

MINUTES OF
CALLED WORK SESSION
May 5, 2014

The called work session meeting of the Whitfield County Board of Education was held at the Whitfield County Central Office on May 5, 2014. Chairman Louis Fordham called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Present were the following board members:

Thomas Barton
Louis Fordham
Rodney Lock
Tony Stanley
Bill Worley

Others present:

Judy Gilreath, Superintendent
Karey Williams
Rhonda Yim
Eric Beavers
Daniel Theis
Carolyn Weaver

Adoption of Agenda

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

Executive Session

Superintendent Judy Gilreath recommended the board members move into executive session to discuss personnel, real estate, and pending litigation. Chairman Louis Fordham said that a recommendation had been made to move into executive session. Louis Fordham moved approval and Bill Worley seconded. The board approved 5-0.

Adjournment

The board members having taken no action in Executive Session adjourned Executive Session at 6:35p.m. Rodney Lock moved approval and Bill Worley seconded. The board approved 5-0.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

Secretary

Chairman

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING
May 14, 2014

The regular meeting of the Whitfield County Board of Education was held at the Whitfield County Central Office on Monday, April 14, 2014. 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	Audrey Williams
Karey Williams	Rhonda Yim
Daniel Theis	Mike Ewton
Eric Beavers	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. Bill Worley moved approval and Louis Fordham seconded. The board approved 5-0.

Pledge of Allegiance

Daniel Cabero, 2nd grader from Cedar Ridge Elementary, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Moment of Silent Reflection

Louis Fordham asked everyone to observe a moment of silence.

Inspiration

Meleia Bridenstine, principal at Cedar Ridge Elementary School, introduced students from Mrs. Carson's 2nd grade class. The following students read a poem called, *A Cat, A Kid, and A Mom*.

Heber Arzate
Emily Williams
Haley Wimpy

Jamey Reedy, music director at Cedar Ridge Elementary School, led the following students in a song called, *Step By Step*.

Emily Williams	Samantha Triana
Haley Wimpy	Heber Arzate
Audrey Robertson	Rachel Caldwell
Esperanza Ramirez	Emiee Ptak
Adrian Espinoza	Gerald Marsh

Emily Leverenz
Elena Cabero Contrina – 5th grader assisted the group.

The board thanked the students for a great job.

Recognitions and Presentations

Dawnville Elementary School's Counseling Program Recognized as a Model Program with The American School Counselor Association (ASCA)

The board presented the following certificate of congratulations to Dawnville Elementary School's Counseling Program for being recognized by the American School Counselor Association as a Model Program. Dawnville scored a 54 and is one of more than 400 that have received this national recognition since the program's inception in 2004. Sherri Travisano, principle at Dawnville, said that Wayne Joyal, counselor at Dawnville, would accept the certificate for Dawnville. She said that he has done a fantastic job following the counseling guidelines that are best for children. The board thanked Mr. Joyal for this great achievement.

Amy Stanley, 5th Grade Teacher at Westside Elementary School Chosen for LearnZillion Dream Team

The board presented the following certificate of congratulations to Amy Stanley for being chosen for the LearnZillion Dream Team. LearnZillion is a group of 200 extraordinary teachers selected each year to create LearnZillion's content. The board congratulated Amy on this great accomplishment.

James Morrison, Represented LearnZillion at a National Education Summit

The board presented the following certificate of congratulations to James Morrison for being chosen to represent LearnZillion at the National Education Summit. James said that his summit links educational technology innovators with potential investors. The organizers felt like an important component was missing, the teachers who use the technology. This way I was able to provide my feedback on their products. James thanked the board for the opportunity to be a part of this. He said that it was an honor to represent our great county and state. The board thanked him for the great work that he is doing.

Young Georgia Authors

The board presented the following students certificates of congratulations for winning the Young Georgia Authors' Writing Competition:

Kalynn Cameron
Wesley Burnett
Liam Roche
Ashley Teasley
Shelby Grace Hamlin
Isha Mittal

Adam Sumilong
Caleb Hardin
Montana Shadrick
Sarah Cordero
Kaylor Sims

Chairman Louis Fordham said that this competition is sponsored by the Georgia Council of Teachers of English and the purpose of the contest is to support schools in their efforts to develop student writing, as well as to recognize student achievement in writing throughout Georgia. This is an honor to be recognized as district first place winners within your grade level. The board is very proud of you.

The board congratulated them for a great job.

Georgia Scholars

The board presented the following students certificates of congratulations for being named to the Georgia Scholar Program for 2014:

Michaela Yip – Northwest High School
James Zhong – Northwest High School

Chairman Louis Fordham said that the Georgia Scholar Program recognizes high school seniors who have achieved excellence in school and community life. Louis said that Michaela Yip has been accepted to West Point. The board congratulates these two seniors for this great accomplishment.

Governor Honors Finalist

The board presented the following students a certificate of congratulations for being the 2014 Governor Honors Finalist:

Megan Parker – Northwest High School for Agricultural Science/Environmental
Tyler Linder – Northwest High School for Chemistry
Natalie Wright – Northwest High School for Mathematics
Shelbi Bryant – Southeast High School for Communicative Arts
Bryan Gage Moss – Southeast High School for Mathematics

Louis Fordham said that this is a great honor. They will be attending the 2014 Governor's Honors Summer Academy for four weeks at Valdosta State.

Reading Recovery Teachers Complete Training

The board presented the following teachers a certificate of congratulations for completing their training as Reading Recovery Teachers:

Linda Minter – New Hope Elementary
Dee Goodwin – Beavertdale Elementary
Lisa Cable – Varnell Elementary
Mary Beth Beason – Varnell Elementary

The board thanked them for their hard work.

Hearing of Individuals

None

Approval of Minutes – April 14, 2014 Board Meetings

Louis Fordham recommended the board approve the minutes for the April 14, 2014 meetings. Rodney Lock moved approval and Tony Stanley seconded. The board approved 5-0.

Approval of Purchase Order over \$25,000.00

Louis Fordham presented the following purchase orders for approval:

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Technical Training Aids of John Holt	Vocational Construction Bond Grant for NHS	\$80,555.00
Technical Training Aids of John Holt	Vocational Construction Bond Grant for SHS	\$80,000.00
Scholastic, Inc	Computer Software and Dues and Fees for schools	
	Receiving the Striving Readers Grant (Federal Program)	\$52,508.00

Louis Fordham recommended the board approve the Purchase Orders as presented. Thomas Barton moved approval and Bill Worley seconded. The board approved 5-0.

Financial Reports

Daniel Theis, CFO, presented the General Fund Balance and the Capital Projects report as of March 31, 2014. The financial reports are a part of these minutes. Louis Fordham recommended the board approve the report as presented.

Tony Stanley moved approval and Bill Worley seconded. The board approved 5-0. The financial reports are a part of these minutes.

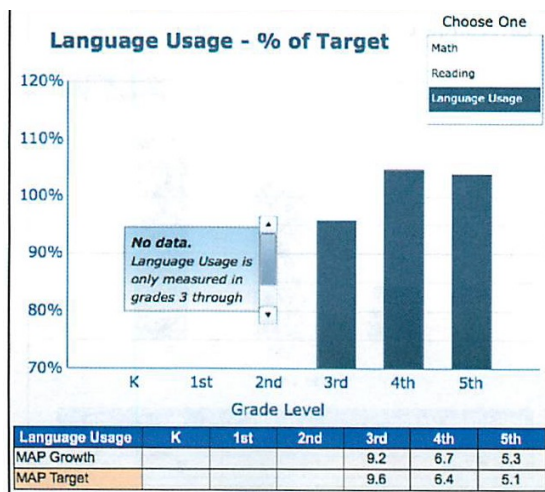
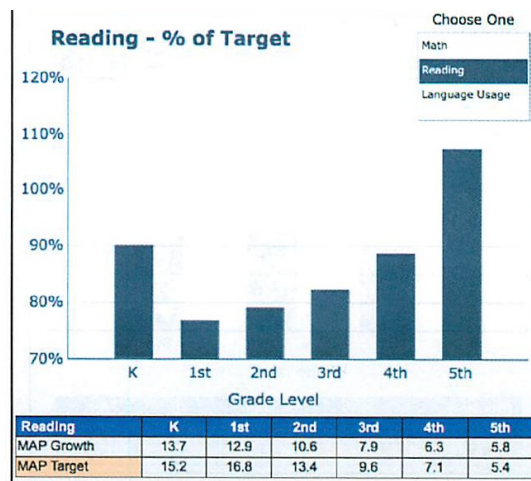
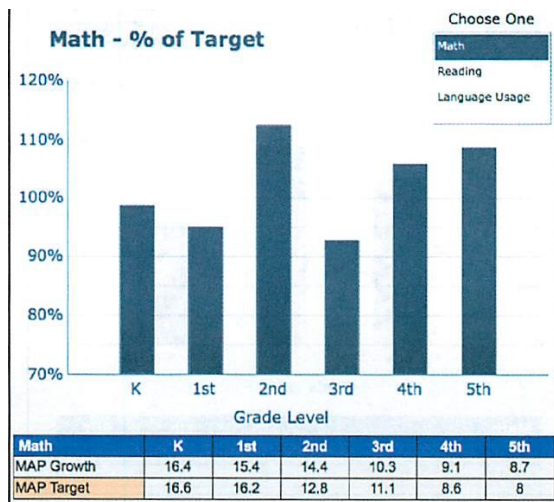
Superintendent's Reports

Teaching & Learning

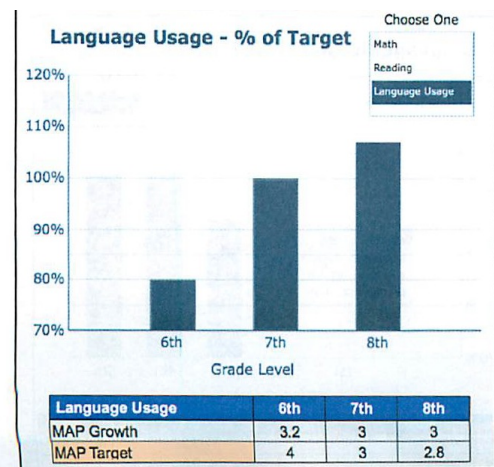
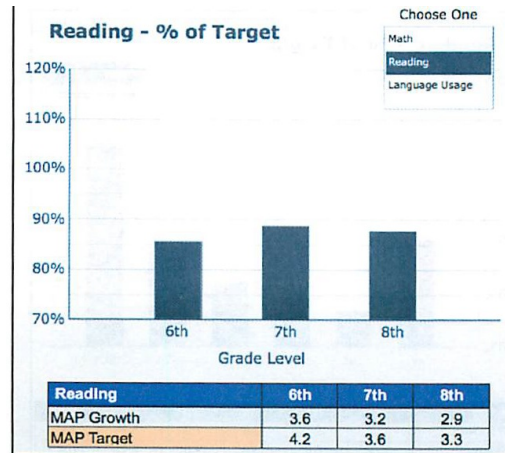
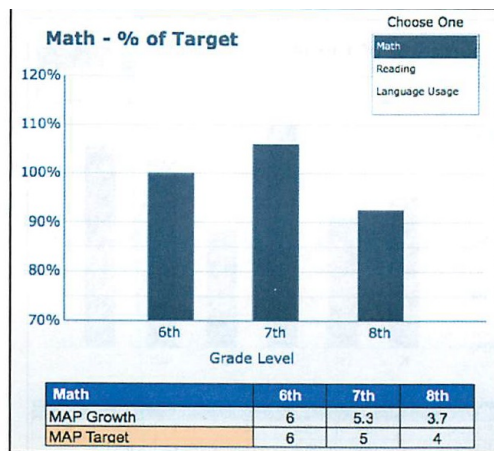
Measures of Academic Progress (MAPS) – Dr. Audrey Williams

Dr. Audrey Williams, Chief Officer for Assessment and Accountability presented the following Fall to Spring MAP report:

Elementary MAP



Middle MAP



Dr. Williams said that we finished our testing at the end of March.

CCRPI (Accountability) – Dr. Audrey Williams

Dr. Audrey Williams, Chief Officer for Assessment and Accountability, presented the following information on the College & Career Ready Performance Index (Two-Year Comparison).

What are the differences between the old and new CCRPI?

- The new CCRPI has been calculated from 2013 data reflecting the new calculation.
- The 2012 scores was recalculated applying the new calculation methodology to the same 2012 data.

What are the differences between the old and new CCRPI?

- **MORE RIGOR:** The updated calculations require schools and districts to meet greater expectations to earn high scores.
- **APPLES TO APPLES:** Comparisons between 2012 and 2013

results will only be valid using the recalculated results.

Any comparison to the “study year” will not compare “apples to apples” and will be invalid.

What are the differences between the old and new CCRPI?

Achievement and Progress

Components

- Credit for Achievement has decreased to 60 points (from 70 points last year)
- Credit for Progress has increased to 25 points (from 15 points last year)

Graduation Rate: change in cohorts and weights

- New Calculation
 - 4-year cohort graduation rate weighted at 2/3
 - 5-year cohort graduation rate weighted at 1/3
- Old Calculation
 - 4- and 5-year cohort graduation rates received the same weighting

Major Indicator Changes Impact Scores

Elementary Schools

- 5th grade students passing 5 core courses (now including reading) must also pass all CRCT.
- The former CCRPI required passing only 4 core courses and did not require passing CRCT scores for credit.

Middle Schools

- 8th grade students passing 4 core courses must also pass all CRCT and required End-of-Course Tests (EOCT).
- The former CCRPI did not require passing scores on the CRCT and EOCT.

High Schools

- 9th grade Students with Disabilities earning 3 credits in core courses now must pass the required EOCT.
- 9th grade students earning 4 credits in core courses now must pass the required EOCT.
- The former CCRPI did not require passing EOCT scores.

Whitfield County Schools CCRPI 2-Year Overview *Comparing 2012 to 2013*

							Challenge Points							
	Achievement (60 pts possible)		Progress (25 pts possible)		Achievement Gap (15 pts possible)		Performance Points		Exceeding the Bar		Total Challenge PTS (10 pts possible)		CCRPI Score (110 pts possible)	
	2012	2013	2012	2013	2012	2013	2012	2013	2012	2013	2012	2013	2012	2013
All Elementary	42	46.3	14.6	16.4	4	8	4.6	3.5	0	0	4.6	3.5	65.2	74.2

All Middle	44.6	45	15.2	16	8	7	1.9	2	0	0	1.9	2	69.7	70
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All High	39	40	15.8	17	6.3	11.3	4.2	4	0	0	4.2	4	65.3	72.5
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District													66.7	73.4
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Achievement + **Progress** + **Achievement Gap** + **Challenge Points** = **CCRPI Score**
 60 pts possible 25 pts possible 15 pts possible 10 pts possible 110 pts possible

Audrey said that the new test that will replace CRCT is going to be called G-MAP. She said that it has nothing to do with MAPS and that we have not received any other information on it as of now. She said that the new testing calendar has not been set up yet because of the change. She said that all schools will get a CCRPI report.

Class Size Waiver for 2014-2015

Karey Williams, Assistant Superintendent, presented the Class Size Waiver for 2014-2015 to the board. Dr. Judy Gilreath, Superintendent, recommended the board approve the Waiver as presented. Rodney Lock moved approval and Louis Fordham seconded. The board approved 5-0. The Waiver is a part of these minutes.

Alternative/Non Traditional Education Program Waiver

Karey Williams, Assistant Superintendent, presented the Alternative/Non Traditional Education Program Waiver for 2014-2015 to the board. Dr. Judy Gilreath, Superintendent, recommended the board approve the Waiver as presented. Louis Fordham moved approval and Bill Worley seconded. The board approved 5-0.

Operations

Allgood Pest Solutions Renewal of Contract for 2014-2015

Mike Ewton, Chief Officer of Operations, recommended approval of the Pest Control agreement with Allgood for the 2014-2015 school year. Thomas Barton moved approval and Tony Stanley seconded. The board approved 5-0.

Continue Waste Service with Santek Waste Services for 2014-2015

Mike Ewton, Chief Officer of Operations, recommended continuing our waste service with Santek Waste Services for 2014-2015 in the amount of \$138,462.12. Rodney Lock moved approval and Bill Worley seconded. The board approved 5-0.

Support Services

Second Reading of WCS Student Discipline Code of Conduct and WCS Student Dress Code

Dr. Gilreath recommended the board approve the second reading of the WCS Student Discipline Code of Conduct. Louis Fordham moved approval and Tony Stanley seconded. The board approved 5-0.

Dr. Gilreath recommended the board approve the second reading of the WCS Dress Code. Louis Fordham moved approval and Rodney Lock seconded. The board approved 5-0.

Personnel

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

Previous Business

New Business

First Reading to Rescind Board Policy: Policy Adoption: BDC

Dr. Gilreath recommended the board approve the first reading to rescind board policy, Policy Adoption: BDC. Dr. Gilreath stated that there were a lot of changes in the law on how to adopt policies. She said it is easier to rescind this one and adopt a new policy. Thomas Barton moved approval and Bill Worley seconded. The board approved 5-0.

First Reading to Adopt Board Policy: New Policy Development: BD

Dr. Gilreath recommended the board approve the first reading to adopt board policy, New Policy Development: BD. Louis Fordham moved approval and Bill Worley seconded. The board approved 5-0.

Donation Check for Parking Lot Change Order for Dug Gap Elementary School

Dr. Gilreath said that Dug Gap Elementary School was given a donation check in the amount of \$3,418.00 for parking lot change order. Dr. Gilreath recommended the board accept the check in the amount of \$3,418.00. Bill Worley moved approval and Tony Stanley seconded. The board approved 5-0.

Donation Check for Tennis Court Change Order for Valley Point Middle School

Dr. Gilreath said that Valley Point Middle School was given a donation check in the amount of \$16,900.00 for tennis court change order. Dr. Gilreath recommended the board accept the check in the amount of \$16,900.00. Louis Fordham moved approval and Bill Worley seconded. The board approved 5-0.

Donation Check for Book Room at Valley Point Middle School

Dr. Gilreath said that Valley Point Middle School was given a donation check in the amount of \$20,000.00 for the schools book room. Dr. Gilreath recommended the board accept the check in the amount of \$20,000.00. Tony Stanley moved approval and Rodney Lock seconded. The board approved 5-0.

Donation Check for STEM Lab at Southeast High School

Dr. Gilreath said that Southeast High School was given a donation check in the amount of \$106,000.00 for the STEM Lab. Dr. Gilreath recommended the board accept the check in the amount of \$106,000.00. Thomas Barton moved approval and Bill Worley seconded. The board approved 5-0.

Donation Check for Band Instruments at Eastbrook Middle School

Dr. Gilreath said that Eastbrook Middle School was given a donation check in the amount of \$10,000.00 for band instruments. Dr. Gilreath recommended the board accept the check in the amount of \$10,000.00. Rodney Lock moved approval and Louis Fordham seconded. The board approved 5-0.

Contract for E-Rate 2014-2015 (ENA)

Dr. Gilreath recommended that the board approve the 2014-2015 contract for E-Rate (ENA). Chairman Louis Fordham said that a recommendation had been made to approve the 2014-2015 E-Rate Contract. Tony Stanley moved approval and Louis Fordham seconded. The board approved 5-0.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

Secretary

Chairman