

MINUTES OF  
CALLED WORK SESSION  
February 3, 2014

The called work session meeting of the Whitfield County Board of Education was held at the Whitfield County Central Office on February 3, 2014. Vice Chairman Bill Worley called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

Present were the following board members:

Thomas Barton  
Rodney Lock  
Tony Stanley  
Bill Worley  
Louis Fordham - absent

Others present:

Judy Gilreath, Superintendent  
Rhonda Yim  
Eric Beavers  
Daniel Theis  
Mike Ewton  
Carolyn Weaver

**Adoption of Agenda**

Vice Chairman Bill Worley recommended the board members adopt the agenda as presented. Tony Stanley moved approval and Rodney Lock seconded. The board approved 4-0.

**Executive Session**

Superintendent Judy Gilreath recommended the board members move into executive session to discuss personnel. Vice Chairman Bill Worley said that a recommendation had been made to move into executive session. Thomas Barton moved approval and Tony Stanley seconded. The board approved 4-0.

**Adjournment**

The board members having taken no action in Executive Session adjourned Executive Session at 6:14 p.m. Thomas Barton moved approval and Rodney Lock seconded. The board approved 4-0.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:14 p.m.

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Secretary

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Chairman

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING  
February 3, 2014

The regular meeting of the Whitfield County Board of Education was held at the Whitfield County Central Office on Monday, February 3, 2014. Vice Chairman Bill Worley called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Present were the following board members:

Thomas Barton  
Rodney Lock  
Tony Stanley  
Bill Worley  
Louis Fordham - absent

Also present were the following staff members:

Judy Gilreath	Audrey Williams
Wanda Phillips	Daniel Theis
Rhonda Yim	Carolyn Weaver
Eric Beavers	
Mike Ewton	

Also present:

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

### **Adoption of Agenda**

Vice Chairman Bill Worley recommended the board members adopt the agenda as presented. Rodney Lock moved approval and Thomas Barton seconded. The board approved 4-0.

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

Brandon Welch, 12<sup>th</sup> grader at the Career Academy, led the pledge of allegiance. Dave Moeller, CEO of the Career Academy, said that Brandon comes and raises the colors every day at the Career Academy so they felt he should be the one to lead the pledge. The board thanked Brandon.

### **Moment of Silent Reflection**

Bill Worley asked everyone to observe a moment of silence.

### **Inspiration**

Dave Moeller, CEO of the Career Academy, said that in the Mechatronics program they started out with 38 students in the 1<sup>st</sup> semester. They now have 81 students in the 2<sup>nd</sup> semester. He shared a video that was made by the students in the program. They said that Mechatronics is a mix of everything that is mechanical and electorally built. The first project that they built was an arcade machine. They said that this is hands on, critical thinking which provides a wide variety of skills in the engineering field. They thanked the industry for all of their help and support. The board thanked David for the great things that are going on at the Career Academy.

Brian Cooksey, chairman of the Career Academy Board, presented a plaque of appreciation to Tim Campbell, former chairman of the board, for all of the hard work and time that he gave to the school. Brian told the board that it takes a lot of personal time away from your job and family when you serve on the board. He said that Tim did a great job. The board thanked Tim for all that he did for the Career Academy while he served on the board.

### **Recognitions and Presentations**

Kathryn Stafford – 1<sup>st</sup> Place in Regional Swim Meet for the 100 Backstroke

Bill Worley presented a certificate of congratulations to Kathryn for placing 1<sup>st</sup> in Regional. She qualified for state and will compete on February 7, 2014.

#### Andrea Wiegele – MLK 2014 Youth Service Award

Bill Worley presented a certificate of congratulations to Andrea for the MLK 2014 Youth Service Award. This certificate was awarded to Andrea for demonstrating courage, compassion, leadership, and service; for being engaged in social action and advocacy for the cause of peace and justice; serving the needs of humanity through your efforts in the community; and showing leadership qualities in school, in church, and in the community.

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Place at the Lego League Super Regional for Inspiration – Pleasant Grove Elementary Team

Bill Worley presented the following students certificates for 1<sup>st</sup> Place in Core Values at the Super Regional Competition:

Bryson Burnette	Kiersten Kubin
Jorge Contreras	Andy Menedez
Kyle Felker	Nicholas Ruiz
Jennifer Gomez	Adam Shaheen
Juan Hernandez	Karlene Wright
Connor Johnson	

Amy Hurlock Zoch, Alpha Teacher, told the board that the trophy that the students won is called the Inspiration Trophy. She said that the qualities embodied in this category are described by FIRST as, “This award celebrates a team that is empowered by their first Lego League experience and displays extraordinary enthusiasm and spirit. This award recognizes a team that is able to accomplish more together than they could as individuals through shared goals, strong communication, effective problem solving and excellent time management. This award recognizes a team whose members show each other and other teams respect at all times. They recognize that both friendly competition and mutual gain are possible, on and off the playing field.” Amy thanked the board.

Bill Worley presented a certificate of congratulation to Amy Hurlock Zoch. She received the State Award for Adult Coach Mentor of the year for the Georgia First Lego League for 2013-2014.

#### Grace Murray Hooper Region Tech Fair Winners

Bill Worley presented the following students certificates for placing 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> in the following categories at the Grace Murray Hooper Region Tech Fair:

Michael Lanning – 1<sup>st</sup> Place Individual and Team Programming Challenge (11-12) Northwest High School  
Hannah Dempsey - 1<sup>st</sup> Place Tech Literacy Challenge (9-10) Southeast High School  
Tyler Amos – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Tech Literacy Challenge (9-10) Northwest High School  
Kale Hopkins – 1<sup>st</sup> Place 3D Molding (9-10) Southeast High School  
Alex Pangle – 1<sup>st</sup> Place 3D Molding (11-12) Southeast High School  
Joseph Sandoval - 1<sup>st</sup> Place 3D Molding (11-12) Southeast High School  
Zachary Edds – 1<sup>st</sup> Place Non-Animated Graphic Design (9-10) Northwest High School  
Cameron Dodson - 1<sup>st</sup> Place Non-Animated Graphic Design (11-12) Northwest High School  
Harrison Booker – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Digital Video Production (11-12) Northwest High School  
Laura Beth Manley – 1<sup>st</sup> Place Digital Photography (9-10) Southeast High School  
Tiffany Dyer – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Digital Photography (11-12) Northwest High School  
Myranda Truelove – 1<sup>st</sup> Place Web 2.0 Internet Applications (9-10) Southeast High School  
Abigail Lopez – 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Web 2.0 Internet Applications (11-12) Southeast High School  
Jennifer Martinez - 3<sup>rd</sup> Place Web 2.0 Internet Applications (11-12) Southeast High School  
Tiffany Phillips – 1<sup>st</sup> Place Multimedia Applications (9-10) Southeast High School  
Cheyanne Blackburn – 1<sup>st</sup> Place Multimedia Applications (9-10) Southeast High School  
Shayla Bryson – 1<sup>st</sup> Place Multimedia Applications (11-12) Southeast High School  
Josh Rountree – 2<sup>nd</sup> Place Multimedia Applications (11-12) Northwest High School  
Jonathan Cervantes – 1<sup>st</sup> Place Hardware (11-12) Southeast High School

## Hearing of Individuals

Barbara Ward, Vice Chairman of the Northwest Georgia College and Career Academy Board, said that Brian Cooksey and Shaw Industries were honored by the Lt. Governor and the Senate on January 29, 2014 at the Capital in Atlanta. A Senate Resolution was introduced by our State Senator Charlie Bethel recognizing Shaw Industries Group as the 2013 Business Partner of the Year. Brian Cooksey, Director of Operations, Training, and Development for Shaw, was recognized as starting the development of the Mechatronics Pathway and wrote the standards approved by the Department of Education for use across Georgia. She said that we are so proud of Brian's leadership and what he has done for the Career Academy. Barbara thanked the board.

## Approval of Minutes – January 6, 2014 and January 14, 2014

Bill Worley recommended the board approve the minutes for the January 6<sup>th</sup> and January 14<sup>th</sup> board meetings. Tony Stanley moved approval and Thomas Barton seconded. The board approved 4-0.

## Approval of Purchase Order over \$25,000.00

Bill Worley presented the following purchase orders for approval. Dr. Gilreath told the board that these purchase orders are for technology and they are being paid from ESPLOST. They met with principals to see what their greatest needs were as far as new computers.

### Vendor

Dell Computer

<u>School</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Antioch Elementary	Optiplex 3020 Minitower W/Speaker	\$29,850.00
Beaverdale Elementary	Optiplex 3020 Minitower W/Speaker	\$81,192.00
New Hope Middle	Optiplex 3020 Minitower W/Speaker	\$97,908.00
Northwest High School	Optiplex 3020 Minitower W/Speaker	\$44,178.00
Dawnville Elementary	Optiplex 3020 Minitower W/Speaker	\$74,538.00
	E5540 Laptop W/Port Replicator	
Pleasant Grove Elementary	Optiplex 3020 Minitower W/Speaker	\$34,752.00
	E5540 Laptop W/Port Replicator	
North Whitfield Middle	Optiplex 3020 Minitower W/Speaker	\$31,962.00
	E5540 Laptop W/Port Replicato	
Coahulla Creek High	Optiplex 3020 Minitower W/Speaker	\$41,421.00
	E5540 Laptop W/Port Replicator	
Northwest High	Optiplex 3020 Minitower W/Speaker	\$39,372.00
	E5540 Laptop W/Port Replicator	
Southeast High	Optiplex 3020 Minitower W/Speaker	\$51,696.00
	E5540 Laptop W/Port Replicator	
Career Academy	Optiplex 3020 Minitower W/Speaker	\$50,745.00
Beaverdale Elementary	E5540 Laptop	\$28,595.00
Cohutta Elementary	E5540 Laptop	\$41,895.00
New Hope Elementary	E5540 Laptop	\$28,595.00
Tunnel Hill Elementary	E5540 Laptop	\$25,270.00
Valley Point Elementary	E5540 Laptop	\$27,265.00
New Hope Middle	E5540 Laptop	\$48,545.00
North Whitfield Middle	E5540 Laptop	\$32,585.00
Westside Middle	E5540 Laptop	\$32,585.00
Eastbrook Middle	E5540 Laptop	\$52,535.00
Northwest High	E5540 Laptop	\$71,820.00

Bill Worley recommended the board approve the Purchase Orders for Dell Computers. Rodney Lock moved approval and Tony Stanley seconded. The board approved 4-0.

### **Approval of Bus Request**

<u>Name of Group or Sponsor</u>	<u>Activity or Request</u>	<u>Date for Request</u>
Dalton Civil War 150 <sup>th</sup> Commission	Guided Tour of Whitfield County Civil War Sites	May 3, 2014

Bill Worley recommended the board approve the Bus Request. Thomas Barton moved approval and Rodney Lock seconded. The board approved 4-0.

### **Financial Reports**

Daniel Theis, CFO, presented the General Fund Balance and the Capital Projects report as of December 31, 2013. Bill Worley recommended the board approve the report as presented. Tony Stanley moved approval and Rodney Lock seconded. The board approved 4-0. The financial reports are a part of these minutes.

### **Superintendent's Reports**

Teaching & Learning

#### 2014-2015 School Calendar

Audrey Williams presented the 2014-2015 School Calendar to the board for approval. She said that Dalton Public Schools and Whitfield County Schools have worked hard to get our calendars to match as close as we can. She said that the calendar committee has worked hard and given great input. Bill Worley recommended the board approve the 2014-2015 School Calendar as presented. Rodney Lock moved approval and Thomas Barton seconded. The board approved 4-0.

#### Accountability Report

Dr. Audrey Williams, Chief Officer for Assessment and Accountability, said that this is our 2014 winter edition of the Whitfield County Accountability Report. We had hoped to have this second Accountability Report out a little sooner but we were waiting to see if we would have the College and Career Ready Performance Index (CCRPI) but it should be published within the next few weeks. We have three main parts to this report; Achievement, Progress and Achievement Gap. Other important highlights in this report are:

- District Accreditation
- CCRPI – this report is on last year
- Teen Maze
- Georgia High School Writing Test (GHSWT)
- USDA Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Program
- Graduation Rate
- School Enrollment
- Student Demographics

Audrey told the board that a lot of time goes into this report. The committee works very hard. Dr. Gilreath said that these reports will provide an accurate and balanced picture of Whitfield County Schools. She thanked Audrey and everyone that has worked so hard on these reports. A copy of this report will be with the minutes.

Operations

#### Approval of Contract with Kinard Realty

Mike Ewton, Chief Officer for Operations, presented a contract to the board with Kinard Realty for the listing to sell the old Westside Head Start property known as Land Lot 163, District 27 Section 3, Parcel 4.0 Being 5.95 +-Acres on Utility Rd.

Judy Gilreath, Superintendent, recommended that the board approve the contract with Kinard Realty. She told the board that the property was declared surplus property at the January board meeting. Thomas Barton moved approval and Bill Worley seconded. The board approved 4-0.

## Support Services

### New USDA Regulations of Food Sold in Schools

Angie Brown, Director of School Nutrition, updated the board on the new USDA regulations of food sold in schools. She said that these new standards would start July 1, 2014. These are snack foods and beverages sold to children at school during the school day. She said that these standards are required by the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010. Angie listed some other important information about the new standards:

- Monitoring and Compliance will be completed by State agency during the administrative review.
- Current Free & Reduced Rate is 72% of Whitfield County Schools. Non-compliance would jeopardize that Federal funding.

Where do the standards apply?

- **School campus** defined as all areas of the property under the jurisdiction of the school that are accessible to students during the day.

**Includes:**

- Ala carte in the cafeteria
- In school stores
- Vending machines
- Other fundraising sales during school day

Any food sold in schools must:

- Be a “whole grain-rich” grain product; or
- Have as the first ingredient a fruit, a vegetable, a dairy product, or a protein food; or
- Be a combination food that contains at least ¼ cup of fruit and/or vegetable; or
- Contain 10% of the Daily Value (DV) of one of the nutrients of public health concern in the 2010 Dietary Guidelines for Americans (calcium, potassium, vitamin D, or dietary fiber).

Foods must also meet several nutrient requirements:

**Calorie limits:**

Snack Items: ≤ 200 calories

Entrée items: ≤ 350 calories

**Sodium limits:**

Snack items: ≤ 230 mg\*\*

Entrée items: ≤ 480 mg

**Fat limits:**

Total fat: ≤ 35% of calories

Saturated fat: < 10% of calories

Trans fat: zero grams

**Sugar limit:**

≤ 35% of weight from total sugars in foods

### **Nutrition Standards for Beverages**

**All schools may sell:**

- Plain water (with or without carbonation)
- Unflavored low fat milk
- Unflavored or flavored fat free milk and milk alternatives permitted by NSLP/SBP
- 100% fruit or vegetable juice and
- 100% fruit or vegetable juice diluted with water (with or without carbonation), and not added sweeteners.

Elementary schools may sell up to 8-ounce portions, while middle schools and high schools may sell up to 12-ounce portions of milk and juice. There is no portion size limit for plain water.

### **Standards allow additional “no calorie” and “lower calorie” beverage options for high school students.**

- No more than 20-ounce portions of calorie-free, flavored water (with or without carbonation); and
- Other flavored and/or carbonated beverages that are labeled to contain < 5 calories per 8 fluid ounces or ≤ 10 calories per 20 fluid ounces.

- No more than **12-ounce portions** of beverages with  $\leq 40$  calories per 8 fluid ounces, or  $\leq 60$  calories per 12 fluid ounces.

## **Other Requirements**

### **Fundraisers**

- The sale of food items that meet nutrition requirements at fundraisers are not limited in any way under the standards.
- The standards do not apply during non-school hours, on weekends and at off-campus fundraising events.
- No fundraiser may be sold in competition with school meals in the food service area during the meal service.

## **Moving Forward**

- Companies such as Frito Lay and General Mills are looking at reformulations to meet standards.
- Regulations may change before official implementation date; however, we need to be aware and are planning ahead.
- Nutrition Standards will be presented to BOE to update BOE Policy to comply with regulations.

Angie shared a basket of the snacks that did and did not meet regulations. She said that we have already started a lot of this process in Whitfield County. Dr. Gilreath thanked Angie for informing the board on these changes and for keeping us updated.

## **Personnel**

Bill Worley recommended the board approve the personnel actions as discussed in executive session. Rodney Lock moved approval and Tony Stanley seconded. The board approved 4-0.

## **Previous Business**

### **Second Reading of Change in Board Policy: Solicitations by Students KEBB**

Dr. Gilreath recommended the board approve the second reading of board policy KEBB: Solicitations by Students. Thomas Barton moved approval and Rodney Lock seconded. The board approved 4-0.

## **New Business**

Dr. Gilreath presented the following donation checks for the board to accept:

- Donation Check for Dug Gap Elementary School in the amount of \$3000.00 for the parking lot overage.
- Donation Check in the amount of \$11,300.00 to pay for site suitability studies at Coahulla Creek High School and at our property on Brooker Road. The studies were done to determine the suitability of these sites for potentially building a donated aquatic center at some point in the future.
- Donation Check for Southeast High School in the amount of \$33,000.00 to purchase a new pole vault pit and equipment.
- Donation Check for Phoenix in the amount of \$27,000.00 to be used in their library.
- Donation Check for Northwest High School in the amount of \$10,000.00 to pay their pool fees.
- Donation Check for Southeast High School in the amount of \$1000.00 to help students who cannot afford to take the ACT, SAT, and AP Exams.

Dr. Gilreath recommended the board accept these checks as presented. Thomas Barton moved approval and Tony Stanley seconded. The board approved 4-0.

### **Memorandum of Understanding for Application to *The Next Step Program***

Dr. Gilreath recommended the board approve the Memorandum of Understanding. She said that this Memorandum of Understanding is between Dalton State College and Whitfield County Schools. She said that the funds are through the

WIA grant. This is to promote opportunities for students to graduate high school and enter post-secondary institutions. Tony Stanley moved approval and Rodney Lock seconded. The board approved 4-0.

Approval of Two Teachers at New Hope Elementary for Tutoring Program

Dr. Gilreath recommended the board approve the two teachers at New Hope Elementary School for the Tutoring Program. She said that they are requesting two non-homeroom teachers who require board approval because of Standard 6 the Code of Conduct for Educators. They would like for Kelley Johnston, media specialist, and Chantelle Kirk, Early Intervention Program teacher, to be approved to tutor students. Both teachers are certified and “teach” students in our school; however, they are not the teacher of record and do not assign grades. Thomas Barton moved approval and Tony Stanley seconded. The board approved 4-0.

**Board Member Report**

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

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Secretary

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Chairman



MINUTES OF CALLED BOARD MEETING  
February 5, 2014

The Whitfield County Board of Education held a called meeting at the Whitfield County Central Office on February 5, 2014. 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  
Carolyn Weaver

**Executive Session**

Superintendent Judy Gilreath recommended the board move into executive session for the purpose of discussing a tribunal appeal. Rodney Lock moved approval and Bill Worley seconded. The board approved 5-0.

**Return to Regular Session**

The board having taken no action in executive session returned to regular session at 8:08 a.m. Tony Stanley moved approval and Thomas Barton 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  
Carolyn Weaver

**Student Tribunal Appeal Decision**

Louis Fordham made a motion to uphold the decision of the tribunal panel. The board approved 5-0 to uphold the decision of the tribunal panel.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:09 a.m.

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Chairman

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Secretary