

**MINUTES FOR
WORTH COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
BOARD MEETING
HELD THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2017
AT WORTH COUNTY BOARD ROOM
AT 7:00 P.M.**

The Worth County Board of Education met Thursday, September 14, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the Worth County Board Room.

Chairman Jenkins called the meeting to order.

Jerry Jones gave the invocation.

Chairman Jenkins led the pledge to the flag and welcomed visitors.

All Board Members were present. Also in attendance was William “Bill” Settle, Superintendent of Schools.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Billy Oliver made the motion to approve the agenda for September 14, 2017. Melvin Jefferson seconded the motion. Randy Bacon asked about item **B. FINANCE** under **VIII. CONSENT AGENDA** to be tabled until work session could be held to review reports due to delay caused by the storm. Billy Oliver made the motion to amend the agenda and Russ Beard seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. A work session will be held on Thursday, September 21, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr. Jarvis Jefferson and Ms. Chiquita Greene addressed the Board concerning the Worth County Rams Alumni and Alumni weekend scheduled for October 6 through October 8, 2017. Mr. Jefferson gave the board members a handout that detailed the alumni activities. Mr. Jefferson gave some statistics from the previous year: 37 classes were in attendance, which was a participation of about 500 plus. This year they are anticipating 53 classes attending, with participation being around 1200. He mentioned several events planned for the weekend beginning with a pep rally before the game on Friday, October 6th. Mr. Jefferson stated funds raised from previous year were used for scholarships, polo shirts for the Middle School and High School basketball teams, and also to help with the tornado relief in the county.

Britt Sutton with Parrish Construction reported on the ongoing construction project at the high school. Britt Sutton presented slides that showed the progress since the last board meeting. Previously the slab had started being placed for the gym and cafetorium building and now fine arts -business slab done and starting foundation of the main admin. Next picture was taken that day and the gym cafetorium and weight room is completely slabbed out along with all the structural steel on the fine arts – business building. Also can see where the foundation of the main admin building have been finished. And moved on into the CTAE wing which will be the

final building for the foundations. Next Thursday scheduled to pour the main slab for the main admin building, started standing the steel in the gym and cafetorium building today so until next board meeting they will be working on the structural steel of that building and getting slab ready the last building. There was no damage from the storm. Everything is going good.

David Cooper gave update on new recreation department. The slab was raised by the new County Administrator for the 100-year flood, which was about 8 inches from what it was originally. Hoping to get slab poured and shell up but Tyson Steel is running a little behind. The interior was bid out and then January tornados caused the contractors to become busy and they did not receive bids, so they are waiting to get shell up. As far as current facility use, the school has priority of the facility. No one comes into the gym during the day because alternative school is using the facility. There was discussion of the contract needing to be renewed because the previous contract date has lapsed. The City and County are both now funding the recreation dept.. Mr. Settle and Mr. Cooper agreed to get together to discuss specifics of the agreement. Mr. Cooper did want to make sure there was a continued partnership between the schools and the recreation dept.

Justin Judy presented to the board an update on E-Rate. Mr. Judy gave each board member a handout to better understand the fiber that we currently have with the City of Sylvester and the Self-Provisioned fiber that has been discussed for about 2 years. E-Rate is wanting to know why we are wanting to go with the City of Sylvester. Mr. Judy presented a comparison between the two options, comparing the cost the district pays and who maintains. A decision needs to be made as soon as possible. Mr. Jenkins asked that this be added to the work session agenda for more discussion before a decision is made.

CONSENT AGENDA

MINUTES

Consent to approve August 10, 2017 Board Minutes

FIELD TRIPS

School	Group Name	Destination & Purpose	Date of Trip	Expenses Paid By
WCES	Gifted	Museum of Aviation-Warner Robins	11/15/2017	Gifted
WCES	Gifted	Roosevelt's Little White House-Warm Springs	12/1/2017	Gifted
WCES	Gifted	Coca-Cola Space Science Center-Columbus	1/12/2018	Gifted
WCES	Gifted	Medieval Times-Lawrenceville	1/26/2018	Gifted

WCMS	SPED	Americus-Sumter High School	10/13/2017	Special Olympics Incentive money
WCHS	Seniors	ASU Probe Fair-Albany State	10/26/2017	BOE
WCHS	JROTC	Taylor County High School	9/21/2017	CTAE
WCHS	JROTC	Irwin County High School	9/28/2017	CTAE
WCHS	JROTC	Dooly County High School	10/5/2017	CTAE
WCHS	JROTC	Wilcox County High School	10/12/2017	CTAE
WCHS	JROTC	Crisp County High School	10/21/2017	CTAE
WCHS	Drama Club	Cook Co. High One-Act Play Competition	10/21/2017	BOE
WCHS	Choir	ABAC Choral Day	11/9/2017	BOE-Sub. / Parents-Driver & Fuel
WCHS	Choir	Veteran's Day - TBA	11/10/2017	Choral Parents

FUND RAISERS

School	Group Name	Type of Project	Date(s)	Funds Used For
WCPS	Media Center	Book Fair	08/25/17-09/03/17	Promote STEM Activities
WCPS	Media Center	Book Fair	03/19/18-03/27/18	Promote STEM Activities
WCPS	School	Cookie Dough Fundraiser	01/30/18-02/13/18	Purchasing items for the school, staff, and students

WCPS	PTO	Catalogue Fundraiser	10/04/17-10/18/17	Purchasing items for the school, staff, and students
WCPS	Outdoor Classroom	Coca-Cola Fundraiser	10/02/17-10/20/17	Upkeep of the outdoor classroom and nature trail
WCES	Gifted	Selling scented pencils, pens and other items	09/01/17-05/18/18	Supplement costs of supplies, activities, and field trips
WCMS	8th grade Ambassadors	Gatorade Sales	School year	Fund activities sponsored by the Ambassadors (ex. Character Ed., Homecoming, Anti-Bullying, Smooth Moves, etc.)
WCMS	School Store	Vending Machine (pencils, pens, paper)	School year	Fund activities sponsored by the Ambassadors (ex. Character Ed., Homecoming, Anti-Bullying, Smooth Moves, etc.)
WCMS	School Funds	Tumbler Sales	Sept-Oct.	Student incentive supplies; any items needed for students/staff
WCMS	Football Team	Spirit Cell Phone Handles	Before/After School and Lunch	Raise funds to support the Worth County Football Program
WCMS	Girl's Basketball	T-shirt sale	January	Pay for uniforms, equipment, traveling expenses, shoes, and other needs of team
WCMS	Girl's Basketball	Pie an Administrator	12/8/2017	Pay for uniforms, equipment, traveling expenses, shoes, and other needs of team
WCMS	Girl's Basketball	PBIS incentive break-playing knockerball, charging to come	12/8/2017	Pay for uniforms, equipment, traveling expenses, shoes, and other needs of team
WCMS	Girl's Basketball	Basketball Clinic	9/30/2017	Pay for uniforms, equipment, traveling expenses, shoes, and other needs of team
WCMS	Girl's Basketball	School Store-pens, notebooks, erasers, and other Ram themed items	on-going	Pay for uniforms, equipment, traveling expenses, shoes, and other needs of team
WCHS	Varsity XC	Fan Clothing/Items	8/14-8/31	Snacks, Drinks, Lunch, Banquet
WCHS	Football Team	Spirit Cell Phone Handles	Before/After School and Lunch	Raise funds to support the Worth County Football Program
WCHS	Book Club	Popcorn Fridays-Popcorn sales during lunches on Fridays	09/18-12/19 during lunch	Conference and club activities

Melvin Jefferson made the motion to approve the consent agenda as amended. Randy Bacon seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

ADMINISTRATION

Motion to approve removal of Bus Shop property listed twice on books by advisory group.

Randy Bacon made the motion to approve as presented. Melvin Jefferson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Motion to approve WCHS CTAE Discarded Property

Russ Beard made the motion to approve as it is no longer of use to the Worth County School District. Randy Bacon seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Motion to approve surplus of metal building and pole barn at WCHS

Russ Beard made the motion to approve the surplus of the metal building only as it is no longer of use to the Worth County School District and the pole barn will be removed by the maintenance department and relocated to the Worth County Middle School at a later time. Melvin Jefferson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Motion to approve Director of Transportation Proposed Pay-scale for FY 18.

Russ Beard made the motion to approve as presented. Randy Bacon seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Randy Bacon made the motion to enter into executive session at 8:17 p.m. to consider personnel, student discipline and/or property acquisition. Russ Beard seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Returned to open session at 10:00 p.m.

PERSONNEL ITEMS

A. RESIGNATION

1. William David Conrad, Bus Driver, effective August 25, 2017.

B. RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Janardo Brown, Bus Driver, effective September 15, 2017.
2. Marcia Epps, WCHS Healthcare Science Teacher, effective September 18, 2017.
3. Victor Daniels, WCMS Math Teacher, effective September 18, 2017.
4. Stanley McCormick, WCMS Health Teacher, effective August 11, 2017.
5. Hemendar Pusa, WCHS SPED Teacher, effective TBD.
6. Tyler R Tucker, Transportation, effective October 2, 2017.

NOTE: As per Georgia State Code Section 20-2-211 all employees hired after July 1, 2000, shall be fingerprinted and have a criminal record check. Employees listed above are recommended for employment subject to verification of a clean record.

C. FMLA

1. Ricky Albertson, effective July 20, 2017 through July 28, 2017.
2. Elaine Douglas, effective July 31, 2017 through January 31, 2018.
3. Christina Howard, effective August 8, 2017 through August 22, 2017.
4. Kim Lavender, effective July 24, 2017 through May 25, 2018.
5. Brenda Ponder, effective July 17, 2017 through September 22, 2017.
6. Saudia Powell, effective July 10, 2017 through July 28, 2017.
7. Janet Smith, effective July 12, 2017 through July 27, 2017.
8. Delphine Thomas, effective August 28, 2017 through September 4, 2017.

Randy Bacon made the motion to approve the superintendent’s recommendations under Items A through C with the exception of Item B Number 4, which was tabled until next meeting. Russ Beard seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

ADJOURN

Russ Beard made the motion to adjourn. Billy Oliver seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

SIGNED:

APPROVED:

William “Bill” Settle
Superintendent

William R. Jenkins
Board Chairman