

WEBSTER COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 12, 2021 AT 6:00 P.M.

The Webster County Board of Education held its regular meeting on April 12, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. Mrs. Linda Rogers, Mrs. Mary Hinman, Mr. Donald Brown, Mr. Tim Matthews, Mr. Jimmie Johnson, and Mrs. Janie S. Downer, Superintendent/Principal were present.

Mrs. Linda Rogers called the meeting to order. Mr. Jimmie Johnson gave the invocation. Mrs. Linda Rogers recognized visitors.

The Board approved the tentative agenda with the amendment of adding to the agenda—#4 Approve Superintendent's Recommendation to Purchase a Combo Cooler/Freezer for the Lunchroom—by a motion made by Mrs. Mary Hinman, seconded by Mr. Jimmie Johnson. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Board approved the February 2021 Financial Report by a motion made by Mr. Donald Brown, seconded by Mrs. Mary Hinman. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Board approved the March 8, 2021 regular meeting minutes by a motion made by Mr. Jimmie Johnson, seconded by Mr. Donald Brown. The motion was approved unanimously.

Approve Superintendent's recommendation to purchase a combo cooler/freezer for the lunchroom in the amount of \$54,003 by a motion made by Mrs. Mary Hinman, seconded by Mr. Jimmie Johnson. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Board approved the in-person Honor's Day to be held in the gymnasium on May 7, 2021 by a motion made by Mr. Tim Matthews, seconded by Mr. Donald Brown. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Board approved the in-person Graduation to be held in the gymnasium on May 15, 2021 by a motion made by Mr. Jimmie Johnson, seconded by Mr. Donald Brown. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Board approved to hold work sessions every other month beginning in the month of May by a motion made by Mrs. Mary Hinman, seconded by Mr. Jimmie Johnson. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Board approved the Proposed Tentative Budget for Fiscal Year 2022 by a motion made by Mr. Donald Brown, seconded by Mr. Jimmie Johnson. The motion was approved unanimously. (The Board agreed to hold two public hearings to discuss the FY'22 Proposed Tentative Budget on April 26, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. and May 10, 2021 at 5:45 p.m.)

The Board approved the amended Public Participation in Board Meetings Policy BCBI by a motion made by Mr. Tim Matthews, seconded by Mr. Jimmie Johnson. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Board approved the 2021 Board Meeting Dates (Revised—Board Meetings Changed to the Second Tuesday of Each Month Effective 7/1/2021) by a motion made by Mrs. Mary Hinman, seconded by Mr. Tim Matthews. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Board approved the summer work hours for the Board of Education's office and school's office Monday through Thursday from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. (Closed Fridays) beginning 5/14/2021 - 8/20/2021 by a motion made by Mrs. Mary Hinman, seconded by Mr. Donald Brown. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Board approved the Superintendent's personnel recommendation for lunchroom worker, Ms. Annie McCoy, to work in housekeeping part-time for the summer (25 hours a week) by a motion made by Mrs. Mary Hinman, seconded by Mr. Jimmie Johnson. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Board approved the Superintendent's personnel recommendation for lunchroom worker, Ms. Helen Williams, to work in housekeeping part-time for the summer (25 hours a week) by a motion made by Mrs. Mary Hinman, seconded by Mr. Tim Matthews. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Board approved the Superintendent's personnel recommendation for lunchroom worker, Ms. Robin Vick, to work in housekeeping part-time for the summer (25 hours a week) by a motion made by Mr. Donald Brown, seconded by Mr. Jimmie Johnson. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Board approved the Superintendent's personnel recommendation to move Ms. Robin Vick from substitute lunchroom worker and bus driver to part-time lunchroom worker and bus driver by a motion made by Mrs. Mary Hinman, seconded by Mr. Donald Brown. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Board approved the Superintendent's personnel recommendation to hire Ms. Ethel Swift as a part-time custodian—25 hours a week—CARES Act Funding by a motion made by Mr. Tim Matthews, seconded by Mr. Jimmie Johnson. The motion was approved unanimously. (Pending Completion of Background Check and Drug Screening)

The Board approved the Superintendent's personnel recommendation to hire Ms. Brenda Crimes full-time in housekeeping for fiscal year 2022 and as needed through the end of this fiscal year, June 30, 2021—Retroactive 4/5/2021 by a motion made by Mr. Donald Brown, seconded by Mr. Tim Matthews. The motion was approved unanimously. (Pending Completion of Background Check and Drug Screening)

The Board approved the Superintendent's personnel recommendation to increase Ms. Lesley Hill's salary by 20% (Special Education and Cares Act Funding) by a motion made by Mrs. Mary Hinman, seconded by Mr. Tim Matthews. The motion was approved unanimously.

Mrs. Downer presented the Board with the Superintendent's Report—Mrs. Downer commented that the high school track team will be participating in the Westover track competition on Tuesday, April 13th. Pupil transportation has sent notification for eligibility to purchase a new school bus (state allocated \$77,220.00 per bus with the local paying the remaining balance). Notification has been received that the American Rescue Plan has been amended—to receive 65% of Webster Schools allotted amount. The state must then apply for the remaining 35%. Mrs. Downer provided the Board members with a chart of the allowable activities which ESSER, ESSER II, and ESSER III may be spent. Webster county school is in the process of getting quotes from several companies regarding the cost of replacing the cafeteria's walk-in freezer and cooler. Mrs. Downer commented, "The nutrition division has notified us that our actions are 'emergency' in status." EOG Milestones (in-person for all and by choice for remote students) are being administered this week. The Principal's picnic and Spring Fling activity is April 30th. Alisha Sylvester is Webster County's STAR Student and Valedictorian for the 2021 school year. Mr. Michael Baker is STAR Teacher. Malaysia Reliford is Salutatorian.

Title I Report—Mrs. Swain commented that the GA Milestone Testing is going on this week and High School testing will take place next week, working on new technology in the classrooms, compensation for administrator and custodian approved through CARES Act funding, seeking approval from CARES Act to fund the cost of purchasing the lunchroom cooler/freezer, and Summer Enrichment books have been ordered.

Special Education Report—Ms. Ellis commented that GAA testing is completed and has been mailed to the state for scoring, IEPs are being finalized, and we are in the process of looking for playground equipment to purchase for the students using special education funding.

CTAE Report—Dr. Ingram commented that FBLA Service Project “Cans for Children” March 24-April 16 (the goal is to collect 500 can—collected 317 cans so far and will be donated to the Webster County Family Connections). Jackets from the coat drive will be delivered to Family Connections Wednesday, April 14th. End of Pathway Assessments (Microsoft PowerPoint 2016) were administered March 26th to in-person and remote students--24 students to test which include students who did not test last year due to COVID-- retest is April 16th. Dr. Ingram also stated that she is in the process of completing the FY '21 CTAE budget and preparing for FY'22 Local Application/CLNA Grant Application for the May 14th sign-off. Summer Conference (July) for CTAE will be held in Athens—virtual or face-to-face options. HIGH SCHOOL: Students had a spectacular time at the Jr/Sr prom on March 27. EOCs – 4 (Coordinate Algebra, US History, Biology, American Literature) April 20-23, 2021. Apex – continuing to monitor – May 7th is the cut-off date for APEX completion. Start Student/Star Teacher, Honor Grads, marshals, and ushers have been announced—preparing for Honor’s Day and Graduation is in preparation. As of today, all seniors have been accepted to at least one post secondary school. During spring break, Dr. Ingram served as chairperson for SGTC Rick Perkins, Instructor of the Year Committee, along with other administrators from surrounding counties. SGTC has also asked Dr. Ingram to serve as a judge at the Regional competition for the GOAL and Rick Perkins Awards on April 27th in Tifton. Dr. Ingram commented, “This experience will allow us to represent Webster County in a very positive manner with the Technical schools across the state.”

The Board approved to adjourn by a motion made by Mr. Donald Brown, seconded by Mr. Jimmie Johnson. The motion was approved unanimously.

Time Adjourned: 6:44 p.m.

Prepared by: Regina T. Dotts

Approved: 5/10/2021