

MINUTES OF  
CALLED WORK SESSION  
June 3, 2013

The called work session meeting of the Whitfield County Board of Education was held at the Whitfield County Central Office on June 3, 2013. Board Chairman Louis Fordham called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

Present were the following board members:

Thomas Barton  
Louis Fordham  
Tony Stanley  
Bill Worley  
Rodney Lock came in right after roll call.

Others present:

Judy Gilreath, Superintendent  
Carolyn Weaver  
Eric Beavers  
Ron Hale

**Executive Session**

Superintendent Judy Gilreath recommended the board members move into executive session to discuss personnel and litigation of agreement. Bill Worley moved approval and Tony Stanley seconded. The board approved 5-0.

**Adjournment**

The board members having taken no action in executive session adjourned Executive Session at 6:03 p.m. Bill Worley moved approval and Thomas Barton seconded. The board approved 5-0.

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Secretary

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Chairman

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING  
June 3, 2013

The regular meeting of the Whitfield County Board of Education was held at the Whitfield County Central Office on Monday, June 3, 2013. Board Chairman Louis Fordham called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Present were the following board members:

Thomas Barton  
Louis Fordham  
Rodney Lock  
Tony Stanley  
Bill Worley

Also present were the following staff members:

Judy Gilreath                      Ron Hale  
Eric Beavers                      Carolyn Weaver  
Audrey Williams

Also present:

A list of the public in attendance is a part of the backup minutes.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Louis Fordham led the pledge of allegiance

**Moment of Silent Reflection**

Louis Fordham asked everyone to observe a moment of silence.

**Inspiration**

Dee Goodwin, coordinator for Teaching & Learning, introduced two students who placed in the top 3 at the regional/state Modern Woodmen Civic Oratorical contest. Each student shared their speeches about famous people who overcame adversities in their lives.

Emily Allen, 5<sup>th</sup> grade student at Dug Gap Elementary won 3<sup>rd</sup> place. Her speech was about Helen Keller. Emily shared her speech from memory and with great expression. She said that Helen Keller was born with all of her senses but was struck with an illness at the age of 18 months and lost her sight and hearing so she could not speak. As she became older she became very wild and unruly and had raging tantrums. Family members thought that she should be institutionalized but her parents never gave up on her. Educator Ann Sullivan began working with Helen and became her friend and companion for many years. Helen Keller ended up graduating college and becoming an author. Emily said to always have faith and let God lead. She said to always keep Helen Keller in your mind when things go wrong for you.

Anna Maria Ramsey, 5<sup>th</sup> grade student at Pleasant Grove Elementary won 1<sup>st</sup> place. Her speech was about Ray Charles. Anna Maria's speech was from memory and with great expression. She said that Ray Charles was born with his sight. He witnessed the tragic drowning death of his younger brother. It was after that that Ray Charles began to lose his sight. By the age of 7 he was blind. He went to a school for the deaf and blind in St. Augustine, Florida. There he learned to read and write and arrange music in Braille. He learned to play the piano. Anna Maria said that he met Quincy Jones who would become a friend for life. He won his first Grammy Award for "Georgia on My Mind" which was followed by another Grammy for "Hit the Road Jack." Anna Maria said that even though he could not see with his eyes he could always see and feel the music. He will always be known as one of the best piano players and as the "Father of Soul." All through her speech she kept referencing to the board, "Could you have done this?"

Louis Fordham told both of the students that their speeches were mighty impressive. They did a great job. The board thanked the girls for representing Whitfield County Schools.

### **Recognitions and Presentations**

National Art Education Association (NAEA) Southeastern Region Middle Level Director  
Kristy Harvey – Art Teacher Eastbrook Middle School

LearnZillion Dream Team

Rayda Reed – 5<sup>th</sup> grade Teacher CRE, James Morrison – 6<sup>th</sup> grade Math and Science Teacher NHM

2013 Oration Winners for Whitfield County Schools

Shane Babb – 1<sup>st</sup> Place VPE, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade, Maddie Rollins – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place NHM, 6<sup>th</sup> Grade

Anna Maria Ramsey – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place PGE, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

Madison Boyd – 3<sup>rd</sup> Place WES, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade, Emily Allen – 3<sup>rd</sup> Place DGE, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

The Know About H2O Art Contest through Dalton Utilities

Riley Triplett – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place DES, Alejandra Martinez – 3<sup>rd</sup> Place CRE, Kiara Cheyenne Roberts - Honorable Mention BES, Tommy Fraire – Honorable Mention DES

### **Hearing of Individuals**

None

### **Approval of Consent Agenda Items**

#### Approval of Minutes – April 15, 2013

Louis Fordham recommended the board approve the minutes for May 6 and May 13, 2013. Bill Worley moved approval and Thomas Barton seconded. The board approved 5-0.

#### Adoption of Agenda – May 6, 2013

Dr. Gilreath recommended that an amendment be made to the agenda. She told the board that we need to add an action item authorizing entering into an agreement with Callahan Mechanical Contractors, Inc for emergency mechanical systems repair for the HVAC System at Coahulla Creek High School. Louis Fordham recommended the board adopt the amendment to the Agenda and the Agenda as presented. Louis Fordham moved approval and Bill Worley seconded. The board approved 5-0.

#### Purchase Orders over \$25, 000.00

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
CDW-G Computer Centers	Technology Wiring for Stem Labs	\$49,524.00
Heinemann	Federal Programs for Books and Periodicals	\$27,771.05
Apple Computer, Inc	Federal Programs for iPads/Applecare	\$28,872.00

Louis Fordham recommended the board approve the Purchase Orders over \$25,000.00. Rodney Lock moved approval and Bill Worley seconded. The board approved 5-0.

#### Overnight Field Trip Request

<u>Name of Group or Sponsor</u>	<u>Activity or Request</u>	<u>Date for Request</u>
Northwest High School Football	Varsity Football Camp Middle GA College/Cochran, GA	June 8-12, 2013

Louis Fordham recommended the board approve the Overnight Field Trip Request. Tony Stanley moved approval and Louis Fordham seconded. The board approved 5-0.

## System Reports

### Report Card

Dr. Audrey Williams, Assistant Superintendent for Assessment and Accountability, presented the following chart on Preliminary CRCT Results along with 5-Year History of CRCT Scores. She told the board that we had more exceeds than previous years except in science and we stayed the same. She said that we should receive our retest results this week and that will help the numbers. She said that we should have the official numbers along with the state numbers by the end of the month.

### Preliminary CRCT Results

		2012	2013	Change
<b>Reading</b>	<i>Does Not Meet</i>	8	6	-2
	<i>Meets</i>	62	58	-4
	<i>Exceeds</i>	30	36	6
<b>Language Arts</b>	<i>Does Not Meet</i>	8	9	1
	<i>Meets</i>	64	61	-3
	<i>Exceeds</i>	27	30	3
<b>Mathematics</b>	<i>Does Not Meet</i>	25	20	-5
	<i>Meets</i>	54	53	-1
	<i>Exceeds</i>	21	26	5
<b>Science</b>	<i>Does Not Meet</i>	23	23	0
	<i>Meets</i>	50	51	1
	<i>Exceeds</i>	26	26	0
<b>Social Studies</b>	<i>Does Not Meet</i>	23	20	-3
	<i>Meets</i>	54	55	1
	<i>Exceeds</i>	23	25	2

- A decrease in "Does Not Meet" is *always* good
- An increase in "Exceeds" is *always* good

## Financial Reports

### General Funds and Capital Project Funds

Ron Hale, CFO, presented the General Fund Balance and the Capital Projects report as of April 30, 2013. Louis Fordham recommended the board approve the report as presented. Thomas Barton moved approval and Bill Worley seconded. The board approved 5-0. The financial reports are a part of these minutes.

## Superintendent's Reports

Teaching & Learning

Operations

Superintendent Judy Gilreath recommended the board approve an additional two years with Southern Management as our custodial providers according to the stipulations now provided to us in our current contract. This would be for 2013-2014 and 2014-2015 school years. Thomas Barton moved approval and Rodney Lock seconded. The board approved 5-0.

Superintendent Judy Gilreath recommended approval of the Pest Control agreement with Allgood for the 2013-2014 school year. Tony Stanley moved approval and Bill Worley seconded. The board approved 5-0.  
HVAC Modifications

Stan Hawkins, legal counsel for Whitfield County Schools, told the board that they have been aware of the ongoing problems with the HVAC at Coahulla Creek High School. It has been recommended that an outside engineering firm be brought in to fix the problems. The cost is \$161,000.00 which the board will recover. This will have to begin immediately and will have to be finished before school starts. It is recommended to the board that they authorize entering into an agreement with Callahan Mechanical Contractors, Inc for emergency mechanical systems repair for the HVAC System at Coahulla Creek High School, on a time and material basis subject to development of a written agreement acceptable to the superintendent and approved by board council. . Louis Fordham recommended the board approve this emergency mechanical system repairs document. Louis Fordham moved approval and Tony Stanley seconded. The board approved 5-0.

#### Support Services

#### Information on Crossroads

Wanda Phillips, director of Student Services, introduced Donna Harris, principal at Crossroads. Donna began by telling the board that there were great things happening at Crossroads. She said that they had 13 seniors this year and 11 of them graduated on time. Donna told the board that she wanted to present this “Early Release” Proposal to the board for their input. She said that the early release proposal only applies to students who are first time offenders and students who have not committed any infraction that would place WCS on the Persistently Dangerous School List. Students assigned to Crossroads for 6 weeks or less will not be eligible to earn early release days.

- The maximum early release days a student could earn is 45 days (9 weeks)
- If a student’s assigned time at Crossroads goes from the end of one school year into the next school year, earned early release days may be carried over.

Each week a student meets the following criteria, the student will be awarded two days towards early release back to their home school.

#### High School Criteria:

- 1) No absences or tardies (excused or unexcused)
- 2) Adequate progress in ALL classes (passing and on track)
- 3) No behaviors past Warning level (see High School Behavior Expectations)

If a student is suspended out of school for ANY reason, any accumulated early release days will be taken back at a rate of 1 day for 1 day. For example: If a student has accumulated 6 days of early release and gets suspended for 2 days, the student will have a total of 4 early release days left.

#### Middle School Criteria

- 1) No absences or tardies (excused or unexcused)
- 2) Maintain an 80 (B) average across all subject areas
- 3) Maintain green or gold level (these are the top two levels of the middle school level system)

\*\*\*\*Students may earn 1 extra day of early release if GOLD level is maintained for 4 consecutive weeks\*\*\*\*

Same consequences if student is suspended as high school.

Louis Fordham told Donna that he appreciates all of the time that she and her staff put into this and for the great job they are doing at Crossroads.

## **Approval of Personnel Changes**

### **Personnel Recommendations**

Louis Fordham recommended the board approve the personnel actions as discussed in executive session. Rodney Lock moved approval and Tony Stanley seconded. The board approved 5-0.

### **Previous Business**

- Second Reading of Change in Board Policy EEE: Wellness Program.

Dr. Gilreath recommended the board approve the Second Reading of the Board Policy as presented. Bill Worley moved approval and Louis Fordham seconded. The board approved 5-0.

### **New Business**

#### **Nurses Contract for 2013-2014**

Dr. Gilreath recommended the board approve the Nurse's Contract for the 2013-2014 school year. Thomas Barton moved approval and Bill Worley seconded. The board approved 5-0.

#### **Georgia Northwestern Technical College Amended Rental Agreement**

Dr. Gilreath said that GNTC requested to cut the square footage of rental space from 33,523 square feet to 26,483 sq. ft. Dr. Gilreath asked to change Article IV Option in Favor of the Tenant to Renew or Extend the Term of This Agreement which stated that at the end of the expiration of the aforementioned term, on a year-to-year basis for ten (10) consecutive year(s). She asked to change that to two (2) consecutive years(s). They agreed to the amended rental agreement.

Dr. Gilreath recommended the board approve the amended rental agreement with GNTC. Louis Fordham moved approval and Bill Worley seconded. The board approved 5-0.

#### **Memorandum of Understanding with Hamilton Sports Medicine**

Dr. Gilreath said that Hamilton Sports Medicine charged our schools last year for the Athletic Trainers. This year there is no charge. Dr. Gilreath recommended the board approve the Memorandum of Understanding with Hamilton Sports Medicine for the 2013-2014 school year. Thomas Barton moved approval and Bill Worley seconded. The board approved 5-0.

#### **Donation Check for Repairs on Southeast High School Concession Stand Roof**

Dr. Gilreath recommended the board except the check in the amount of \$9,200.00. Thomas Barton moved approval and Bill Worley seconded. The board approved 5-0.

#### **Donation Check for new Tennis Courts and Track at Southeast High School.**

Dr. Gilreath recommended the board except the check in the amount of \$970,000.00. Tony Stanley moved approval and Thomas Barton seconded. The board approved 5-0.

#### **Donation Check for Computer Labs at Phoenix High School**

Dr. Gilreath recommended the board except the check in the amount of \$20,000.00. Bill Worley moved approval and Tony Stanley seconded. The board approved 5-0.

#### **Donation Check for Dirt for Ball Fields at Valley Point Middle School**

Dr. Gilreath recommended the board except the check in the amount of \$5,000.00. Bill Worley moved approval and Louis Fordham seconded. The board approved 5-0.

### **Board Member Reports**

Louis Fordham said that this is a great day for these schools. He said that we do not know where the donation came from but he wants to say thank you to whoever you are. He said that this is a great gift for the community.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

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Secretary

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Chairman

MINUTES OF  
CALLED BOARD MEETING  
June 19, 2013

A called meeting of the Whitfield County Board of Education was held on Wednesday, June 19, 2013 at the Whitfield County School System Central Office. Board Chairman Louis Fordham called the meeting to order at 7:30 a.m.

Present were the following board members:

Thomas Barton  
Louis Fordham  
Rodney Lock  
Tony Stanley  
Bill Worley

Also present were the following staff members:

Judy Gilreath	Audrey Williams
Eric Beavers	Karey Williams
Ron Hale	Carolyn Weaver

Also present:

A list of the public in attendance is a part of the backup minutes.

Adoption of Agenda

Chairman Louis Fordham recommended the board members adopt the agenda as presented. Rodney Lock moved approval and Bill Worley seconded. The board approved 5-0

#### **FY2014Budget**

Superintendent Judy Gilreath recommended the board members approve the FY2014 Budget. She said the budget process had included a lot of input from many folks. She also informed the board members that the budget had been advertised for the required two weeks. Rodney Lock moved approval and Tony Stanley seconded. The board approved 5-0.

#### **CompassLearning Contract**

Superintendent Judy Gilreath recommended the board members approve the continuation contract with CompassLearning in the amount of \$157,880.00. She said that this will be paid out of Federal Funds. Thomas Barton moved approval and Bill Worley seconded. The board approved 5-0.

#### **Hearing of Individuals**

None

#### **Executive Session**

Dr. Judy Gilreath recommended the board move into executive session to discuss personnel. Louis Fordham moved approval and Bill Worley seconded. The board approved 5-0.

Present were the following board members:

Thomas Barton  
Louis Fordham  
Rodney Lock  
Tony Stanley  
Bill Worley



Also present were the following staff members:

Judy Gilreath

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### **Return to Regular Session**

The board having taken no action in executive session returned to regular session at 8:13 a.m. Tony Stanley moved approval and Bill Worley seconded. The board approved 5-0.

### **Personnel Recommendations**

Judy Gilreath recommended the board approve the personnel actions as discussed in executive session.

Louis Fordham moved approval and Bill Worley seconded. The board approved 5-0.

### **Adjourn**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:16 a.m.

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Chairman

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Secretary