

MINUTES OF
CALLED WORK SESSION
August 3, 2015

The called work session meeting of the Whitfield County Board of Education was held at the Whitfield County Central Office on August 3, 2015. Chairman Louis Fordham called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

Present were the following board members:

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

Others present:

Judy Gilreath
Karey Williams
Richard Hill
Mike Ewton
Eric Beavers
Carolyn Weaver

Adoption of Agenda

Vice Chairman Bill Worley recommended the board members adopt the agenda as presented. Thomas Barton moved approval and Tony Stanley seconded. The board approved 3-0.

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 to discuss personnel. Thomas Barton moved approval and Tony Stanley seconded. The board approved 3-0.

Adjournment

The board members having taken no action in Executive Session adjourned Executive Session at 6:28 p.m. Tony Stanley moved approval and Thomas Barton seconded. The board approved 3-0.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:28 p.m.

Secretary

Chairman

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING
August 3, 2015

The regular meeting of the Whitfield County Board of Education was held at the Whitfield County Central Office on Monday, August 3, 2015. Vice Chairman Bill Worley called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Present were the following board members:

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

Also present were the following staff members:

Judy Gilreath	Richard Hill
Wanda Phillips	Eric Beavers
Audrey Williams	Carolyn Weaver
Mike Ewton	
Karey Williams	

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. Thomas Barton moved approval and Tony Stanley seconded. The board approved 3-0.

Pledge of Allegiance

Hunter Crabtree, 5th grader at Cohutta Elementary School, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Moment of Silent Reflection

Bill Worley asked everyone to observe a moment of silence.

Inspiration

Teagyn Blair, 5th grader at Cohutta Elementary School, gave the inspiration.

Recognitions and Presentations

Sarah Cordero, Northwest High School – Young Georgia Author Winner for State in Writing

The board presented a certificate of congratulations to Sarah Cordero, 12th grader at Northwest High School, for winning state in the Young Georgia Authors Writing Contest. Sarah starts college this year.

Eastbrook Middle Receives the Laura Bush Foundation Grant

The board presented a certificate of congratulations to Eastbrook Middle for receiving the Laura Bush Foundation Grant in the amount of \$7000.00. Katie Elakman, Media Specialist, wrote the grant. The Laura Bush Foundation for America's Libraries provides funds to schools so that they can extend, update, and diversify the book and print collections in their libraries with the goal of encouraging students to develop a love of reading and learning.

Cohutta Elementary School's Archery Team Places 3rd in the World

The board presented a certificate of congratulations to Cohutta Elementary for placing 3rd in the World Archery Tournament. The board presented certificates to the following students and coaches on the Cohutta Elementary Schools Archery Team for placing 3rd in the World Archery Tournament:

Graciella Aviles	Katie Bagley	Jennifer Brown - Coach
Teagyn Blair	Krisa Brown	Lauren Buckner - Coach
Hunter Crabtree	Emilyn Dycus	Naomi Dycus - Coach
Emma Fauscett	Elliot Green	Kyle Holcomb - Coach
Meka Henson	Dylan Higgins	Sandra Johnson - Coach
Timmy Johnson	Eion Keener	Jennifer McCracken - Coach
Lucus Kinsey	Ellison Knight	Jerome Shields - Coach
Hannah Grace Kornberg	Trey Lawson	
Allie Mayfield	Caleb Owens	
Aleya Rogers	Brandon Scoggins	
Skylar Stephens	Nicole Thurman	
John Kenneth Walters	Justin Willis	

The board said that this is a great achievement especially for being such a young team. Coach Kyle Holcomb told the board that these students are very dedicated, disciplined, and they work very hard. He said that they have placed in the top 3 places in every tournament that they have been in. Kyle said that we are very proud of them.

Hearing of Individuals

None

Approval of Minutes – July 13, 2015 Board Meetings

Bill Worley recommended the board approve the minutes for the July 13, 2015 board meetings. Thomas Barton moved approval and Tony Stanley seconded. The board approved 3-0.

Approval of Purchase Orders over \$25,000.00

Dr. Judy Gilreath, Superintendent, presented the following purchase orders for approval:

<u>Vendor</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Telenet, Inc.	EES Construction (ESPLOST)	\$150,657.45
Telenet, Inc.	EES Wireless Upgrade Projection – copper wiring (ESPLOST)	\$74,996.92
Ricoh	Yearly Copier Rental for WCS	\$203,977.80
Windstream	Yearly PBX Maintenance Agreement	\$75,927.67
CDW-G Computer Centers	NWMS Clam Shell Chrome Books and License	\$59,250.00
Scientific Learning Corporation	WMS Fast Forward Perpetual License/Results Now Package/Web Based Session	\$46,130.00
Excel Therapy Service, Inc.	ESS PT, OT, and SLP Services/10 Units of Service Aug – May	\$335,000.00
Ownbey Enterprises, Inc.	Annual PO for Unleaded and Diesel Fuel	\$1,155,000.00

Bill Worley said that a recommendation had been made to approve the purchase orders as presented. Bill Worley moved approval and Tony Stanley seconded. The board approved 3-0.

Financial Reports

There was not a financial report for this month

Superintendent's Reports

Teaching & Learning

Karey Williams, Assistant Superintendent, did not have a report. She told the board that teachers come back tomorrow and school starts Friday.

Assessment and Accountability

House Bill 91: Graduation Test Waivers

Dr. Audrey Williams, Assistant Superintendent for Assessment and Accountability, gave an update on HB: 91. This is the bill that created a new state law which provides that students shall no longer be required to earn a passing score on any graduation tests to earn a high school diploma. She said that we have given out 1 diploma since last report bringing the total to 334.

Operations

FY16 GaDOE Capital Outlay Contract

Mike Ewton, Assistant Superintendent of Operations, recommended approval of the FY 2016 Capital Outlay Program funded application. This includes the following:

- The official letter of approval and commitment.
- The Contractual Agreement – Notice of Application Approval to be signed by the Whitfield County Board of Education.
- A copy of the application submitted by the Whitfield County Board of Education requesting state funds for the projects described in the application.

Tony Stanley moved approval and Thomas Barton seconded. The board approved 3-0.

Change Order for Southeast High School's Gym Construction Project

Mike Ewton, Assistant Superintendent of Operations, presented the change order and recommended that the board approve. The contract is changed as follows:

• The original Contract Sum, was	<u>\$ 3,184,000.00</u>
• The net change by previously authorized Change Orders	<u>\$ 0.00</u>
• The Contract Sum prior to this Change Order was	<u>\$ 3,184,000.00</u>
• The Contract Sum will be increased by this Change Order in the amount of	<u>\$ 96,586.52</u>
• The new Contract Sum including this Change Order will be	<u>\$ 3,280,586.52</u>

Mike told the board the Southeast Gym project is being paid by private donation funds. Tony Stanley moved approval and Thomas Barton seconded. The board approved 3-0.

Operation Update for School Startup

Mike Ewton, Assistant Superintendent of Operations, presented the following update for school startup:

- Technology
 - Major network upgrade at central office complete
 - Hired 4 new IT Techs
- Maintenance
 - Ground crews are working hard to get ready for school starting
 - New playground equipment to be installed. This is funded by private donor
- Transportation

- Still short on bus drivers
- Quick Find has been published
- Bridge Closed on Reed Pond Road. This will affect about 15 students as far as providing them transportation
- Digital Radio – we did the control test and it worked fine. All of the buses on the south end are equipped with digital radio.
- School Nutrition
 - New Software
 - Received a waiver – Angie Brown told the board because of the new federal guidelines we had to start making our biscuits out of 100% whole grain flour. Kids were not eating them so we were losing about \$200,000.00. The waiver now lets us use regular flour to make our biscuits.
- Facilities
 - Dug Gap Elementary School – Wireless upgrades and bathroom renovations are complete
 - Eastside Elementary School – Renovations are underway and mobile classrooms are set up
 - Southeast High School – Gym lobby renovations are underway and will be complete in the Fall of 2016
 - Eastbrook Middle School – Bids open tomorrow for new gym. New baseball field is underway.
 - Antioch Elementary School – New bus loop and awning will not be ready the first day of school.
 - Capital Outlay 5 Year Plan

Support Services

Evidentiary Panel Hearing Officer for 2015-2016

Wanda Phillips, Chief Officer of Support Services, recommended that the board approve Mike Ewton, Assistant Superintendent, as one of the Evidentiary Panel Hearing Officers for 2015-2016. Bill Worley moved approval and Tony Stanley seconded. The board approved 3-0.

After School Care Worker

Wanda Phillips, Chief Officer of Support Services, asked the board to approve the following afterschool care worker:

- Sara Gossett – Varnell Elementary School

Thomas Barton moved approval and Tony Stanley seconded. The board approved 3-0.

Personnel

Dr. Judy Gilreath, superintendent, recommended the board approve the personnel actions as discussed in executive session to include the following:

I.		<u>Certified Personnel 2014-15</u>	II.		<u>Certified Personnel 2015-16</u>
A.	5	Resignations	A.	0	Resignations
B.	0	Recommendations	B.	11	Recommendations
C.	0	Transfers	C.	1	Transfers
D.	0	Other Certified Actions	D.	1	Other Certified Actions
E.	0	Terminations	E.	0	Terminations
III.		<u>Classified Personnel 2014-15</u>	IV.		<u>Classified Personnel 2015-16</u>
A.	9	Resignations	A.	2	Resignations

B.	0	Recommendations	B.	13	Recommendations
C.	0	Transfers	C.	2	Transfers
D.	0	Other Classified Actions	D.	0	Other Classified Actions
E.	0	Terminations	E.	0	Terminations

Tony Stanley moved approval and Thomas Barton seconded. The board approved 3-0. The personnel report is a part of the minutes.

Previous Business

Second Reading of Board Policy BCBD: Board Meeting Agendas

Dr. Judy Gilreath, Superintendent, said that this is to allow for flexible times for work sessions. This would bring the policy in line with current practice. She asked the board to approve the second reading of Board Policy BCBD. Tony Stanley moved approval and Thomas Barton seconded. The board approved 3-0

Second Reading of Board Policy DJE: Purchasing

Dr. Judy Gilreath, Superintendent, said that this is to align LBOE policy with current personnel positions. She asked the board to approve the second reading of Board Policy DJE. Bill Worley moved approval and Tony Stanley seconded. The board approved 3-0.

Second Reading of Board Policy DJEAC-R(1): Purchasing or Credit Card Use

Dr. Judy Gilreath, Superintendent, said that this is required by auditors to provide written procedure for use of system credit card. She asked the board to approve the second reading of Board Policy DJEAC-R(1). Thomas Barton moved approval and Bill Worley seconded. The board approved 3-0.

Second Reading of Board Policy GAD: Professional Development Opportunities

Dr. Judy Gilreath, Superintendent, said that this is to align LBOE policy with state rule 160-3-3-04 as amended. She asked the board to approve the second reading of Board Policy GAD. Tony Stanley moved approval and Thomas Barton seconded. The board approved 3-0.

Second Reading of Board Policy JGJA: Suicide Prevention

Dr. Judy Gilreath, Superintendent, said that this is to align LBOE policy with state changes in House Bill 198-Georgia Code 20-2-779. This is to add training as required by law. She asked the board to approve the second reading of Board Policy JGJA. Bill Worley moved approval and Tony Stanley seconded. The board approved 3-0.

Second Reading of Board Policy JCDAG: Bullying

Dr. Judy Gilreath, Superintendent, said that this is to align LBOE policy with state rule changes O.C.G.A. 20-2-751.4. This change applies to cyberbullying. She asked the board to approve the second reading of Board Policy JCDAG. Tony Stanley moved approval and Thomas Barton seconded. The board approved 3-0.

Second Reading of Board Policy JCDAE: Weapons

Dr. Judy Gilreath, Superintendent, said that this is to align LBOE policy with state changes in House Bill 492 O.C.G.A. 16-11-127.1, O.C.G.A. 20-2-1184, and O.C.G.A. 20-2-751. She asked the board to approve the second reading of Board Policy JCDAE. Bill Worley moved approval and Tony Stanley seconded. The board approved 3-0.

Second Reading of Board Policy JGI: Child Abuse or Neglect

Dr. Judy Gilreath, Superintendent, said that this is to align LBOE policy with state language changes in House Bill 268 O.C.G.A. § 49-5-41 and O.C.G.A. § 19-7-5. She asked the board to approve the second reading of Board Policy JGI. Thomas Barton moved approval and Tony Stanley seconded. The board approved 3-0.

Second Reading of Board Policy JGCD: Medication

Dr. Judy Gilreath, Superintendent, said that this is to align LBOE policy with state changes in SB126. This is adding medication levalbuterol sulfate. Such persons can administer to a student in perceived respiratory distress, regardless of whether the student has a prescription for levalbuterol sulfate. She asked the board to approve the second reading of Board Policy JGCD. Bill Worley moved approval and Tony Stanley seconded. The board approved 3-0.

New Business

Donations for August 2015

The following donation checks were presented to the board for approval:

<u>Schools</u>	<u>Description of Donation</u>	<u>Amount of Check</u>
Southeast High School	Lexile Server	\$10,000.00
Southeast High School	Band Room Floor	\$6,500.00
Southeast High School	Art Dept. Technology and Software	\$35,000.00
Phoenix High School	Donation from Janice Croy	\$500.00
North Whitfield Middle School	Target Corporation	\$50.00
Eastbrook Middle School	Laura Bush Foundation Grant/Books for Media Center	\$7000.00

Dr. Gilreath recommended the board accept the donations as presented. Thomas Barton moved approval and Tony Stanley seconded. The board approved 3-0.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

Secretary

Chairman

MINUTES OF
CALLED BOARD MEETING
August 10, 2015

The Whitfield County Board of Education held a called meeting at the Whitfield County Central Office on Tuesday, August 10, 2015. 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	Mike Ewton
Karey Williams	Eric Beavers
Audrey Williams	Carolyn Weaver
Richard Hill	

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 Tony Stanley seconded. The board approved 5-0.

FY2016 Millage Rate

Superintendent Judy Gilreath recommended the board members approve the FY2016 Millage Rate to remain at 18.756 mills. Louis said that the administration of the school system is doing a great job sticking to their budgets so we are going to stay the same. Chairman Louis Fordham said that a recommendation had been made to approve the FY2016 Millage Rate. Louis Fordham moved approval and Bill Worley seconded. The board approved 5-0.

Waive Out-of-District Tuition for 2015-2016 for Students Enrolling in the Apprenticeship Program at Career Academy

Superintendent Judy Gilreath recommended to the board to waive the Out-of-District Tuition for 2015-2016 for students enrolling in the apprenticeship program at the Career Academy. She said that the normal tuition for the program is \$1,167.00. She said this is a great program and we want to grow it. She said that the Career Academy has always wanted to work with other systems in the community. Thomas Barton moved approval and Louis Fordham seconded. The board approved 5-0. Louis said that the Advance Manufacturing Apprenticeship Program is a key investment. He stated that we have got to have this for this area with the carpet mills.

Operations

- **Eastbrook Gym Construction Contract**

Mike Ewton, Assistant Superintendent of Operations, recommended the board approve the contract with McKnight Construction Company, Inc., in Augusta Georgia to build the Eastbrook Middle School Gymnasium Addition in the amount of \$5,114,000.00. This does not include the architect and technology. Mike told the board that we received 4 bids. He said that this company comes highly recommended by the architect. Rodney Lock moved approval and Tony Stanley seconded. The board approved 5-0.

Donations

The following donation checks were presented to the board for approval:

<u>Schools</u>	<u>Description of Donation</u>	<u>Amount of Check</u>
SHS, EMS, VPM, VPE, EES, AES, CRE, and DGE	Leadership Seminar with Dr. Wilson for Raider Feeder Schools (From Donor)	\$1,500.00
Central Office	Totem Outsourcing LLC/New Teacher Orientation	\$500.00
Central Office	Terrell L. Akins/New Teacher Orientation	\$500.00
Central Office	Professional Association of GA Educators/New Teacher Orientation	\$50.00
Central Office	Wells Fargo Bank/New Teacher Orientation	\$50.00

Dr. Gilreath recommended the board accept the donations as presented. Louis Fordham moved approval and Thomas Barton seconded. The board approved 5-0.

Executive Session

Dr. Judy Gilreath recommended the board move into executive session to discuss personnel. Tony Stanley 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
Richard Hill

Return to Regular Session

The board having taken no action in executive session returned to regular session at 8:02 a.m. Rodney Lock moved approval and Bill Worley seconded. The board approved 5-0.

Personnel

- **Personnel Report**

Dr. Judy Gilreath, superintendent, recommended the board approve the personnel actions as discussed in executive session to include the following:

I.		<u>Certified Personnel 2014-15</u>	II.		<u>Certified Personnel 2015-16</u>
A.	0	Resignations	A.	1	Resignations
B.	0	Recommendations	B.	1	Recommendations
C.	0	Transfers	C.	2	Transfers
D.	0	Other Certified Actions	D.	0	Other Certified Actions
E.	0	Terminations	E.	0	Terminations

III.		<u>Classified Personnel 2014-15</u>	IV.		<u>Classified Personnel 2015-16</u>
A.	0	Resignations	A.	0	Resignations
B.	0	Recommendations	B.	4	Recommendations
C.	0	Transfers	C.	0	Transfers
D.	0	Other Classified Actions	D.	0	Other Classified Actions
E.	0	Terminations	E.	0	Terminations

Louis Fordham moved approval and Bill Worley seconded. The board approved 5-0. The personnel report is a part of the minutes.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:02 a.m.

Secretary

Chairman