**QUITMAN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**GEORGETOWN, GEORGIA**

**MINUTES OF OCTOBER 3, 2017**

**REGULAR MEETING**

The Quitman County Board of Education met in a regular session on October 3, 2017, at 7:00 p.m. in the Boardroom of the Administrative Office, 215 Kaigler Road. Mr. Willie J. Anderson, Chairman, presided.

**PRESENT:** Mr. Willie J. Anderson, Chairman; Mr. Billy Shirah, Sr., Vice Chairman; Mr. Jimmy Eleby, Mrs. Christi Green, and Mr. Larry Wilborn; Board members; and Mrs. Victoria Harris, School Superintendent.

**ABSENT:** None.

**CALL TO ORDER AND OPENING CEREMONY**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Anderson with a moment of silence followed by the Pledge.

**AGENDA APPROVAL**

The Superintendent recommended approval of the agenda as printed. On a motion by Mr. Wilborn and a second by Mr. Shirah, the Board voted unanimously (5, 0), to accept the Superintendent’s recommendation. The motion passed.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The Superintendent recommended approval of September 5, 2017 Regular Board Minutes. On a motion by Mr. Shirah and a second by Mrs. Green, the Board voted unanimously (5, 0), to accept the Superintendent’s recommendation. The motion passed.

The Superintendent recommended approval of September 20, 2017 Called Board Minutes. On a motion by Mr. Wilborn and a second by Mr. Shirah, the Board voted unanimously (5, 0), to accept the Superintendent’s recommendation. The motion passed.

**SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORTS & UPDATES**

Principal Jones gave a brief School update. He reported that the Juniors and Seniors would be bussed to Andrew College on November 4th to take the SAT and to Eufaula High School on December 9th to take the ACT. The students will travel to Americus to a Probe Fair on October 5th. The Seniors will be doing an overnight trip, if approved by the Board. The SIG items were ordered and delivered. The Elementary Gym bleachers will be installed on Thursday. There are 130 After School students and 16 staff members (teachers & paraprofessionals) working in the program.

Superintendent Harris shared a letter with the Board from the County Commissioners in regards to the collaborative efforts of the school system and county commission’s office as it relates to working together to set up the shelter during Tropical Storm Irma.An appreciation event will be held for the ones that worked at the shelter.

Superintendent Harris recognized Miss Gladys Burks on her retirement. She had 18 years of service.

The Superintendent recognized the August Students and Employees of the Month.

The Superintendent recognized those staff members that were instrumental in making sure that the shelter ran smoothly.

The Superintendent shared with the Board that Georgia Accreditation Commissions certificates had been sent for all schools. All schools were ***Accredited with Quality***.

**PERSONNEL (EXECUTIVE SESSION)**

The Superintendent recommended entering executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel. On a motion by Mr. Shirah and a second by Mrs. Green, the Board voted unanimously (5, 0), to accept the Superintendent’s recommendation. The motion passed.

On a motion by Mr. Shirah and a second by Mr. Wilborn, the Board voted unanimously (5, 0), to resume regular session. The motion passed.

Chairman Anderson stated that the Board had met in executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel. No decisions were made and no votes were taken; only discussion took place. However, the Superintendent may have some recommendations resulting from the Executive Session.

The Superintendent recommended approval of Mrs. Carrie Dennard as a part-time lunchroom worker. On a motion by Mr. Shirah and a second by Mr. Wilborn, the Board voted (4, 1), to accept the Superintendent’s recommendation. The motion passed. (Shirah, Wilborn, Eleby, and Green voted yes, Mr. Anderson abstained).

The Superintendent recommended approval of Mrs. Loretta Respress as a substitute lunchroom worker. On a motion by Mr. Wilborn and a second by Mr. Eleby, the Board voted (4, 1) to accept the Superintendent’s recommendation. The motion passed. (Wilborn, Eleby, Green, and Shirah voted yes, Mr. Anderson abstained).

The Superintendent recommended approval of Ms. Amy Kelly as a substitute lunchroom worker. On a motion by Mr. Wilborn and a second by Mr. Eleby, the Board voted (5, 0), to accept the Superintendent’s recommendation. The motion passed.

The Superintendent recommended approval of Mr. Radney Williams as a substitute teacher. On a motion by Mr. Shirah and a second by Mr. Eleby, the Board voted unanimously (5, 0), to accept the Superintendent’s recommendation. The motion passed.

The Superintendent recommended approval of Mrs. Joanne Dunsmore as a teacher in the SOAR After School Program. On a motion by Mr. Shirah and a second by Mr. Eleby, the Board voted unanimously (5, 0), to accept the Superintendent’s recommendation. The motion passed.

The Superintendent recommended approval of Mr. Jacobris Jackson as a teacher in the SOAR After School Program. On a motion by Mr. Wilborn and a second by Mr. Eleby, the Board voted unanimously (5, 0), to accept the Superintendent’s recommendation. The motion passed.

The Superintendent recommended approval of Ms. Teena Ceaser as a substitute paraprofessional in the SOAR After School Program. On a motion by Mr. Shirah and a second by Mr. Wilborn, the Board voted (4, 1), to accept the Superintendent’s recommendation. The motion passed. (Shirah, Wilborn, Eleby, and Green voted yes, Mr. Anderson abstained).

The Superintendent recommended approval of Mr. Felix Galloway as the Asst. Varsity Girls Basketball Coach. On a motion by Mr. Shirah and a second by Mr. Wilborn, the Board voted unanimously (5, 0), to accept the Superintendent’s recommendation. The motion passed.

The Superintendent recommended approval of Miss Tunisia Russell’s resignation from the SOAR After School Program. On a motion by Mr. Wilborn and a second by Mr. Shirah, the Board voted unanimously (5, 0), to accept the Superintendent’s recommendation. The motion passed.

**FINANCIAL REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER 2017 AND TAX COLLECTIONS FOR AUGUST 2017**

The Superintendent recommended approval of the Financial Report for September 2017 and the Tax Collections for August 2017. On a motion by Mr. Wilborn and a second by Mr. Eleby, the Board voted unanimously (5, 0), to accept the Superintendent’s recommendation. The motion passed.

The Superintendent recommended BB&T for the Schneider Lighting project. On a motion by Mr. Wilborn and a second by Mr. Shirah, the Board voted unanimously (5, 0), to accept the Superintendent’s recommendation. The motion passed.

**MAINTENANCE & OPERATIONS**

The Superintendent recommended approval of an overnight field trip for the Senior Class to Savannah State and Georgia Southern on November 6 -7, 2017. On a motion by Mr. Wilborn and a second by Mr. Eleby, the Board voted unanimously (5, 0), to accept the Superintendent’s recommendation. The motion passed.

The Superintendent recommended Danny Lynn Electrical & Plumbing to install 4 receptacles in the halls for $725.00 and to wire 9 ceiling mount receptacles for $950.00. On a motion by Mr. Wilborn and a second by Mr. Shirah, the Board voted unanimously (5, 0), to accept the Superintendent’s recommendation. The motion passed.

The Superintendent shared that all items that were approved at the Called Board Meeting had been delivered and there are no issues with deadlines**.**

The Superintendent reported that the Elementary School Bleachers would be delivered on Thursday, October 5, 2017. There was discussion as to what to do with the old bleachers. The Board would like to sell the metal and the wood if possible.

NEW & UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Superintendent Harris, Chairman Anderson, and Vice Chairman Shirah shared information from the joint committee meeting with the County Commissioners.

The Superintendent recommended approval of a “Bag for Bucks” fundraiser for the athletic department. The activity will be held at the Piggly Wiggly locations in Eufaula, Alabama. On a motion by Mr. Shirah and a second by Mrs. Green, the Board voted unanimously (5, 0), to accept the Superintendent’s recommendation. The motion passed.

The Superintendent recommended approval of the MOU between Quitman County Schools and the University of Georgia for teacher clinical experiences. On a motion by Mr. Wilborn and a second by Mrs. Green, the Board voted unanimously (5, 0), to accept the Superintendent’s recommendation. The motion passed.

The Superintendent shared the Quitman County and Clay County agreement with the Board. The Board gave unanimous consent to the agreement.

The Superintendent recommended approval of the 2017-2018 Local Board Training Plan. On a motion by Mr. Shirah and a second by Mr. Eleby, the Board voted unanimously (5, 0), to accept the Superintendent’s recommendation. The motion passed.

**Announcements**

The Superintendent announced that the REACH Scholarship Signing would be held on Oct. 4, 2017 (10:00 – 11:00 a.m.) in the gym.

The Superintendent announced that the Teacher of the Year Reception would be held on Oct. 6, 2017 at 3:00 p.m. in the cafeteria.

The Superintendent announced that the Board of Education Retreat would be held on October 20th and 21st at George T. Bagby State Park in Ft Gaines, Georgia.

**ADJOURNMENT**

With there being no other business to discuss, on a motion by Mr. Shirah and a second by Mr. Wilborn, the Board voted unanimously (5, 0), to adjourn.

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Chairman Secretary