

WEBSTER COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 9, 2013 AT 6:00 P.M.

The Webster County Board of Education held its regular meeting on December 9, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. Mrs. Linda Rogers, Mr. Donald Brown, Dr. Sophronia Thompkins, Ms. LaToya Riggins, Mr. Nehemiah Stevens, and Mrs. Janie Downer, Superintendent and Principal were present.

Mrs. Linda Rogers called the meeting to order.

Mrs. Linda Rogers gave the invocation.

Mrs. Linda Rogers recognized visitors.

The tentative agenda was approved with the amendment of adding to the agenda--#5 Approve to hire Scott Hudson as a substitute bus driver (pending completion of training and background check)--by a motion made by Mr. Donald Brown, seconded by Dr. Sophronia Thompkins. The motion was approved 4-1, with Mrs. Linda Rogers, Mr. Donald Brown, Dr. Sophronia Thompkins, and Ms. LaToya Riggins voting for the motion; Mr. Nehemiah Stevens opposing.

The November 2013 financial report was approved by a motion made by Mr. Nehemiah Stevens, seconded by Dr. Sophronia Thompkins. The motion was approved unanimously.

The November 5, 2013 special called meeting minutes were approved by a motion made by Mr. Nehemiah Stevens, seconded by Dr. Sophronia Thompkins. The motion was approved unanimously.

The November 11, 2013 regular meeting minutes were approved by a motion made by Mr. Nehemiah Stevens, seconded by Ms. LaToya Riggins. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Board approved personnel recommendations to hire Scott Hudson as a substitute bus driver (pending completion of training and background check) by a motion made by Mr. Donald Brown, seconded by Ms. LaToya Riggins. The motion was approved 4-1, with Mrs. Linda Rogers, Mr. Donald Brown, Dr. Sophronia Thompkins, and Ms. LaToya Riggins voting for the motion; Mr. Nehemiah Stevens abstaining.

Jason Williams addressed the Board. He introduced the Ferst Foundation to fund a book per month for children under 5 and encouraged individuals to donate.

James Cutts addressed the Board. He reported on student council activities and presented the Board members with a Blue Ribbon School pin.

Phil Addy addressed the Board. He commented on good progress of faculty, staff, and students. He also commented on Board members' actions during meetings.

Tony Kennedy addressed the Board. He commented on last Board meeting's information regarding the change in a bus route for safety of students on the school bus.

Brenda Morris addressed the Board. She commented on the things being discussed at Board meetings. She asked a question, is there a way to compromise matters of the administration and the employees?

Ronnie Crimes addressed the Board. He had concerns regarding the assigning of an extended bus route, administrative leave from the bus driving position, safety rules of transporting students, and employment termination process.

The Board approved the Resolution for Title 50 Waiver (minimum direct classroom expenditures) by a motion made by Ms. LaToya Riggins, seconded by Mr. Nehemiah Stevens. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Board approved Board meeting dates for 2014 by a motion made by Ms. LaToya Riggins, seconded by Mr. Donald Brown. The motion was approved unanimously.

Mrs. Downer presented the Superintendent's report. Mr. Greene presented the Special Education Report. Ms. Smith presented the Title I Report.

The Board approved personnel recommendation of the Superintendent to move Marfe Connor from a substitute lunchroom worker to a 49% lunchroom worker by a motion made by Dr. Sophronia Thompkins, seconded by Mr. Donald Brown. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Board approved personnel recommendation of the Superintendent to hire Hank Harry as a substitute bus driver (pending completion of training and background check) by a motion made by Ms. LaToya Riggins, seconded by Mr. Donald Brown. The motion was approved 4-1, with Mrs. Linda Rogers, Mr. Donald Brown, Dr. Sophronia Thompkins, and Ms. LaToya Riggins voting for the motion; Mr. Nehemiah Stevens abstaining.

Mrs. Downer notified the Board members that she was requesting a SACS investigation into Board actions/activities.

No action taken remaining items from this point; the meeting was adjourned by a motion made by Mr. Donald Brown, seconded by Mrs. Linda Rogers. (Meeting Dismissed)

Approved January 13, 2014