**QUITMAN COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**GEORGETOWN, GEORGIA**

**MINUTES OF APRIL 9, 2019**

**REGULAR MEETING**

The Quitman County Board of Education met in a regular session on April 9, 2019 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 (briefly left the meeting); 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**

On a motion by Mr. Shirah and a second by Mr. Eleby, the Board voted unanimously (4, 0), to accept the Agenda as printed. (Anderson, Eleby, Green, and Shirah voted yes.) The motion passed.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The Superintendent recommended approval of March 5, 2019 Regular Board Minutes, with a correction on page 4 in the 1st paragraph, (the CD proposal should be $250,000 instead of $25,000). On a motion by Mr. Shirah and a second by Mrs. Green, the Board voted unanimously (4, 0), to accept the Superintendent’s recommendation. (Anderson, Eleby, Green, and Shirah voted yes.) The motion passed.

The Superintendent recommended approval of March 27, 2019 Called Board Minutes. On a motion by Mr. Shirah and a second by Mr. Wilborn, the Board voted (3, 2) to accept the Superintendent’s recommendation. Mr. Eleby and Mrs. Green abstained due to their absence from the meeting. The motion passed.

**SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORTS & UPDATES**

Mr. Jonathan Curry gave the Board an update on school safety. He shared the different safety devices that we have on hand as well as shared the staff members that have been trained. Mr. Curry also gave the Board an update on school events.

Superintendent Harris recognized the student and staff members for the month of March.

Superintendent Harris shared a *Thank You Note* from Mrs. Heidi Goodin of RESA in reference to the STEM program.

Superintendent Harris shared that the high school teachers will be offering After School tutoring in an effort to help prepare the students for the Spring EOC test.

Superintendent Harris shared that the district was awarded the *Summer Transition Program* grant for the Pre-K students who would be transitioning to Kindergarten next year.

Superintendent Harris shared newspaper articles with the Board.

Superintendent Harris shared the Georgia Movie Academy Ceremony program with each Board member.

**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 Mr. Eleby, the Board voted unanimously (4, 0), to accept the Superintendent’s recommendation. (Anderson, Eleby, Green, and Shirah voted yes.) The motion passed.

On a motion by Mr. Shirah and a second by Mr. Eleby, the Board voted unanimously (5, 0), to resume regular session. (Anderson, Eleby, Green, Shirah and Wilborn voted yes.) 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 the slate of Central Office Staff for the 2019-2020 school year. On a motion by Mr. Shirah and a second by Mrs. Green, the Board voted unanimously (5, 0), to accept the Superintendent’s recommendation. (Anderson, Eleby, Green, Shirah, and Wilborn voted yes.) The motion passed.

The Superintendent recommended approval of the slate of School Administrative Staff for the 2019-2020 school year. On a motion by Mr. Shirah and a second by Mrs. Green, the Board voted unanimously (5, 0), to accept the Superintendent’s recommendation. (Anderson, Eleby, Green, Shirah, and Wilborn voted yes.) The motion passed.

**FINANCE**

The Superintendent recommended approval of the Financial Report for March 2019. On a motion by Mr. Shirah and a second by Mrs. Green, the Board voted unanimously (5, 0), to accept the Superintendent’s recommendation. (Anderson, Eleby, Green, Shirah, and Wilborn voted yes.) The motion passed.

The Superintendent recommended approval of the Tax Collections for February 2019 plus the additional $26,643.19 for January’s M & O. On a motion by Mr. Shirah and a second by Mr. Eleby, the Board voted unanimously (5, 0), to accept the Superintendent’s recommendation. (Anderson, Eleby, Green, Shirah, and Wilborn voted yes.) The motion passed.

The Superintendent reviewed Budget Items with the Board which included Big Ticket Items for 2019-2020. She also reviewed information concerning the $3,000.00 increase for teachers and 2% increase for non-certified staff.

**MAINTENANCE & OPERATIONS**

The Superintendent recommended approval of a quote from Flowers Plumbing to complete the plumbing work on the Head Start Building bathrooms in the amount of $677.55 (a 2nd quote by Danny Lynn was $875.00). On a motion by Mr. Wilborn and a second by Mr. Shirah, the Board voted unanimously (5, 0), to accept the Superintendent’s recommendation. (Anderson, Eleby, Green, Shirah, and Wilborn voted yes.) The motion passed.

**NEW & UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

The Board was given the opportunity to make GSBA Legislative Positions Suggestions. There were none.

The Board discussed the School Facility Use Policy. They would like to change the application time from 10 days in advance of use to 48 hours and the cancellation time from less than 48 hours’ notice to 24 hours (both of these are found in #7). The Superintendent recommended the adjustment be made and the policy be posted as 1st Reading and the Board vote on it at the May meeting. The Board unanimously agreed.

The Superintendent recommended approval of the Memorandum of Agreement between Quitman County Board of Education and Clay County Board of Education to educate their high school students. On a motion by Mr. Shirah and a second by Mr. Eleby, the Board voted unanimously (5, 0), to accept the Superintendent’s recommendation. (Anderson, Eleby, Green, Shirah, and Wilborn voted yes.) The motion passed.

The Superintendent recommended approval of the Middle School shirt sale fundraiser. On a motion by Mr. Shirah and a second by Mr. Wilborn, the Board voted unanimously (5, 0), to accept the Superintendent’s recommendation. (Anderson, Eleby, Green, Shirah, and Wilborn voted yes.) The motion passed.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Superintendent shared the following with the Board:

Field Trip & Activity Schedule

Shepherd’s Collaborative will meet April 11, 2019 @ 12:00 noon

Bootstrap Conference – April 16 -18, 2019

The Board & Administrator Brochure

**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. (Anderson, Eleby, Green, Shirah, and Wilborn voted yes.) The motion passed.

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Chairman Secretary