

WEBSTER COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 11, 2013 AT 6:00 P.M.

The Webster County Board of Education held its regular meeting on February 11, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. Mrs. Linda Rogers, Mr. Donald Brown, Dr. Sophronia Thompkins, Ms. LaToya Riggins, Mr. Nehemiah Stevens, and Mrs. Janie S. Downer, Superintendent/Principal were present.

Mrs. Linda Rogers called the meeting to order.

Mrs. Linda Rogers gave the invocation.

Mrs. Linda Rogers recognized visitors.

The tentative agenda was approved with the amendment of omitting #5 Liz Guynn and adding #9 To Hire Maggie Thomas as 49% Special Education Teacher by a motion made by Mr. Donald Brown, seconded by Ms. LaToya Riggins. The motion was approved unanimously.

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

The January 14, 2013 regular meeting minutes were approved by a motion made by Mr. Nehemiah Stevens, seconded by Ms. LaToya Riggins. The motion was approved unanimously.

Ulysses Williams addressed the Board at this time. He requested for his bus driver's supplement be placed back on his salary as well as back pay from the time the supplement was removed from his salary.

Linda Whiddon addressed the Board at this time. She had complaints against the Superintendent/Principal.

Ronnie Crimes addressed the Board at this time. He had concerns with his daughter's name being brought up in a previous Board meeting matter about other students. He also requested that bus drivers' supplement be placed back on their salary as well as back pay from the time the supplement was removed from their salary.

Brenda Morris addressed the Board at this time. She had concerns about the Board of Education's office building size and purchase.

The Board approved to hire Maggie Thomas as 49% Special Education Teacher by a motion made by Dr. Sophronia Thompkins, seconded by Mr. Nehemiah Stevens. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Board approved the school Board training by Mr. Cory Kirby of Harben, Hartley, and Hawkins (School Board Attorney) by a motion made by Dr. Sophronia Thompkins, seconded by Mr. Donald Brown. The motion was approved unanimously. The Board will set the date of training at a later time.

The Board approved the school calendar for 2013-2014 by a motion made by Mr. Nehemiah Stevens, seconded by Dr. Sophronia Thompkins. The motion was approved unanimously.

(February 11, 2013 Regular Meeting Minutes *continued*)

Mrs. Downer presented the Superintendent's report.

Mr. John Greene presented the Special Education Report.

Mrs. Downer presented the Title I Report prepared by Mrs. LeAnne Eason.

The Board tabled the recommendations of the Superintendent to re-hire the administrative staff for 2013-2014 by a motion made by Dr. Sophronia Thompkins, seconded by Mr. Nehemiah Stevens. The motion carried 4-1, with Dr. Sophronia Thompkins, Mr. Nehemiah Stevens, Mr. Donald Brown, Ms. LaToya Riggins voting for the motion; Mrs. Linda Rogers opposing.

The Board approved the recommendations of the Superintendent to re-hire the certified teachers for 2013-2014 by a motion made by Ms. LaToya Riggins, seconded by Mr. Donald Brown. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Board approved to enter into executive session to discuss matters of the visitors who addressed the Board by a motion made by Mr. Nehemiah Stevens, seconded by Dr. Sophronia Thompkins. The motion was approved unanimously.

The Board approved to exit out of executive session by a motion made by Mr. Nehemiah Stevens, seconded by Dr. Sophronia Thompkins. The motion was approved unanimously.

No action taken.

The meeting was adjourned by a motion made by Mr. Donald Brown, seconded by Mr. Nehemiah Stevens. The motion was carried unanimously.

**Approved 3/11/2013**

WEBSTER COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING MINUTES  
FEBRUARY 14, 2013 AT 6:00 P.M.

The Webster County Board of Education held a special called meeting on February 14, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. Mrs. Linda Rogers, Mr. Donald Brown, Dr. Sophronia Thompkins, Ms. LaToya Riggins, Mr. Nehemiah Stevens, and Mrs. Janie S. Downer, Superintendent/Principal were present.

Mrs. Linda Rogers called the meeting to order.

Mrs. Linda Rogers gave the invocation.

Mrs. Linda Rogers recognized visitors.

The Board approved the tentative agenda by a motion made by Mr. Nehemiah Stevens, seconded by Ms. LaToya Riggins. The motion was approved unanimously.

Mrs. Linda Rogers read a letter from Mrs. Janie S. Downer requesting for the Board to accept her resignation as Superintendent/Principal with effective date of March 31, 2013. The Board approved to accept Mrs. Janie S. Downer's resignation with the effective date of March 31, 2013 by a motion made by Mr. Nehemiah Stevens, seconded by Dr. Sophronia Thompkins. The motion passed 3-2, with Mr. Nehemiah Stevens, Dr. Sophronia Thompkins, Ms. LaToya Riggins voting for the motion; Mrs. Linda Rogers and Mr. Donald Brown opposing.

The Board set three possible dates (March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>) to hold the whole Board training with the School Board Attorney, Cory Kirby by a motion made by Ms. LaToya Riggins, seconded by Dr. Sophronia Thompkins. The motion was approved unanimously. The attorney will contact the Board on which date he is available for the training.

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

**Approved 3/11/2013**