

WEBSTER COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
JUNE 14, 2021 AT 6:00 P.M.

The Webster County Board of Education held its regular scheduled meeting on June 14, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. Mrs. Linda Rogers, Mrs. Mary Hinman, Mr. Donald Brown, Mr. Jimmie Johnson, Mr. Tim Matthews, and Mrs. Janie S. Downer, Superintendent were present.

Mrs. Linda Rogers called the meeting to order.
Mr. Jimmie Johnson gave the invocation.
Mrs. Linda Rogers recognized visitors. (No comments given)

The Board approved the tentative agenda with the amendment of changing the name on line item #8 of the agenda—to read as Mrs. Gloria Johnson (Grandparent) instead of Gloria Johnson (Grandparent)—by a motion made by Mrs. Mary Hinman, seconded by Mr. Donald Brown. The motion was approved 4-1, with Mrs. Mary Hinman, Mr. Donald Brown, Mrs. Linda Rogers, and Mr. Tim Matthews voting for the motion; Mr. Jimmie Johnson abstained.

The Board approved the April 2021 financial report by a motion made by Mr. Tim Matthews, seconded by Mr. Jimmie Johnson. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Board approved the May 10, 2021 (5:00 p.m.) work session minutes by a motion made by Mr. Jimmie Johnson, seconded by Mrs. Mary Hinman. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Board approved the May 10, 2021 (5:45 p.m.) public hearing minutes by a motion made by Mr. Donald Brown, seconded by Mrs. Mary Hinman. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Board approved the May 10, 2021 (6:00 p.m.) regular meeting minutes by a motion made by Mr. Tim Matthews, seconded by Mrs. Mary Hinman. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Board approved the May 17, 2021 (5:30 p.m.) special called meeting minutes by a motion made by Mrs. Mary Hinman, seconded by Mr. Jimmie Johnson. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Board approved the May 24, 2021 (5:30 p.m.) special called meeting minutes by a motion made by Mrs. Mary Hinman, seconded by Mr. Jimmie Johnson. The motion was approved unanimously.

Mrs. Gloria Johnson (Grandparent) addressed the Board at this time. Mrs. Johnson had concerns regarding her grandson's honors/awards that were not recognized at the Honors Day Program as a remote learner. Mrs. Johnson also shared her grandson's honors/awards from previous years.

Terrence Clark, Jr. (Student) addressed the Board at this time. Terrence read a letter to Mrs. Downer regarding his time spent with the school and his honors/awards. Also, his reading was regarding his disappointment in not being recognized for receiving honors/awards at this year's Honors Day Program as a remote learner.

The Board Chairlady, Mrs. Linda Rogers, responded to both speakers on the agenda. Mrs. Rogers thanked them for addressing their concerns, and stated that the Board will get back with them at a later time.

The Board approved to enter into executive session to discuss or deliberate upon the appointment, employment, compensation, hiring, disciplinary action or dismissal, or periodic evaluating or rating of a public officer or employee or to interview applicants for the position of superintendent; (O.C.G.A. 50-14-

3(b)(2)) by a motion made by Mrs. Mary Hinman, seconded by Mr. Jimmie Johnson. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Board approved to exit out of executive session by a motion made by Mr. Donald Brown, seconded by Mr. Jimmie Johnson. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Board approved to appoint Dr. Dorothy Ingram as the Interim Superintendent beginning fiscal year 2022 (July 1, 2021) by a motion made by Mr. Donald Brown, seconded by Mr. Jimmie Johnson. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Board approved the recommendation of the Superintendent to appoint Ms. Paige Ellis as the Interim Principal beginning fiscal year 2022 (July 1, 2021) by a motion made by Mr. Tim Matthews, seconded by Mrs. Mary Hinman. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Board approved the recommendation of the Superintendent to hire Mr. Jesse Knight as a paraprofessional (pending completion of background check) by a motion made by Mrs. Mary Hinman, seconded by Mr. Jimmie Johnson. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Board approved fundraisers for 2021-2022 (listed on memo dated 6/14/2021) by a motion made by Mrs. Mary Hinman, seconded by Mr. Jimmie Johnson. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Board approved courses with no textbook for 2021-2022 (listed on memo dated 6/14/2021) by a motion made by Mr. Donald Brown, seconded by Mr. Tim Matthews. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Board completed the second reading of the Teacher Evaluation Appeal Policy GBIA.

The Board approved the Teacher Evaluation Appeal Policy GBIA by a motion made by Mr. Donald Brown, seconded by Mrs. Mary Hinman. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Board approved the superintendent's recommendation to purchase flooring from Pool Brothers for the front offices and media center in the amount \$41,138.29 by a motion made by Mrs. Mary Hinman, seconded by Mr. Time Matthews. The motion was approved unanimously.

Mrs. Downer presented the Superintendent's report—commented that the flooring for the main offices and the media center is scheduled to be installed beginning the week of July 5th. The freezer/cooler for the kitchen is scheduled to be installed the first week in August (The school will store frozen items in the freezer at Mom's Kitchen). The cleaning, repairing, repainting, and (most importantly) sanitizing is in full progress (The custodial employees are doing a fantastic job). Also, Mrs. Downer commented that Mr. McCullough, Mrs. Minick, and Mr. Riggins are working together to provide consistent physical conditioning activities this summer. The community Attendance Protocol Committee approved the 2021-2022 Attendance Protocol for the Webster County Schools (Hand-out). GSBA recently published the Bills that passed in 2021 (Hand-out). Based on information gathered by Chattahoochee-Flint RESA, all schools in our region are planning to open school in the fall with 100% in-person classes. Lastly, Mrs. Downer left a message with the Board as she leaves the school system — “Finally, and most importantly, I urge this Board to faithfully carry out your responsibilities as the policy makers for Webster County Schools, by ensuring that our children are taught truths in history. History is based on primary evidence, not speculation or supposition or theory. American History contains good events and bad events. We have and we must continue to correct the bad. To do this, we must study historical events including those that were wrong and many times horrible. We must also look at where we were as a nation in the past, where

we are as a nation today, and where we want our nation to be in the future. The divisive rhetoric that is being spewed today is not the heart of our country; it is a cancer. To protect our future, we must educate our children by teaching them that all people are created equal and that they have been endowed with equal status by God.”

Mrs. Swain presented the Title I report—commented on Federal Programs: currently working on spending the rest of CARES ACT I funds (Deadline is September 30, 2021) and started spending ESSER CARES ACT II funds. A few changes have been made in the School Improvement Plan and the Parent and Family Engagement Plan. A virtual Title I-A meeting has taken place—there was no one in attendance for input into the plan. A home survey has been completed, and the results were used for the Parent Involvement Plan and the School Improvement Plan (Page 3 of Parent Involvement Plan). Mrs. Swain stated that the new flooring is scheduled to be installed starting July 5th (ESSER CARES ACT II Funding). Testing and Curriculum: testing results are embargoed. When the embargo is lifted, the school will have a report. Lastly, Mrs. Swain commented that the Math standards are changing for the school year 2022-2023—three teachers are attending the new Math standards breakdown through RESA. For the 2022-2023 school year, there will be a required offering for a Computer Science class (one class for 8th grade and one course for H.S.). Two teachers are attending training now for instructing these classes.

Ms. Ellis presented the Special Education report—commented that they are hoping to spend the funds from flow through budget on furniture and supplies for the Special Education life skills room but just like the playground equipment, much of the furnishings were denied. Also, Ms. Ellis commented that they are using the funds for technology, extra iPads for the students, portable smart boards, and possibly computers with touch screen, so they are more accessible. Lastly, Ms. Ellis commented that they are looking forward to Mr. Jesse Knight joining the Special Education as a paraprofessional—a tentative plan is in place if they don't find a certified Special Education Teacher, and Mr. Knight will play a big part in that as well.

Dr. Ingram presented the CTAE report—commented on closing out FY'21 CTAE/Perkins Plus Grant budgets by June 30, 2021; waiting for GADOE's approval of FY'22 Local Application, CLNA Grant Application, and Perkins Plus Grant Applications; preparing for FY'22 Perkins Monitoring and Risk Assessment—October 2021; updating CTAE nondiscrimination notifications and pathway offerings; and GACTE is in July 2021 (In-Person). High School: Editing the handbook, contacting parents of students who failed courses, discussing summer credit recovery options and Academic scheduling for the next school year. High school event scheduling—ASAB, PSAT, senior events, dual enrollment workshops, etc. Also, Dr. Ingram commented that she attended the Summer Math Con Virtual Conference—new Math standards coming for 2022-2023 (June 8th and 9th); Dual Enrollment Virtual Conference is June 17, 2021; Georgia's Reimagining Education Virtual Conference is June 21-22 (Resources for schools to ensure a high-quality education for the whole child); Computer Science Education District Implementation Virtual Workshop is June 23, 2021 (Meet the requirements of SB108 requiring all Georgia middle and high schools to offer computer science); and Summer GAEL is July 2021 (Virtual). Dual Enrollment: Students are doing well this summer. Lastly, Dr. Ingram commented that she remains in contact with students via email and telephone throughout the summer.

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

Prepared by: Regina T. Dotts
Time Adjourned: 7:10 p.m.
Approved: 7/13/2021