

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING

July 15, 2013

The regular meeting of the Whitfield County Board of Education was held at the Whitfield County Central Office on Monday, July 15, 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
Wanda Phillips	Carolyn Weaver
Audrey Williams	Mike Ewton

Also present:

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

Adoption of Agenda

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

Pledge of Allegiance

Christopher Vargas, 7th grade student from New Hope Middle School, led the pledge of allegiance.

Moment of Silent Reflection

Louis Fordham asked everyone to observe a moment of silence.

Inspiration

Joe Barnett, principal of New Hope Middle, gave the inspiration. Joe talked about a book that Stephen Vess shared with him that he had read and it had really meant a lot to him. The book is, *One Word That Will Change Your Life*. The authors are Dan Britton, Jimmy Page, and Jon Gordon. Mr. Gordon talked about in the book the teachers that had a positive influence on his life. Joe told the board that there are seven words or beliefs that they talked about in the book that have helped change their lives:

1. Be Positively Contagious – being positive (smiles, kind words, encouragement) is important because it can predict the performance of an entire group. Students can catch your good mood or bad mood. They will remember how you made them feel.
2. Thank You Walk – a walk of gratitude. Try to take a walk everyday and think about all the things that you are grateful for.
3. Celebrate Success – focus on what people are doing right. Share success stories and recognize people and their successes.
4. Expect to make a difference- expect to make a difference in your student's lives. Expect your actions and lessons lead to positive outcomes for your students.
5. Believe in your students more than they believe in themselves – You can be that person for one of your students if you believe in them and see their potential rather than their limitations.
6. Develop Positive Relationships – Educators who have read the book said that it has helped them realize that you need to focus less on rules and invest more in their relationships. Take the time to give them your best.
7. Show you care – a powerful way to show that you care is to really know your students. Love your students and staff. This transforms students, people and schools when it is put into action.

Joe told the board that as principal this is what he wants for his school. He thanked the board for the opportunity to share.

Recognitions and Presentations

George Barnett, Band Director at Northwest High School

Chosen to perform with the United States Army Band “Pershing’s Own” at the U.S. Capitol this summer.

Target Recycling – Dug Gap Elementary School, 2nd Place overall presented to Tracie Dempsey, assistant principal.

New Hope Middle School, 3rd Place overall presented to Joe Barnett, principal.

Hearing of Individuals

None

Approval of Consent Agenda Items

Louis Fordham recommended the board approve the change to the Consent Agenda Items as presented. Tony Stanley moved approval and Louis Fordham seconded. The board approved 5-0.

Approval of Minutes – June 3rd and 19th, 2013

Overnight Field Trip Request

<u>Name of Group or Sponsor</u>	<u>Activity or Request</u>	<u>Date for Request</u>
Northwest High School Basketball	Varsity Basketball Camp	June 23-25, 2013
Cedar Ridge Elementary 5 th Grade	Georgia College, Milledgeville, GA	
Southeast High School Competition	Burton 4-H Camp Tybee Island, GA	Feb. 26-March 1, 2014
Cheerleaders	Team Building and cheerleading camp	July 15-20, 2013
	Pelican’s Landing Tybee Island, GA	

Purchase Orders over \$25,000.00

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Northwest Evaluation (NWEA)	MAP State MAP Test Renewal for 2013-2014 (License for grades 3-8 and K-2)	\$112,450.00
School Improvement Network	District Wide Educator Effectiveness System (EES License)	\$139,900.00
AMATROL/Technical Training Aids	Mechatronics Course Required Elements	\$265,859.00

Family Resource Agency of North Georgia

Dalton Heritage Head Start Lease Agreement

Yearly Memorandum of Understandings/Yearly Contracts

- Transition Plan for 2013-2014
- Head Start/Early Head Start/Pre-K Program

Financial Reports

General Funds and Capital Project Funds

Ron Hale, CFO, presented the General Fund Balance and the Capital Projects report as of May 31, 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.

System Reports

Report Card

Dr. Audrey Williams, Assistant Superintendent for Assessment and Accountability, presented the following charts on the official CRCT Results for the system and state. She told the board that the green shows an increase. She told the board that math is where we are worse.

CRCT Scores

Elementary

	3rd Grade Georgia	3rd Grade WCS	+/-	4th Grade Georgia	4th Grade WCS	+/-	5th Grade Georgia	5th Grade WCS	+/-
Reading: % Met or Exceeded the standard	92.1	92.7	↑ 0.5	92.5	91.8	-0.7	92.9	92.8	-0.1
ELA: % Met or Exceeded the standard	88.1	88.3	↑ 0.2	90.2	88.3	-2.0	94.2	93.6	-0.6
Math: % Met or Exceeded the standard	78.5	72.4	-6.1	84.3	79.6	-4.7	89.5	84.7	-4.9
Science: % Met or Exceeded the standard	78.4	76.1	-2.2	82.7	82.2	-0.5	79.6	80.1	↑ 0.5
Social Studies: % Met or Exceeded the standard	83.4	83.0	-0.4	81.3	82.9	↑ 1.6	80.5	82.1	↑ 1.6

Green indicates areas where Whitfield County students are performing at or above the state average.

CRCT Scores

Middle School

	6th Grade Georgia	6th Grade WCS	+/-	7th Grade Georgia	7th Grade WCS	+/-	8th Grade Georgia	8th Grade WCS	+/-
Reading: % Met or Exceeded the standard	96.0	96.2	↑ 0.2	94.7	94.8	↑ 0.1	96.8	96.9	↑ 0.1
ELA: % Met or Exceeded the standard	92.4	91.0	-1.4	93.0	92.3	-0.7	94.3	94.2	-0.2
Math: % Met or Exceeded the standard	82.7	78.2	-4.5	89.9	88.7	-1.2	83.0	74.7	-8.4
Science: % Met or Exceeded the standard	74.0	70.1	-3.9	85.2	83.7	-1.6	74.0	69.5	-4.5
Social Studies: % Met or Exceeded the standard	77.5	75.0	-2.5	82.7	80.4	-2.3	77.9	76.2	-1.7

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Superintendent's Reports

Teaching & Learning

Dr. Audrey Williams presented the Class Size Resolution for 2013-2014 to the board. Dr. Judy Gilreath, superintendent, recommended the board approve the Resolution as presented. Rodney Lock moved approval and Louis Fordham seconded. The board approved 5-0. The Resolution is a part of these minutes.

Dr. Audrey Williams presented the MAP Renewal Contract for the year 2013-2014. Dr. Gilreath recommended that the board approve the MAP Renewal Contract. Rodney Lock moved approval and Thomas Barton seconded. The board approved 5-0.

Operations

Dr. Gilreath recommended approval of the extension of an agreement with KONE for monthly maintenance on all elevators and handicap lifts in WCS for the 2013-2014 year. This agreement is mandated by the State of Georgia. The total cost of the agreement is \$15,600.00. Tony Stanley moved approval and Bill Worley seconded. The board approved 5-0.

Dr. Gilreath recommended approval of the Waste Management agreement with Santek Waste Services beginning with upcoming 2013-2014 fiscal year. This is a new company. The total price is \$135,249.83. Louis Fordham moved approval and Bill Worley seconded. The board approved 5-0.

Mike Ewton, Chief Officer of Operations, presented a Right of Way Agreement with North Georgia Electric. The location is at Rauschenberg Road at New Hope Middle School and Northwest High School. This is to add power poles. Pine trees would have to be removed. Dr. Gilreath recommended the board approve the Right-of-Way agreement with North Georgia Electric. Rodney Lock moved approval and Bill Worley seconded. The board approved 5-0.

Dr. Gilreath presented to the board the following request for the board's approval entering into an agreement with James W. Buckley & Associates Inc, for the purpose of:

1. Kitchen modifications at Varnell Elementary School, Dug Gap Elementary School, and Valley Point Elementary School based on a cost not to exceed \$1,000,000.00 subject to the development of a written document acceptable to the Superintendent and approved by the Board Council. Bill Worley moved approval and Tony Stanley seconded. The board approved 5-0.
2. Coahulla Creek High School Family and Consumer Science Lab improvements based on a cost not to exceed \$100,000.00 subject to the development of a written document acceptable to the Superintendent and approved by the Board Council. Rodney Lock moved approval and Louis Fordham seconded. The board approved 5-0.
3. Career Academy Mechantronics Lab Modifications based on a cost not to exceed \$100,000.00 subject to the development of a written document acceptable to the Superintendent and approved by the Board Council. Bill Worley moved approval and Thomas Barton seconded. The board approved 5-0.
4. Southeast Whitfield High School Track and Tennis Courts improvements based on a cost not to exceed \$1,000,000.00 subject to the development of a written document acceptable to the Superintendent and approved by the Board Council. Bill Worley moved approval and Tony Stanley seconded. The board approved 5-0. Judy told the board that this is the money that was donated.
5. Northwest and Southeast High Schools stadium modifications based on a cost not to exceed \$500, 000.00 subject to the development of a written document acceptable to the Superintendent and approved by the Board Council. Bill Worley moved approval and Louis Fordham seconded. The board approved 5-0.
6. Whitfield County Stem Lab Conversions based on a cost not to exceed \$2,600,000.00 subject to the development of a written document acceptable to the Superintendent and approved by the Board Council. Tony Stanley moved approval and Bill Worley seconded. The board approved 5-0.

Project Updates

Mike Ewton, Chief Officer for Operations, gave an update report on the following projects:

- Will meet with County tomorrow on the continued discussion of the demolition of the old Eastbrook Middle School.
- Will meet with Tony Cook next week on the Gym for Eastbrook Middle School and renovations to Eastside Elementary. Mike told the board that these projects were next in line for our 5 Year Facilities Plan.
- Mike told the board that they are working 12 hour days on the middle school Stem Labs. The high school Stem Labs are on track.

Support Services

Wanda Phillips, Director of Student Services, reviewed the Whitfield County Schools Attendance Procedures for 2013-2014. Dr. Gilreath recommended that the board approve the changes to the Attendance Procedure as presented. Bill Worley moved approval and Louis Fordham seconded. The board approved 5-0.

Dr. Gilreath recommended the board approve the Evidentiary Panel Members for 2013-2014 as presented. Thomas Barton moved approval and Bill Worley seconded. The board approved 5-0.

Approval of Personnel Changes

Personnel Recommendations

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

Previous Business

New Business

- First Reading of Board Policy JGFGB: Concussion Management. Superintendent Judy Gilreath recommended the board members approve the First Reading of Board Policy JGFGB. Louis Fordham moved approval and Tony Stanley seconded. The board approved 5-0.
- First Reading of Board Policy KG: Use of School Facilities. Superintendent Judy Gilreath recommended the board members approve the First Reading of Board Policy KG. Bill Worley moved approval and Louis Fordham seconded. The board approved 5-0.
- First Reading of Board Policy GBC: Professional Personnel Recruitment. Superintendent Judy Gilreath recommended the board members approve the First Reading of Board Policy GBC. Bill Worley moved approval and Tony Stanley seconded. The board approved 5-0.
- First Reading of Board Policy JBC(4): Awarding Units and Transferring Credit. Superintendent Judy Gilreath recommended the board members approve the First Reading of Board Policy JBC(4). Thomas Barton moved approval and Bill Worley seconded. The board approved 5-0.
- First Reading of Board Policy GBRIG: Federal Family and Medical Leave Act. Superintendent Judy Gilreath recommended the board members approve the First Reading of Board Policy GBRIG. Rodney Lock moved approval and Louis Fordham seconded. The board approved 5-0.

Board Member Reports

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Secretary

Chairman

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CALLED WORK SESSION
July 15, 2013

The called work session meeting of the Whitfield County Board of Education was held at the Whitfield County Central Office on July 15, 2013. Board Chairman Louis Fordham called the meeting to order at 5:34 p.m.

Present were the following board members:

Thomas Barton
Louis Fordham
Rodney Lock
Tony Stanley
Bill Worley

Others present:

Judy Gilreath, Superintendent
Carolyn Weaver
Ron Hale

Adoption of Agenda

Chairman Louis Fordham recommended the board members adopt the agenda as presented. Thomas Barton moved approval and Tony Stanley. The board approved 5-0.

Executive Session

Superintendent Judy Gilreath recommended the board members move into executive session to discuss personnel.

Adjournment

The board members having taken no action in executive session adjourned Executive Session at 6:00 p.m. Rodney Lock moved approval and Bill Worley seconded. The board approved 5-0.

Secretary

Chairman