

**MINUTES FOR  
WORTH COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
BOARD MEETING  
HELD THURSDAY APRIL 16, 2020  
VIA TELECONFERENCE  
AT 7:00 P.M.**

The Worth County Board of Education met Thursday April 16, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. via teleconference.

Chairman Hubert Souter called the meeting to order.

Board Members present were: Russ Beard, Billy Oliver, Randy Bacon, Melvin Jefferson, and Hubert Souter. Also in attendance was Bill Settle, Superintendent of Schools, Tommy Coleman, Board Attorney, Seth Freeman, Finance Director, Justin Judy, Technology Director and Tim Helms, Southwest Georgia RESA Director.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Billy Oliver made the motion to adopt the agenda for Thursday April 2, 2020 with an amendment to add a discussion of how the teachers are moving forward with instruction. Russ Beard seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**A. FINANCE**

Approval of Financial Reports for March

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

**DISCUSSION**

Superintendent Settle discussed with the board the measures that the teachers are using to provide instruction to the students since COVID-19 closure. Initially packets were given out and online instruction was also provided with Google Classroom with the students who have internet access. There are several students without internet. The plan moving forward is to instruct through May 1<sup>st</sup>. First 3 nine weeks will be used to determine student's grade. The fourth nine weeks' grade will be determined by the highest grade of the first 3 nine weeks. Everything is going to benefit the student. Seniors after May 1<sup>st</sup>, will be allowed credit repair and credit recovery. Herff Jones will do a virtual graduation planned for Friday May 22. Caps and Gowns will be passed out on April 27<sup>th</sup> by Herff Jones. The plan is to hopefully hold a real ceremony this Summer or prior to school beginning.

A decision is still hoping to be made regarding Summer Feeding Program.

A possible resolution is going to be needed for FY21 budget and then in the Fall a budget set.

Russ Beard stated that he does not feel school instruction needs to stop at the first of May, even with the internet restrictions of the students, until they come back in July.

Superintendent Settle stated that he would gather more data but our system is pretty much in line with other schools in our district.

Russ Beard states that he is concerned about students are not doing work for the months of March through July.

Billy Oliver reminds the board that several students do not have a computer.

Russ Beard would like for the principals to track if the teachers are reaching out to the students.

Superintendent Settle assured the board that teachers are reaching out to students.

Russ Beard stated that he wants our district to be proactive in providing services to our students.

Superintendent Settle assure the board that there are discussions going on into how to best serve the students but he would look into gathering data.

#### **ADMINISTRATION**

##### **A. Motion to approve opening a bank account for funds related to Sheriff's search.**

Billy Oliver made the motion to approve opening a bank account for funds related to Sheriff's search. Randy Bacon seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

#### **APPROVAL OF PERSONNEL ITEMS**

Motion to approve personnel items \_\_\_\_\_ through \_\_\_\_\_ as discussed in executive session.

Billy Oliver made the motion to approve personnel items A and B. Russ Beard seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION (Personnel)**

Russ Beard made the motion to enter into executive session. Randy Bacon seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Time: 7:39pm

#### **ADJOURN**

Russ Beard made the motion to adjourn. Randy Bacon seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Time: 8:59pm

SIGNED:

APPROVED:

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Bill Settle  
Superintendent

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Hubert Souter  
Board Chairman