

**MINUTES FOR
WORTH COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
BOARD MEETING
HELD THURSDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2017
AT WORTH COUNTY BOARD ROOM
AT 7:00 P.M.**

The Worth County Board of Education met Thursday, October 12, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the Worth County Board Room.

Chairman Jenkins called the meeting to order.

Profitis Loretta Brown 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

Randy Bacon made the motion to approve the amended agenda for October 12, 2017. Melvin Jefferson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

RECOGNITION(S), SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

Curt Eckman with Parrish Construction reported on the ongoing construction project at the high school. Mr. Eckman presented slides that showed the progress since the last board meeting. Building 1200 roof is on the building. Building 1000 the slab is poured. Building 1100 all the foundations is in place. Within the next 2 weeks the roof decking on Building 1300 should be complete and actively constructing the 3-story section of the 1000 building. Progress is still being made and the schedule is as planned.

Curt Eckman also spoke about different options for the stadium improvements. Total cost of the construction budget is 4.1 million. He also provided alternate options as well.

Dr. Steven Rouse shared statistics from Worth County Elementary School. Dr. Rouse spoke about the student growth percentile and how well the teachers and students at WCES performed. Dr. Rouse gave specific teacher statistics and explained how the students at WCES are performing above the levels of others in the state of Georgia.

Mr. Settle also congratulated the Girls’ softball team on their win against Long County and their position in the Elite 8 tournament in Columbus.

Mr. Jenkins also congratulated the Worth County Elementary School and Dr. Rouse on their hard work.

OPEN AND AWARD BIDS

Opened and awarded the Insurance Bid to Brownlee-Bozeman in the amount of \$166,897. (Stuart Pate State Farm declined to bid.)

Billy Oliver made the motion to approve as presented. Melvin Jefferson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

CONSENT AGENDA

MINUTES

Consent to approve September 14, 2017 Board Minutes

Consent to approve October 21, 2017 Work Session Minutes

FIELD TRIPS

School	Group Name	Destination & Purpose	Date of Trip	Expenses Paid By
WCPS	Talented & Gifted	Colquitt Arts Center, Moultrie GA - Attend theatrical performance of "Junie B. Jones"	10/27/2017	Club
WCMS	Jr. Beta	Kennedy Space Center & St. Augustine-learn about space program and History	05/09/18-05/11/18	Parents
WCMS	Chorus	Pre-game performance Atlanta Hawks game	Saturday 11/18/17	Boosters
WCHS	Student Ambassadors	Anderson Conference Center - Secretary of State Student Ambassador kick-off Event	10/25/2017	WCHS
WCHS	SkillsUSA	SkillsUSA Champions Rally - Perry GA	10/6/2017	BOE - CTAE Funds
WCHS	Welding/Skills	Workforce Alliance, Moultrie - Welding Competition	11/30/2017	BOE - CTAE Funds
WCHS	Welding	Tifton: On-The-Job-Tour - tour welding facilities to see welders in action	1/24/2018	BOE - CTAE Funds
WCHS	SkillsUSA	SkillsUSA Regional Competition	2/2/2018	BOE - CTAE Funds
WCHS	SkillsUSA	SkillsUSA State Conference	03/22/18-03/25/18	BOE - CTAE Funds

FUND RAISERS

School	Group Name	Type of Project	Date(s)	Funds Used For
WCMS	Media Center	Book Fair	10/16/17-10/22/17	Books and Supplies for Media Center
WCHS	Spanish Club	Making custom t-shirts	all year	Club projects and possible field trips
WCHS	Spanish Club	Selling ice cream & cookies	Last Friday of every month	Club Projects

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

ADMINISTRATION

- 1. Approval to change the Board of Education regular meeting days for the 2018 calendar year.**

Russ Beard made the motion to approve the change. Billy Oliver seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

- 2. Approval to accept the AGREEMENT FOR TELECOMMUNICATIONS SERVICES with the City of Sylvester, Georgia.**

Billy Oliver made the motion to approve to accept the agreement. Melvin Jefferson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

DISCUSSION

The board discussed the following items:

- 1. GSBA Pre-Conference Workshops and FY18 Local Board Training Plan**
- 2. GSBA Board Recognition Program**
- 3. Privacy Fencing around Maintenance Building**

Mr. Tommy Coleman, Board Attorney asked to be added to Executive Session as litigations.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Randy Bacon made the motion to enter into executive session at 8:07 p.m. to consider personnel, student discipline, property acquisition, and/or litigations. Melvin Jefferson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Returned to open session at 9:40 p.m.

PERSONNEL ITEMS

A. RESIGNATION

1. Courtney Edwards, WCPS Media Paraprofessional, effective October 6, 2017.
2. Roney Mays, Head Basketball Coach/Health /P.E., effective August 31, 2017.

B. NON-RENEWAL/TERMINATION

1. Steven Jolly, Mechanic-Transportation Dept., effective August 28, 2017.

C. RECOMMENDATIONS

1. Tremaine Facison, WCHS Head Basketball Coach/Health /P.E., effective October 13, 2017.
2. Kimberly Ferguson, WCPS Media Paraprofessional, effective October 30, 2017.
3. Willie Mitchell, Transportation Director, effective TBD.
4. Stanley McCormick, WCMS Health Teacher, effective August 11, 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.*

D. FMLA

1. Julie Black, effective August 25, 2017 through September 1, 2017.
2. Julie Black, effective September 14, 2017 through October 27, 2017.
3. Kathy Conger, effective August 3, 2017 through August 14, 2017.
4. Amy Foster-Westgarth, effective August 21, 2017 through October 3, 2017.
5. Amy Foster-Westgarth, Bonding Leave, effective October 4, 2017 through October 24, 2017.
6. Amanda Henley, effective January 3, 2018 through February 28, 2018.
7. Amanda Henley, Bonding Leave, effective March 1, 2018 through March 29, 2018.
8. Nancy Wooten, effective July 31, 2017 through August 4, 2017.

E. NON-FMLA

1. David Farley, effective September 7, 2017 through September 22, 2017.
2. Jakin Tillery, effective October 2, 2017 through November 6, 2017.
3. Rose Warren, effective August 24, 2017 through September 22, 2017.

F. INFORMATION

1. Cynthia Thompson, WCHS Math Teacher, effective October 2, 2017.
2. Dr. Selena Dawson, WCAC Facilitator, effective October 2, 2017.

William Oliver made the motion to approve the superintendent's recommendations under Sections A through H, with the exception of C. 3. And C. 4.. Randy Bacon seconded the motion and it passed with 4 yay and Melvin Jefferson abstaining.

ADJOURN

Billy Oliver made the motion to adjourn. Randy Bacon seconded the motion and it carried with 3 yay and 2 nays.

SIGNED:

APPROVED:

William "Bill" Settle
Superintendent

William R. Jenkins
Board Chairman