

WEBSTER COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 8, 2021 AT 6:00 P.M.

The Webster County Board of Education held its regular meeting on March 8, 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. Linda Rogers gave the invocation.

Mrs. Linda Rogers recognized visitors.

The tentative agenda was approved with the amendment of adding to the agenda—#4 Approve Superintendent's recommendation to accept as a gift, 10.78 acres of land (known as the Mudcats field)—by a motion made by Mr. Tim Matthews, seconded by Mr. Donald Brown. The motion was approved unanimously.

The approval of January 2021 financial report was approved by a motion made by Mrs. Mary Hinman, seconded by Mr. Jimmie Johnson. The motion was approved unanimously.

The February 8, 2021 regular meeting minutes were approved by a motion made by Mrs. Mary Hinman, seconded by Mr. Donald Brown. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Board approved the Superintendent's recommendation to accept as a gift, 10.78 acres of land (known as the Mudcats field) by a motion made by Mr. Donald Brown, seconded by Mr. Jimmy Johnson. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Board decided to table the motion to amend the Participation in Board Meetings Policy BCBI until Mr. Sampson has sent information requested.

The Board approved the Junior & Senior Prom at Americus Carnegie Library (March 27, 2021) by a motion made by Mrs. Mary Hinman, seconded by Mr. Jimmie Johnson. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Board approved to accept the resignation (retirement) of Mrs. Beverly Matthews as a teacher by a motion made by Mrs. Mary Hinman, seconded by Mr. Jimmie Johnson. The motion was approved 4-1, with Mrs. Linda Rogers, Mrs. Mary Hinman, Donald Brown, Mr. Jimmie Johnson; Mr. Tim Matthews abstained.

The Board approved to accept the resignation (retirement) of Mrs. Linda Foreman as a custodian by a motion made by Mr. Tim Matthews, seconded by Mrs. Mary Hinman. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Board approved the Superintendent's personnel recommendation to rehire all certified teachers (listed on memo dated March 8, 2021) for 2021-2022 school year by a motion made by Mr. Donald Brown, seconded by Mr. Tim Matthews. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Board approved the Superintendent's personnel recommendation to rehire Mrs. Deidre Sterling as a for 2021-2022 school year—move from Teacher to an Administrative Assistant with extended day (Curriculum, RTI, CARES Act) 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 Mrs. Jamie McCullough as a teacher by a motion made by a motion made by Mr. Tim Matthews, seconded by Mrs. Mary Hinman. The motion was approved unanimously. (Pending Completion of Background Check)

The Board approved the Superintendent's personnel recommendation to hire Ms. Jennifer Godwin as a teacher by a motion made by a motion made by Mrs. Mary Hinman, seconded by Mr. Tim Matthews. The motion was approved unanimously. (Pending Completion of Background Check)

Superintendent's report—(handouts) Mrs. Downer commented that baseball and track seasons are underway, so far. She is in the process of investigating the possibility of the school system acquiring ownership of "Mudcat Field" to allow for the expansion of physical education and competitive athletic programs (handout). The Board was notified about the BOE recognition program (handout). The 2022 budget is being debated at the Capitol (handout). There are plans in place for having an in-person Honors Day in the gym for the in-person learners and their parents. Due to the pandemic, the 11th and 12th grade students are not being charged dues for the Prom this year. A letter was received from Superintendent Woods for the assessment and accountability decision from the U.S. Department of Education (handout). The academic teams are meeting to discuss prioritized lists for Cares Act II purchases—the beginning of the process. Lastly, a copy of the evaluation form that the Superintendent completes on classified employees was presented to the Board members.

Title I Report—Mrs. Swain was not present, but Mrs. Downer commented on the department still working on ideas for spending the CARES Act funds.

Special Education Report—Ms. Ellis commented that the Sp. Ed. Department is happy that Ms. Averett returned today and that Ms. Barfield is scheduled to return Friday. Ms. Ellis also commented on the Sp. Ed. department is still going well.

CTAE Report Dr. Ingram—CTAE: Students and teachers enjoyed College and Career Fair 2/25/2021; College day is March 8th and 9th with virtual Spring PROBE College Tour sponsored by GA Educational Curriculum Committee, Inc.—H.S. students have registered, 45 minute blocks (5:00, 6:00, and 7:00 p.m.), parents and students invited to attend virtually. FBLA Service Project "Coats for A Cause" was very successful— the coats and jackets will be donated to the Webster County Schools Clothes Closet and Family Connections (32 jackets/coats collected). Perkins V Plus Grant was submitted to fund the End of Pathway Assessments and GMETRIX EOPA Preparation Program. Fiscal 2022 CTAE Risk Assessment Survey has been completed and submitted to DOE. CTAE Advisory Committee Meeting is March 10, 2021 via zoom. Work-based learning workshop (Ingram & Baker) is March 11, virtual— planning to implement work-based learning next school year as required by GA DOE to meet CTAE Core Indicators. CTAE Con App and CLNA will open March 24th and May 14th is the sign-off deadline. The End of Pathway Assessments is March 24th and 25th. HIGH SCHOOL: students participated in the Wellness Survey required by DOE today. Seniors are applying to college, scholarships, and financial aid (8 of 11 seniors have been accepted to multiple colleges). Freshman orientation was held today during school with 8th graders; EOCs: 4 (Coordinate Algebra, US History, Biology, American Literature) is April 20-23, 2021; APEX—monitoring student progress and making parent contact. DUAL ENROLLMENT: GSW registration held for Summer and Fall 2021 (6 students) is March 4th; South Georgia Technical College Dual Enrollment Registration (5 students) is March 23rd – decrease this Summer because seniors will graduate. Dr. Ingram also included a handout for the Board members that highlights CTAE month.

The meeting was adjourned by a motion made by Mr. Donald Brown, seconded by Mrs. Mary Hinman.
The motion was approved unanimously.

Time Adjourned: 6:36 P.M.
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Approved: 4/12/2021