

MINUTES OF  
CALLED WORK SESSION  
March 6, 2017

The called work session meeting of the Whitfield County Board of Education was held at the Whitfield County Central Office on March 6, 2017. Chairman Bill Worley called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

Present were the following board members:

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

Others present:

Judy Gilreath  
Karey Williams  
Richard Hill  
Carolyn Weaver  
Eric Beavers

**Adoption of Agenda**

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

**Executive Session**

Superintendent Judy Gilreath recommended the board members move into executive session to discuss personnel. Chairman Bill Worley said that a recommendation had been made to move into executive session to discuss personnel. Louis Fordham 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 6:07 p.m. Tony Stanley moved approval and Thomas Barton seconded. The board approved 4-0.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:07 p.m.

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Secretary

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Chairman

MINUTES OF BOARD MEETING  
March 6, 2017

The regular meeting of the Whitfield County Board of Education was held at the Whitfield County Central Office on Monday, March 6, 2017. Chairman Bill Worley called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Present were the following board members:

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

Also present were the following staff members:

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

Also present:

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

### **Adoption of Agenda**

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

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

Andy Nguyen, Brianna Santillan, and Lily Willingham, 5<sup>th</sup> grade students at Pleasant Grove Elementary School, lead the pledge. The Honor's Chorus, led by Michelle Headrick, Music Specialist, sang the "Star-Spangled Banner."

### **Moment of Silent Reflection**

Pleasant Grove students asked everyone to observe a moment of silence.

### **Inspiration**

Andy Nguyen, Will Lewis, and Brianna Santillan led the inspiration. They talked about a young girl who had problem after problem and she was tired of fighting and struggling all the time. Her father used three pots of boiling water a potato, eggs, and coffee beans. He put the potato, eggs, and coffee beans each in a pot of the boiling water. Then he asked the daughter about each item after they had boiled in the water. He explained that each item had faced the same adversity-the boiling water but each one reacted differently. The potato was hard but came out soft. The eggs were fragile but became hard. The coffee beans were unique. They changed the water and created something new. He asked her which one she was. In life, things happen around us, things happen to us, but the only thing that truly matters is what happens with us. Which one are you?

### **Recognitions and Presentations**

#### Northwest Georgia RESA Regional Tech Fair Winners

The board presented certificates of congratulations to the following students for placing 1<sup>st</sup> at the Northwest Georgia RESA Regional Tech Fair:

- Julian Castellon, Southeast High School in Audio Production (Grades 9, 10)
- Harrison Priest, Coahulla Creek High School in Digital Game Design (Grades 11, 12)
- Jasmine Preston, Southeast High School in Internet Applications (Grades 11, 12)

- Zakari Guess, Northwest High School in Multimedia Applications (Grades 11, 12)
- Andrew Johnston, Coahulla Creek High School in Tech Literacy Challenge (Grades 11, 12). The board presented a certificate of congratulations to Andrew for placing 3<sup>rd</sup> in the state in his category Andrew had to take and online test.

#### Georgia Department of Education Named Nine Whitfield County Schools for Beating the Odds in 2016

Vice Chairman Louis Fordham shared the following information about Beating the Odds. The analysis predicts a range within which a school's CCRPI score is statistically expected to fall – given the school's size, grade cluster, student mobility, and student demographics (including race/ethnicity, disability, English learners, and poverty). If an individual school's actual CCRPI is above the predicted range, then that school beat the odds.

The board presented a certificate of congratulations to the following schools for Beating the Odds in 2016:

- Cedar Ridge Elementary School, principal Cindy Dobbins
- Cohutta Elementary School, principal Larry Farner
- Dug Gap Elementary School, principal Mandy Locke
- Eastside Elementary School, assistant principal Leslie Harris
- New Hope Elementary School, principal Carla Maret
- North Whitfield Middle School, principal Andrea Bradley
- Pleasant Grove Elementary School, principal Laurie Grant
- Tunnel Hill Elementary School, principal Connie Kopcsak
- Westside Middle School, principal Angela Hargis

#### Georgia Department of Education Names Five Whitfield County Schools Title I Reward Schools for 2016-2017

The board presented a certificate of congratulations to the following schools as Title I Reward schools for 2016-2017:

Westside Elementary School, principal Tami Dodd and Tunnel Hill Elementary School, principal Connie Kopcsak for Highest-Performing Schools. These schools are among the 5% of the state's Title I schools with the absolute highest performance, over three years, for the "all students" group on the statewide assessments.

New Hope Elementary School, principal Carla Maret, Cohutta Elementary School, principal Larry Farner, and Westside Middle School, principal Angela Hargis for High Progress Schools. These schools are among the 10% of the state's Title I schools making the most progress in improving the performance of the "all students" group over three years on the statewide assessments.

#### **Hearing of Individuals**

None

#### **Approval of Minutes – February 6, 2017 Board Meetings**

Chairman Bill Worley recommended the board approve the minutes for the February 6, 2017 board meetings Tony Stanley moved approval and Thomas Barton seconded. The board approved 4-0.

#### **Purchase Orders Over \$25,000**

| <u>Vendor</u>                      | <u>Description</u>                                   | <u>Amount</u> |
|------------------------------------|--|---------------|
| Ownbey Enterprises, Inc.           | Diesel Fuel  | \$400,000.00  |
| Mitchell Surveying consulting, LLC | VPMS Survey Work for New School Construction         | \$33,800.00   |
| Mitchell Surveying consulting, LLC | NWMS Survey Work for New School Construction         | \$28,600.00   |
| CDW-G Computer Centers             | Lenovo ThinkPad Chromebooks/License/Chart for VES    | \$30,333.00   |
| CDW-G Computer Centers             | Lenovo ThinkCentre Monitor and Desktop CCHS          | \$44,580.00   |
| North Georgia RESA                 | FY17 Services for Teachers and Paraprofessionals ESS | \$140,000.00  |

Louis Fordham moved approval and Bill Worley seconded. The board approved 4-0.

## Financial Reports

Dr. Judy Gilreath, Superintendent, presented the General Fund Balance and the Capital Projects report as of January 31, 2017. Bill Worley recommended the board approve the reports as presented. Louis Fordham 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

### Whitfield County Schools 2017- 2018 Calendar

Karey Williams, Assistant Superintendent, recommended that the board adopt the 2017-2018 School Calendar. Bill Worley said that a recommendation had been made to adopt the 2017-2018 School Calendar. Thomas Barton moved approval and Louis Fordham seconded. The board approved 4-0.

Assessment and Accountability

### Georgia Milestones Spring 2017 Update

Dr. Audrey Williams, Assistant Superintendent for Assessment and Accountability, presented the following information on the Georgia Milestones Spring 2017:

#### **Transition to Online Testing**

Online administration will be the primary mode of administration for Georgia Milestones, with paper/pencil available on an as need basis.

- Students in grades 3-8 will be 100% of online testing.
- Students in grades 9-12 will have its second year of 100% of online testing.

#### **New - Spring 2017**

##### **Technology Enhanced (TE) Items**

- As planned and communicated, TE items will be included on the 2016-2017 operational forms in [ELA](#) and [Mathematics](#)
  - these include multi-part/multi-select items
  - examples are included as part of the Experience Online Testing website
- TE items will be **field tested** in [Science](#) and [Social Studies](#) (grades 5 and 8 and EOC)

#### **Mathematics Two-Part Items**

- Items are a combination of multiple-choice or multiple-select
  - Can be two different types or two of the same type
- The student receives 1 point for each part

#### **Mathematics Multiple-Select Items**

- Allows for more than one correct answer
- There are five or six options listed
- Number of selections are limited to the number of correct responses
- Provides students with the opportunity to show fluency and/or multiple representations
- 2 points for all correct or 1 point for a specific combination(s).

#### **Senate Bill 364**

- Eliminates the Science and Social Studies EOG measures in grades 3, 4, 6, and 7 *beginning in the 2016-2017 school year.*

Operations

### Recommendation to Purchase Five New School Buses

Mike Ewton, Assistant Superintendent of Operations, recommended the board approve the purchase of five new school buses. A portion of the funds being paid from State Bond Funds and the balance paid with surplus fuel funds from our

local funding budget as requested by Dr. Gilreath. These buses would be purchased at a delivered price of \$91,290.00 per bus. This would be a total of \$456,450.00. We would be using \$154,432.50. These are allocated to us by the state as bond funds and we would be using \$302,017.50 from local funds. Mike also told the board that we want to continue with the propane bus program but we are not certain about how long it is going to take to get everything secured for this. Tony Stanley moved approval and Thomas Barton seconded. The board approved 4-0.

#### Support Services

- No Report

#### Personnel

Judy Gilreath, Superintendent, recommended the board approve the March personnel actions as discussed in executive session to include the following:

#### Personnel Recommendations for March 6, 2017

| <b>I.</b>   |   | <b><u>Certified Personnel 2015-16</u></b>  | <b>II.</b> |   | <b><u>Certified Personnel 2016-17</u></b>  |
|-------------|---|--|------------|---|--|
| A.          | 9 | Resignations                               | A.         | 0 | Resignations                               |
| B.          | 0 | Recommendations                            | B.         | 1 | Recommendations                            |
| C.          | 0 | Transfers                                  | C.         | 0 | Transfers                                  |
| D.          | 0 | Other Certified Actions                    | D.         | 0 | Other Certified Actions                    |
| E.          | 0 | Terminations                               | E.         | 0 | Terminations                               |
|             |   |  |            |   |  |
| <b>III.</b> |   | <b><u>Classified Personnel 2015-16</u></b> | <b>IV.</b> |   | <b><u>Classified Personnel 2016-17</u></b> |
| A.          | 4 | Resignations                               | A.         | 0 | Resignations                               |
| B.          | 6 | Recommendations                            | B.         | 0 | Recommendations                            |
| C.          | 1 | Transfers                                  | C.         | 0 | Transfers                                  |
| D.          | 0 | Other Classified Actions                   | D.         | 0 | Other Classified Actions                   |
| E.          | 1 | Terminations                               | E.         | 0 | Terminations                               |

Louis Fordham 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

##### Request to Tutor – Karen Neely, Teacher at Pleasant Grove Elementary School

Dr. Gilreath, Superintendent, recommended the board approve Karen Neely's request to tutor. The student she will be tutoring is not her student and attends Beavertdale Elementary School. All tutoring will be done after school hours and off campus. Dr. Gilreath said that this can be done legally if board gives permission. Tony Stanley moved approval and Louis Fordham seconded. The board approved 4-0.

##### Board Procedure/Regulation Professional Personnel Hiring – Conflicting Employee Relationships

Dr. Gilreath, Superintendent, presented the Board Procedure/Regulation Professional Personnel Hiring – Conflicting Employee Relationships. This is to add additional close family relationships. The word sibling was added.

##### First Reading of Changes in Board Policy GCRD: Classified Personnel Overtime Pay

Dr. Gilreath, Superintendent, presented the First Reading of changes in Board Policy GCRD: Classified Personnel Overtime Pay. The change is to clarify wording in policy. Or other non-exempt was added to the policy.

### GSBA Legislative Liaison

Dr. Judy Gilreath, Superintendent, told the board that this is the opportunity for each local board of education to propose changes to the 2017 GSBA Legislative Positions if they wish to do so. The board has to appoint a Legislative Liaison. Bill Worley recommended Louis Fordham since he will be attending the GSBA Summer Conference in Savannah, Georgia. Tony Stanley moved approval and Thomas Barton seconded. The board approved 3-0. Louis did not vote.

### Delegate and Alternate Appointments for the GSBA Conference

Dr. Judy Gilreath, Superintendent, told the board that it is important that each local board appoint a delegate and an alternate to represent the board at the Delegate Assembly in Savannah, Georgia this summer. Tony Stanley made a move to recommend Louis Fordham as the boards delegate and Thomas Barton seconded. The board voted 3-0. Louis did not vote. Tony Stanley made a move to recommend Bill Worley as the boards alternate and Thomas Barton seconded. The board voted 3-0. Bill did not vote.

### Donations for March 6, 2017

Dr. Judy Gilreath, Superintendent, presented the following donations to the board for approval:

| <u>Schools</u>                 | <u>Description of Donation</u>   | <u>Amount of Check</u> |
|--------------------------------|--|------------------------|
| Southeast High School          | College and Career Room Tables and Shirts (Donor)                          | \$11,790.00            |
| Southeast High School          | Leadercast (Donor)   | \$4,960.00             |
| Southeast High School          | Raider Ambassador Retreat (Donor)  | \$6,949.00             |
| Southeast High School          | AP Science Trip (Donor)  | \$7,500.00             |
| Valley Point Middle School     | 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Duke TIPS (Donor)                                    | \$4,295.00             |
| Valley Point Middle School     | Drama Sets (Donor)   | \$1,500.00             |
| Valley Point Middle School     | ELA Headphones (Donor)   | \$3,348.00             |
| Valley Point Middle School     | Bus for Savannah Trip (Donor)  | \$4,000.00             |
| Valley Point Middle School     | Community Member Y-Club Students to attend<br>Jr United Nations Conference | \$500.00               |
| Valley Point Middle School     | Textile Rubber for Football Program  | \$1,000.00             |
| Southeast High School          | Circle K Stores Fueling Our Schools  | \$1,000.00             |
| Tunnel Hill Elementary Schools | Circle K Stores Fueling Our Schools  | \$1,000.00             |
| Dug Gap Elementary Schools     | Beaudoin Group - for K Field Trip to TN Aquarium                           | \$150.00               |
| Dug Gap Elementary Schools     | Bottle Fillers Installation  | \$8,500.00             |
| Westside Middle School         | MT Vernon UMC Counselor  | \$1,000.00             |
| North Whitfield Middle School  | Angel/Indigent Fund Donated by Students and Staff                          | \$1,522.77             |
| North Whitfield Middle School  | Drama Program Donated by Superba   | \$250.00               |
| North Whitfield Middle School  | Drama Program Donated by Students  | \$20.00                |
| Coahulla Creek High School     | Adventure Capital for DECA to fund Colt's Closet                           | \$1,000.00             |
| NWGCCA                         | Robotics – Waffle House  | \$50.00                |
| NWGCCA                         | Robotics – Dalton Animal Care  | \$100.00               |
| NWGCCA                         | Robotics – Atlantic Corporation  | \$1,500.00             |
| NWGCCA                         | Robotics – Tim Eickman, Alliance for Innovation &<br>Sustainability        | \$500.00               |
| NWGCCA                         | Robotics – ABB Shared Accounting Services                                  | \$1,000.00             |

Dr. Gilreath recommended the board accept the donations as presented. Bill Worley moved approval and Thomas Barton seconded. The board approved 4-0.

## **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:14 p.m.

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Secretary

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Chairman