

WEBSTER COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 13, 2014 AT 6:00 P.M.

The Webster County Board of Education held its regular meeting on January 13, 2014 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/Principal were present.

Mrs. Linda Rogers called the meeting to order.

Mrs. Linda Rogers gave the invocation.

Mrs. Linda Rogers recognized visitors. No comments.

The tentative agenda was approved with the amendment of deleting from the agenda—7. Public Participation e. Jacquilla Scott (cancelled)--by a motion made by Mr. Donald Brown, seconded by Dr. Sophronia Thompkins. The motion was approved unanimously.

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

The December 9, 2013 regular meeting minutes were approved by a motion made by Ms. LaToya Riggins, seconded by Mr. Donald Brown. The motion was approved unanimously.

Ms. LaToya Riggins nominated Dr. Sophronia Thompkins as Vice-Chairlady for 2014. Dr. Sophronia Thompkins was elected as Vice-Chairman for 2014 with Ms. LaToya Riggins, Mr. Nehemiah Stevens, and Dr. Sophronia Thompkins voting for the election; Mrs. Linda Rogers and Mr. Donald Brown opposing. (Mrs. Linda Rogers nominated Mr. Donald Brown as Vice-Chairman for 2014. The election failed with Mrs. Linda Rogers and Mr. Donald Brown voting for the election; Mr. Nehemiah Stevens, Ms. LaToya Riggins, and Dr. Sophronia Thompkins opposing.)

Mrs. Linda Rogers read Board policy regarding public participation and pointed out that the time limit for speaking is two minutes.

James Cutts addressed the Board. He highlighted on student council updates (presently holding fundraisers, blood drives, etc.)

Janet Bush addressed the Board. She commented that the system should be focused on the students rather than disagreements between the Board members and School Administrators.

Brenda Morris addressed the Board. She commented that administration is doing a remarkable job in areas, but sometimes compromising is in order during some disagreements.

Ronnie Crimes addressed the Board. He commented on the Superintendent's salary. He also commented that he is willing to compromise if the administration would compromise.

Phil Addy addressed the Board. He commented on Ronnie Crimes' speaking regarding Superintendent's salary. He also commented that SACS has received information regarding last Board meeting's actions.

Bill Minick addressed the Board. He commented that the Superintendent should be commended and that the students' education is number one. He also commented that the Superintendent is keeping the county taxes low.

Wayne Dillard addressed the Board. He commented on the student speaking on school council as well as other speakers during the Board meeting. He also commented that the actions of the last Board meeting were unnecessary.

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

The Board approved the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve Bonnece Thornton's medical/sick leave for the processing period of disability retirement application (bus driver) by a motion made by Mr. Nehemiah Stevens, seconded by Ms. LaToya Riggins. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Board approved the recommendation of the Superintendent to move Sallie Minick from a long-term substitute teacher to a full-time teacher (January 1, 2014 effective date) by a motion made by Mr. Donald Brown, seconded by Ms. LaToya Riggins. The motion was approved 4-1, with Mr. Donald Brown, Ms. LaToya Riggins, Mrs. Linda Rogers, and Dr. Sophronia Thompkins voting for the motion; Mr. Nehemiah Stevens opposing.

The Board entered into executive session to evaluate the superintendent by a motion made by Mr. Nehemiah Stevens, seconded by Ms. LaToya Riggins. The motion was carried unanimously.

The Board exited out of executive session by a motion made by Ms. LaToya Riggins, seconded by Mr. Nehemiah Stevens. The motion was carried unanimously.

No action taken.

The meeting was adjourned by a motion made by Mr. Nehemiah Stevens, seconded by Ms. LaToya Riggins. The motion was carried unanimously.

APPROVED FEBRUARY 10, 2014