

MINUTES OF MEETING

July 19, 2010

The regular meeting of the Whitfield County Board of Education was held at the Whitfield County Central Office on July 19, 2010. Board Chairman Tim Trew called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Executive Session

Superintendent Danny Hayes recommended the board move into executive session to discuss personnel. Gary Brock moved approval and Thomas Barton seconded. The board approved 5-0.

Present were the following board members:

Tim Trew – Chairman
Gary Brock – Vice-Chairman
Thomas Barton
Jerry Nealey
John Thomas

Also present were the following staff members:

Danny Hayes Judy Gilreath
Dusty Brown Audrey Williams
Janie Osborn

Return to Regular Session

The board having taken no action in executive session returned to regular session at 7:25 p.m. Mr. Trew called the meeting to order.

Present were the following board members:

Tim Trew – Chairman
Gary Brock – Vice-Chairman
Thomas Barton
Jerry Nealey
John Thomas

Present were the following staff members:

Danny Hayes Kenny Sheppard
Dusty Brown Judy Gilreath
Eric Beavers Audrey Williams
Janie Osborn

Also present:

A list of the public attending is a part of the backup minutes.

Moment of Silent Reflection

Mr. Trew asked everyone to observe a moment of silent reflection.

Inspiration/Pledge of Allegiance

Melissa Sauls Paris, Whitfield County School System Teacher of the Year, did the inspiration. She stated she was lucky to be a teacher in the Whitfield County School System where the focus is on the “who”. She

read a poem, *I Didn't Know*. The poem is featured on the Whitfield County website, www.whitfield.k12.ga.us. Mrs. Paris also led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Welcome/Recognitions/Presentations

The Whitfield Education Foundation was recognized by the board members and presented a certificate of appreciation. Mr. Trew stated that the Whitfield Education Foundation works hard to raise money throughout the year to fund innovative teaching grants that support the school system's mission to increase student learning. He said they are also devoted to recognizing the achievements of staff and students. The Foundation recognizes student attendance and honor Employees of the Year. The Foundation members also support the school system's retirees by providing them an engraved bell upon their retirement and honoring all of the retired certified staff members with a brunch each year.

Approval of Consent Agenda Items

Mr. Hayes recommended the board approve the Consent Agenda items listed below. Gary Brock moved approval and John Thomas seconded. The board approved 5-0.

Approval of Minutes – June 7 (Called), June 7 (Regular), and June 10, 2010

Approval of Agenda – July 19, 2010

School Fund Raiser Requests

Name of Group or Sponsor

Activity or Request

Beaverdale Elementary	Cartridges for Kids recycling program
Beaverdale Elementary	Collect Box Tops for Education
Beaverdale Elementary – PTO	Breakfast with Grandparents
Beaverdale Elementary	Vending machine sales
Beaverdale Elementary Media Center	Book Fairs
Beaverdale Elementary Media Center	Birthday Book Club
Beaverdale Elementary	Tyson Project A Plus Program
Beaverdale Elementary	Fall Festival
Beaverdale Elementary	Food Lion School Program
Beaverdale Elementary	Sell DVD's of community gatherings
Beaverdale Elementary - PTO	Spirit Store
Beaverdale Elementary	Lifetouch school picture sales
Beaverdale Elementary PTO	Santa Shop
Eastbrook Middle Cheerleading/Sp. Self-Cont.	Sell Otis Spunkmeyer cookies
Eastbrook Middle 7 th Grade	Walk-a-thon to raise funds for Blood Water Mission
Northwest High Marching Band	Develop and sell discount cards
North Whitfield Middle Softball	Golf tournament
North Whitfield Middle Softball	Hit-A-Thon
North Whitfield Middle 7 th Grade	Sell spirit wear t-shirts
North Whitfield Middle Cheerleading	Sell ads to be displayed on school t-shirts
North Whitfield Middle Cheerleading	Sell ads for school banner
North Whitfield Middle Cheerleading	Sell spirit items
North Whitfield Middle Cheerleading	Krispy Kreme doughnut sales
Southeast High School Marketing Ed/DECA	Stop-N-Shop school store
Southeast High AG ED/ FFA	Sell agricultural commodities
Southeast High FFA	Sell Little Caesar's pizza kits
Southeast High Project Success	Christmas Angels Project
Southeast High Project Success	Peace and Love Memorial Event
Transportation Department	Annual Pancake Breakfast at Applebee's
Transportation Department	Cookbook sales

Valley Point Middle Chorus and Band
 Valley Point Middle Chorus and Band
 Westside Middle Cheerleading
 Westside Middle Cheerleading
 Whitfield Education Foundation

Sell Worlds Finest Chocolates
 Selling Smencils (scented pencils)
 Powder Puff Game
 Homecoming Dance
 Jeans Days, Showcase of the Stars, Golf Tournament

Annual Contract Renewals

Name of Group

Contract Request

Whitfield County Board of Health
 Hamilton Sports Medicine
 Family Resource Agency of North Georgia
 Family Resource Agency of North Georgia
 Family Resource Agency of North Georgia
 Family Resource Agency of North Georgia

Five nurses, one half-time nurse, nurse supervisor
 Provide certified athletic trainers
 Transition Plan 2010-2011
 Pioneer Head Start
 Head Start at Brooker Road property
 Head Start procedure for delivering services

Purchase Orders over \$25,000

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Manning Brothers	Hobart Dishwasher Installed & Water Softener	\$31,519.00
AIMSweb Pro Complete	Benchmark Testing	25,000.00

Overnight Field Trip Requests

Name of Group or Sponsor

Activity or Request

Cohutta Elementary 5th Grade
 North Whitfield Middle 7th Grade

Burton 4-H Center, Tybee Island, GA
 Cohutta Springs Conference Center

Hearing of Individuals

Representatives from the City of Varnell requested the board consider the annexation of New Hope Elementary, New Hope Middle, and Northwest High School into the city limits of Varnell.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Teaching and Learning Reports and Recommendations

Resolution to Approve Maximum Class Size

Mr. Brown shared that the State Board of Education had authorized that local boards have the authority to authorize waivers for classroom size. Mr. Brown recommended to the superintendent a resolution that for the 2010-2011 school year only, the class size maximums exceed the current requirements. The increase would be as follows:

1 to 3 students in grades K-12 in Regular Education
 1 to 3 students in English Language Learners
 1 to 3 students in Gifted
 1 to 3 students in Early Intervention Program
 1 to 3 students in Remedial Education Program
 1 to 3 students in Vocational
 1 to 3 students in Alternative Education Program

The superintendent recommended the waiver to the board for approval. Jerry Nealey moved approval and Thomas Barton seconded. The board approved 5-0. This resolution is a part of these minutes.

Operations Reports and Recommendations

Bid Approval for New Air Control System for Valley Point Elementary

Mr. Hayes recommended the board approve the bid from ECI, Inc. for a new air condition control system for the water source heat pump at Valley Point Elementary. Mr. Hayes explained this purchase would help match up all units and would replace a system that was outdated. The total cost for the project is \$60,230.00. Gary Brock moved approval and Jerry Nealey seconded. The board approved 5-0.

Sewage Proposal for New Hope Elementary and New Hope Middle

The superintendent recommended the board approve New Hope Middle and New Hope Elementary be connected to the Dalton Utilities lift station which would eliminate the need for private pump stations. The cost of the private gravity lines necessary to connect the schools from the existing septic system to public sewer will be \$42,500. Mr. Hayes added that to allow the two schools to be connected now would be a cost savings of approximately \$18,000. John Thomas moved approval and Thomas Barton seconded. The board approved 5-0.

School Nutrition Department Bid Requests

Iris Graham, director of the Whitfield County School System School Nutrition Department, explained that the Whitfield County School System was part of a co-op with twenty other schools which gave them better buying power. She said all of the bids that had been recommended were the low bids. Mr. Hayes recommended the board approve the low bids as follows:

Bread supplier: Sara Lee
Milk – Flav-O-Rich
Food – US Foods
Paper/Supplies – American Paper and Twine
Produce – Whitco
Drain Pumping – Drain Doctor

Jerry Nealey moved approval and Gary Brock seconded. The board approved 5-0.

Construction Update

Keith Burran with M.B. Kahn Construction Management Company updated the board on the progress of Coahulla Creek High School. Mr. Burran stated there was a scheduled furnishings meeting for the new high school. He said the school was in the dry, they were installing sheetrock, and were putting permanent grass in place on the field. Mr. Burran informed the board of a scheduled design meeting for Eastbrook Middle which includes parents, students, and staff members. He said this group would be looking at room layouts.

Support Services Reports and Recommendations

No items

Financial Reports and Recommendations

General Fund and ESPLOST Reports

The superintendent recommended the board approve the financial reports as of June 30, 2010 as presented. These reports are a part of these minutes. Jerry Nealey moved approval and John Thomas seconded. The board approved 5-0.

Human Resources Reports and Recommendations

Personnel Recommendations

The superintendent recommended the board approve the personnel actions as discussed in executive session to include certified personnel changes, resignations, retirements, leaves of absences, long term substitutes, extended day and other personnel changes. Mr. Hayes also recommended the board approve the support personnel recommendations, resignations, retirements, and other support personnel changes in the action. Gary Brock moved approval and Thomas Barton seconded. The board approved 5-0.

Previous Business

Second Reading of Board Policy JBCB: Non-Resident Students

Mr. Hayes recommended the board approve the second reading of Board Policy JBDB: Non-Resident Students. John Thomas moved approval and Thomas Barton seconded. Mr. Nealey said he agreed that the school system needed a tuition policy but suggested the school system grandfather in the out of district students from Whitfield County. He suggested offering parents and students an opportunity to come forward and admit they are out of district and pay the tuition. Mr. Trew felt that could cause the school system to have to hire additional teachers. Mr. Nealey explained that the students were already in our school system so there would not be a need for additional teachers. He added we lose state funds by not allowing those students in our system. Mr. Thomas asked how many mobile units were currently being used. He added that if the system knew how many students attended that were out of district, the mobile units might not be needed. After further discussion, Mr. Trew asked the board members for a vote. The board voted 4-1 with Jerry Nealey voting no.

New Business

First Reading of Board Policy GCRGB: Classified Personnel Sick Leave

The superintendent recommended the board approve the first reading of Board Policy GCRGB: Classified Personnel Sick Leave. The policy is being rescinded because of the decision to eliminate the Sick Leave Bank. Unused days shall be distributed equally among current classified and certified members of the Sick Leave Bank. Thomas Barton moved approval and John Thomas seconded. The board approved 5-0.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

MINUTES OF MEETING July 26, 2010

A work session of the Whitfield County Board of Education was held on Monday, July 26, 2010 at the Whitfield County Central Office. Board Chairman Tim Trew called the meeting to order at 11:30 a.m.

Present were the following board members:

Tim Trew- Chairman

Gary Brock – Vice Chairman

John Thomas

Absent were board members Jerry Nealey and Thomas Barton.

Also present were the following staff members:

Danny Hayes	Kenny Sheppard
Dusty Brown	Richard Schoen
Judy Gilreath	Audrey Williams
Eric Beavers	Janie Osborn

Also present:

A list of the public attending is a part of the backup minutes.

Inspiration/Pledge of Allegiance

David Thacker, a teacher at North Whitfield Middle, led the Pledge of Allegiance. Mr. Thacker also presented the inspiration. He read a quote, "Change is not change until it is change". He said he gives this quote to his students and together they go through several points to flush out the meaning. He said without a direction you can flounder and added that change is difficult but without change, we are without a purpose. Mr. Thacker shared that in his teaching experiences he has found that maintaining student relationships is a constant for him. He added that educators that care about students and the choices they make enable students to believe in themselves. He stated teachers need to make the most of their teachable moments and need the freedom to have those moments.

Review Board Agenda Items

Superintendent Hayes reviewed and discussed with the board the August 2, 2010 board agenda items.

Redistricting Committee Recommendation

Chip Whitfield, chairman of the redistricting committee, presented the board with several recommendations. The first recommendation was that North Whitfield Middle School students would attend high school at Coahulla Creek. All 9th and 10th grade students that live in the designated district would attend Coahulla Creek High School. The population of the school would be approximately 1069 students. Northwest High School which would have students from Westside Middle and New Hope Middle would have approximately 1237 students. Southeast High would have students from Eastbrook Middle and Valley Point Middle with approximately 1364 students. The vote of the redistricting committee was 12-0. The second recommendation was to have only 9th and 10th graders from the designated district attend Coahulla Creek. The vote for this recommendation was 8-4. The last recommendation was that all 9th and 10th graders that reside in the Coahulla Creek district would attend Coahulla Creek but that students who had older siblings currently attending Northwest or Southeast High would be given the option to attend that school. The vote of the redistricting committee for this option was 7-5. Mr. Trew thanked Mr. Whitfield for the hard work of the committee. Richard Schoen, assistant superintendent of operation, stated the committee had done a quality job and had given the gift of their time.

Construction Report

Keith Burran with M.B. Kahn Construction Management Company gave the board an update.

Hearing of Individuals

None

Tuition Fee

Mr. Hayes recommended the board approve the tuition fee as presented. Dr. Gilreath, assistant superintendent of support services, informed the board the fee was determined based on Georgia law. She said the tuition would be divided into two payments; one payment each semester. John Thomas moved approval and Gary Brock seconded. The board approved 3-0. The non-resident student tuition amounts were as follows:

First child in family	\$1167.00
Second child in family living with parent at the same address	875.25
Third and each additional child in family living with parent at same address	583.50
Individual courses- High School Level	195.00

Executive Session

The superintendent recommended the board move into executive session to discuss personnel. John Thomas moved approval and Gary Brock seconded. The board approved 3-0.

Present were the following board members:

Tim Trew
Gary Brock
John Thomas

Board Members Thomas Barton and Jerry Nealey were absent.

Present were the following staff members:

Danny Hayes Richard Schoen
Judy Gilreath Audrey Williams
Dusty Hayes Janie Osborn

Return to Regular Session

The board having taken no action in executive session, returned to regular session at 1:05 p.m.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:08 p.m.