

MINUTES OF
CALLED WORK SESSION
June 6, 2016

The called work session meeting of the Whitfield County Board of Education was held at the Whitfield County Central Office on June 6, 2016. Chairman Bill Worley called the meeting to order at 5:36 p.m.

Present were the following board members:

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

Others present:

Karey Williams
Richard Hill
Mike Ewton
Eric Beavers
Carolyn Weaver

Adoption of Agenda

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

Executive Session

Assistant Superintendent Karey Williams recommended the board members move into executive session to discuss personnel and update on land. Chairman Bill Worley said that a recommendation had been made to move into executive session to discuss personnel and update on land. 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 6:43 p.m. Bill Worley moved approval and Thomas Barton seconded. The board approved 4-0.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:43 p.m.

Secretary

Chairman

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING

June 6, 2016

The regular meeting of the Whitfield County Board of Education was held at the Whitfield County Central Office on Monday, June 6, 2016. Chairman Bill Worley called the meeting to order at 6:43 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:

Karey Williams Eric Beavers
Audrey Williams Carolyn Weaver
Mike Ewton
Wanda Phillips

Also present:

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

Adoption of Agenda

Karey Williams, Assistant Superintendent for Teaching and Learning, recommended to the board to amend the agenda and add under New Business a request to tutor. Shonna McClure, a teacher at Cedar Ridge Elementary School, has been asked to tutor a former student starting this summer. This would be attachment #16. Karey also recommended to the board to amend the agenda by removing under Support Services Statement to be added to the 2016-2017 Student Discipline Code of Conduct about Taser and Stun Gun. This is attachment #11. Chairman Bill Worley said that a recommendation had been made to amend the agenda to add attachment #16 and to remove attachment #11 and to adopt the agenda as presented. Rodney Lock moved approval and Thomas Barton seconded. The board approved 4-0.

Pledge of Allegiance

Chloe Hutchison, 7th grade student at New Hope Middle School and a member of the NWGCCA Robotics Team led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Moment of Silent Reflection

Chairman Bill Worley asked everyone to observe a moment of silence.

Inspiration

RJ Walker, 9th grade student at Southeast High School and a member of the NWGCCA FIRST Robotics Team gave the inspiration. He told the board that the Robotics team wanted to say thank you to the following mentors: Brian Cooksey, Dave Moeller, Martin Hutchison and Conrad Fernandez. He said that these men have given their time and expertise to the Robotics team. This is our first year as a team and they have shared their knowledge and opened our minds to the STEM Technology. They have been teachers and caretakers as we have made our mistakes and not even knowing how to use the tools correctly. They have helped with fundraising, community outreach and any other task that we have needed. We know that we would not have accomplished what we have done this year if it had not been for these men. We just want them to know how much we appreciate all that they have done.

Recognitions and Presentations

Robotics Team Wins the State All Star Rookie Award and the Rookie Inspiration Award at the World Championship

The board presented the following certificates of congratulations to the Career Blazers Fighting Mongooses Robotic Team for winning the State All Star Rookie Award and The Rookie Inspiration Award at the World Championship:

Betzy Cruiz – 10th Grade SHS
Xavier Holland – 10th Grade CCHS
Chloe Hutchison – 7th Grade NHMS
Kim Huynh – 9th Grade SHS
Maricela Martinez – 12th Grade SHS
Rosio Martinez – 9th Grade SHS

Anson McGinnis – 9th Grade SHS
Elijah Pemberton – 12th Grade SHS
Lizett Porras – 12th Grade SHS
Deva Sabanathan – 10th Grade CCHS
Megan Walker – 12th Grade SHS
Ronnie Walker (RJ) – 9th Grade SHS
Brandon Ward – 12th Grade PHS

The board presented the following certificates of congratulations to the Career Blazers Fighting Mongooses Robotic Team mentors:

Brian Cooksey – Chairman of the NWGCCA Board and Director-Operations Training & Development Shaw Industries Group, Inc.

David Moeller – CEO of NWGCCA

Marten Hutchison – Engineer with Shaw Industries Group, Inc.

Conrad Fernandez – Engineer with Shaw Industries Group, Inc.

Dave Moeller, CEO of the NWGCCA, said that this team has worked so hard this year and we are very proud of their accomplishments. He said that I had no idea they would end up going this far. He said that they won the All-Star Rookie competition at the FIRST Robotics state championship in Athens. They were able to continue on to the World Competition in St. Louis, Missouri where they won the Rookie Inspiration Award. Dave said that with each competition they have improved. The students said that it was awesome. There were teams from all over the world that we competed against. Dave said that these students have been so dedicated. They gave up their winter and spring breaks and we had seniors that gave up going to their proms. He said that the FIRST Robotics Team was formed in January and they had no idea how to build a robot. They could not even drill a hole. The students said that now we can drill, cut things and put a robot together. The students said that good team work has played a role in our success. They said that the mistakes we made in the district competition have been corrected. They said that they have learned to better communicate with each other and strategize. They felt like the judges really liked them because we made an impression on them with our passion and enthusiasm. The students said that joining the team has changed so many of our lives. The hard work and dedication has changed our lives for the better and helped some of us to think about changing what we want to do as far as a career. Dave told the board that we could not have done this without our sponsors. They want to thank Computer Integrated Manufacturing Systems, the Dalton Convention and Visitors Bureau, the Greater Dalton Chamber of Commerce, Dalton Utilities Dow Chemical Company, Georgia United Credit Union, Shaw Industries and Whitfield County Schools. The First Robotics Team 5900 brought their robot to demonstrate how it works and to show different features to the board. The board told the students that they had done an outstanding job. You have shown how a team should work together and how you can make a difference in your community. Thanks for all of the hard work. We can't wait until next year.

Hearing of Individuals

None

Approval of Minutes – May 2, 2016 Board Meetings, May 12, 2016 and May 27, 2016 Called Board Meeting

Bill Worley recommended the board approve the minutes for the May 2, 2016 board meetings and May 12, 2016 and May 27, 2016 called board meetings. Tony Stanley moved approval and Rodney Lock seconded. The board approved 4-0.

Purchase Orders Over \$25,000

<u>Vendor`</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Follett Educational Services, Inc.	Destiny District Library License Renewal	\$27,059.21
Dalton Service, Inc.	Gym HVAC Unit VPES	\$29,659.00
Brooker Ford, Inc.	2016 Transit 250 MR Van Transportation	\$32,875.00
Impact Sport Surfaces, LLC	Resilient Athletic Flooring SHS Gym Donor	\$44,600.00

Thomas Barton moved approval and Tony Stanley seconded. The board approved 4-0.

Financial Reports

Karey Williams, Assistant Superintendent for Teaching and Learning, presented the General Fund Balance and the Capital Projects report as of April 30, 2016. Bill Worley recommended the board approve the reports as presented. Bill Worley moved approval and Tony Stanley seconded. The board approved 4-0. The financial reports are a part of these minutes.

Superintendent's Reports

Teaching & Learning

No Report

Assessment and Accountability

Accountability Report Summer 2016

Dr. Audrey Williams, Assistant Superintendent for Assessment and Accountability, presented the following information on the 2016 Summer Accountability Report:

- CCRPI Highlight Achievements & Needs – Audrey said that scores on the state's report card for schools show overall improvement in all grade levels in WCS. CCRPI is the state's school rating system, is mostly based on student achievement, progress, and shrinking gaps in achievement. The state defines the index as "a comprehensive school improvement, accountability, and communication platform for all educational stakeholders that will promote college and career readiness for all Georgia public school students. It also shows what we have learned from the CCRPI.
- Summer Feeding – Audrey said that the USDA Summer Food Service Program provides free meals on summer weekdays from June 1-July 31 for children age 18 and younger. The feeding program takes place at schools, community areas, and churches. A list of these places can be found in this report.
- Spring MAP Results – She said that MAPS provide a Student Growth Summary Report highlighting grade-level performance across the district and comparing student performance across the nation.
- Socialize with us on Facebook and Twitter – Audrey said that this is a great way to keep up with awards, recognitions, and achievements of students and staff in Whitfield County Schools. The Data Dashboard is another great way to keep up with the numbers and statistics about the school district. You can find charts that are easier to understand and it provides a glimpse into the students and staff that make up WCS.
- The New Graduating Class HB 91- She told the board that this law waives the requirement for students to pass a standardized graduation test. We had 341 graduates after one year of HB 91 diplomas.
- Message from the Superintendent – Dr. Gilreath stated in her article that students have some learning support during the summer. She stated that we are working with the North Georgia Regional Library System to open libraries for summer hours at Antioch, Cohutta, Tunnel Hill, and Valley Point elementary schools. Her article said that we are also proud of the school districts achievement levels on the CCRPI. Whitfield County Schools improved by nearly 5 points to earn and overall CCRPI score of 76.1. The districts score is greater than the state average score of 75.5.
- English Learners Learning English – Audrey said that English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) helps students whose first language is not English adjust to life in an English speaking world. In WCS 98% speak Spanish first, but there are other languages used in the district. Records report 13 other languages spoken besides English and Spanish. Lists of those languages are in this Accountability Report.
- College Scholarships – Whitfield County high schools graduated 841 students. Graduates qualified for approximately \$3.7 million in college scholarships and HOPE funds.
- Foundations Fundraisers FORE! Schools – The WEF 22nd annual Select Shot Golf Tournament in April was a fundraising success that earned nearly \$29,000. All four major fundraisers Showcase of the Stars, Celebrity Spelling Bee, Jeans Days and the Golf Tournament- earn money for teachers each year. The proceeds benefit the foundations Innovative Teaching Grants. Last year the foundation allocated \$32,000 grant awards to teachers to provide in-structional experiences for students that would not be available through the regular school budget.

Audrey told the board that there are great things going on in our school system.

CCRPI School Climate Rating Update

Dr. Audrey Williams, Assistant Superintendent for Assessment and Accountability, shared the following information with the board about the School Climate Rating:

How is the School Climate Star Rating calculated?

- School Climate Star Rating is calculated using data from the Georgia Student Health Survey 2.0, Georgia School Personnel Survey, Georgia Parent Survey, student discipline data and attendance records for students, teachers, staff and administrators. The School Climate Star Rating provides school-level data on the following components:
 - Survey – a measure of student, teacher, and parent perceptions of a school's climate;
 - Student Discipline – a measure of student discipline using a weighted suspension rate;
 - Safe and Substance-Free Learning Environment – school discipline incidents and student survey responses on use of illegal substances and the prevalence of violence, bullying, and unsafe incidents within a school; and
 - Attendance – the average daily attendance of teachers, administrators, and staff members and the percentage of students with less than six unexcused absences.

Each of the components will be given equal value.

What does the rating mean?

- Each school will receive a 1-5 star rating, with five stars representing an excellent school climate, and one star representing a school climate most in need of improvement. Schools will have access to a comprehensive report which will allow them to identify areas in need of improvement, and plan targeted student interventions to improve achievement for all students.

Audrey told the board that a list of all of our schools is attached with their School Climate Rating.

Operations

Dug Gap Elementary Playground Construction Contract

Mike Ewton, Assistant Superintendent for Operations, recommended to the board to approve the contract with Miracle Recreation Equipment Company for the Dug Gap Elementary School Playground in the amount of \$200,000.00. This is being paid by donor money. Bill Worley moved approval and Rodney Lock seconded. The board approved 4-0.

FY17 Windstream PBX Maintenance Contract

Mike Ewton, Assistant Superintendent for Operations, made a recommendation to the board to approve the renewal of the Maintenance Service Schedule Contract with Windstream. Mike said that the rate is a little higher but we have aging equipment that needs to be maintained. Tony Stanley moved approval and Thomas Barton seconded. The board approved 4-0.

Dalton State College Property Use Agreement

Mike Ewton, Assistant Superintendent for Operations, made a recommendation to the board to approve the agreement between the Georgia Board of Regents on Behalf of Dalton State College and the Whitfield County Board of Education regarding property adjacent to Beaverdale Elementary School. Mike said that this property will be used to construct an observatory in the designated area for scientific observations of the skies for the primary use of the College faculty and students, but also for the additional purpose of providing certain educational opportunities for students of Whitfield County Schools. Rodney Lock moved approval and Tony Stanley seconded. The board approved 4-0.

HVAC Construction Contract for Dawnville Elementary School

Mike Ewton, Assistant Superintendent for Operations, made a recommendation to the board to approve the contract with Womack, Lewis & Smith, Inc. for the modifications of the HVAC at Dawnville Elementary School. This is part of our Capital Outlay Funding and ESPLOST. Thomas Barton moved approval and Bill Worley seconded. The board approved 4-0.

HVAC Construction Contract for Pleasant Grove Elementary School

Mike Ewton, Assistant Superintendent for Operations, made a recommendation to the board to approve the contract with Womack, Lewis & Smith, Inc. for the modifications of the HVAC at Pleasant Grove Elementary School. This is part of our Capital Outlay Funding and ESPLOST. Tony Stanley moved approval and Rodney Lock seconded. The board approved 4-0.

Support Services

No Report

Personnel

Karey Williams, Assistant Superintendent recommended the board approve the June personnel actions as discussed in executive session to include the following:

Personnel Recommendations for June 6, 2016

I.		<u>Certified Personnel 2014-15</u>	II.		<u>Certified Personnel 2015-16</u>
A.	21	Resignations	A.	0	Resignations
B.	0	Recommendations	B.	20	Recommendations
C.	0	Transfers	C.	26	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.	6	Resignations	A.	0	Resignations
B.	1	Recommendations	B.	0	Recommendations
C.	3	Transfers	C.	8	Transfers
D.	0	Other Classified Actions	D.	0	Other Classified Actions
E.	0	Terminations	E.	0	Terminations

Thomas Barton moved approval and Bill Worley seconded. The board approved 4-0. The personnel report is a part of the minutes.

Previous Business

No Report

New Business

MOU Between NWGCCA and WCBOE Regarding Operation of NWGCCA

David Moeller, CEO of the NWGCCA, presented the MOU. He said that outlines what we are doing to make NWGCCA a successful charter school adhering to all the goals, measurements, and commitments outlined in the charter between both parties. This is required by our charter. Rodney Lock moved approval and Tony Stanley seconded. The board approved 4-0.

CTAE Grants

David Moeller, CEO of the Northwest Georgia College and Career Academy, presented the Five-Year Perkins IV Local Plan for Career and Technical Education and One-Year Funding Application for FY2017. He said that this plan is the principal source of federal funding to states for the improvement of secondary and postsecondary career and technical education programs. He said that the funds must be spent for local programs, in compliance with the Perkins ACT, state plan, state rules, and Local Plan Guidelines. Federal funds must be used to improve career and technical education programs and mandated activities must be funded, then apply funds to other CTAE improvement. David said that we assure that we will abide by the general provisions of the Perkins IV Grant. We assure that Perkins funding will be expended in the best possible way to assist student instruction and we assure that state grant monies will be used for the intended purpose. He asked for the board's approval. Karey Williams said that a recommendation had been made to

approve the FY17 Perkins IV Local Plan. Rodney Lock moved approval and Thomas Barton seconded. The board approved 4-0.

Donations for June 2016

The following donations were presented to the board for approval:

<u>Schools</u>	<u>Description of Donation</u>	<u>Amount of Check</u>
Valley Point Middle School	Duke Tips Scholarships Additional Student Donor	\$875.00
Southeast High School	25 Band Uniforms Donor	\$10,000.00
Southeast High School	Gym Project 4 th Installment Donor	\$872,000.00
AES/ESS	T REX Café for Leadership Trip Donor	\$3,102.93
Phoenix	60 Chromebooks and 2 Carts Donor	\$36,658.00
NWGCCA	First Robotics L & P Products DBA CIMS	\$500.00
North Whitfield Middle School	Baseball Program Multiple Donations	\$2,250.00
North Whitfield Middle School	Archery Program Multiple Donations	\$60.00
Phoenix	Scholarships from Carole Whaley	\$100.00
Phoenix	Scholarships from Fred Schindler	\$500.00
Southeast High School	Soccer Multiple Donations in Memory of Jeff Ferrick	\$1,085.00
Southeast High School	Soccer Dena Buttenhoff in Memory of Jeff Ferrick	\$250.00
Southeast High School	Soccer Mr. & Mrs. James Anderson in Memory of Jeff Ferrick	\$50.00
Coahulla Creek High School	Donation from Committee to Elect Tom Dickson	\$400.00
Northwest High School	Donation from Committee to Elect Tom Dickson	\$400.00
NWGCCA	Donation from Committee to Elect Tom Dickson	\$400.00
Southeast High School	Donation from Committee to Elect Tom Dickson	\$400.00
Phoenix	Donation Anonymous Donor	\$300.00

Karey Williams recommended the board accept the donations as presented. Tony Stanley moved approval and Bill Worley seconded. The board approved 4-0.

Karey Williams, Assistant Superintendent, recommended the board approve Shonna McClure's request to tutor Marleny Chacon, a student at Cedar Ridge Elementary. Her mother has approached Shonna to tutor Marleny. She was a former student but she does not teach her now. Karey Williams said that this can be done legally if board gives permission. Rodney Lock moved approval and Tony Stanley seconded. The board approved 4-0.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Secretary

Chairman