math-a-Thon 3/7-11 (Staten, B.) Service)

#### FACILITIES REQUEST

Rocky Corbett made a motion to approve all facilities requests except #12. Bo Corbett seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

9. FCCLA Taste of Echols 10/30, 11/13, 3/11, 4/8 ( Stone)
10. Legislative lunch - DFACS and Farm Bureau 11-2 old cafeteria on 11/9
11. Girls Basketball – Chicken Dinner 11/7(Carter Gym/Cafetorium)
12. MS Student Council – Winter Dance 12/11(Crawford Cafetorium)

#### NEW BUSINESS

Florence Staten made a motion to approve the contract amendment for ABM at \$450,00 per month after verification from the Superintendent that the charges are accurate regarding event set up hours. Bo Corbett seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

Rocky Crosby made a motion to approve the panel replacement to Aaction in the amount of \$6280.48. Bo Corbett seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

Florence Staten made a motion to approve the purchase of Imagine Leaning software from Title III funds in the amount of \$8500. Rocky Crosby seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

The selection of an HVAC vendor was postponed until a third quote is received.

The Board was given the MVC proposal to review.

Bo Corbett made a motion to approve the Bus Driver Appreciation proclamation. Florence Staten seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

Bo Corbett made a motion to adjust pay for athletic trips to \$50 for under 4.5 hour and \$85 for under 8 hours. Field trips are \$65 for Valdosta, \$80 for over 6 hours and \$150 for over 8 hours. It was noted that the new activities driver will be driving the vast majority of these trips at the regular full time rate for drivers. Florence Staten seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

The Audit Review for FY14 had findings. The Board expressed disappointment and stated the expectation for a similar report in FY15. The Board asked the Superintendent to bring a proposal to the Board for a contractor for this year as well as a longer term solution.

There was a discussion regarding the letter from FFRF. Dr. Jewell informed the Board that the Board attorney was in receipt of the letter and currently working on a response.

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POLICY

Mr. Register asked that GAGD be removed from consideration until next month. Florence Staten made a motion to introduce the other 4 polices as presented. Rocky Crosby seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

- a. GAGD-Staff Nepotism New
- b. JGJA – Suicide prevention New
- c. IHF(6) Language Change to accommodate Move on When Ready
- d. IFBG – Acceptable Use Change to include social media
- e. EEF - Competitive Foods - NEW

OLD BUSINESS

GARH-Leave Florence Staten made a motion to adopt. Bo Corbett seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

EEE-Wellness Bo Corbett made a motion to adopt. . Rocky Corbett seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Rocky Crosby made a motion to move into Executive Session to discuss Personnel at 9:10. Bo Corbett seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

Bo Corbett made a motion to exit Executive Session at 9:58. Rocky Crosby seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

PERSONNEL

Rocky Crosby made a motion to approve the hiring of Charles Carter III as a substitute bus driver and Paul Hebert as a full time activities driver. Florence Staten seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

Bo Corbett made a motion to approve the hiring of Matt Lukens as girls' soccer coach and Donya Coggins as assistant pending Dr. Jewell verifying the amount of the supplement for the position. Rocky Crosby seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

Rocky Crosby made a motion to approve the resignation of Allen Herrins, bus driver. Florence Staten seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

The Board meeting was adjourned at 10:00 PM by Chester Register.