

## LIBERTY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

**The Liberty County Board of Education met for a Board Meeting on Tuesday, February 12, 2019, at 5:30 PM with the following members in attendance:**

Lily H. Baker, Chair  
Jim Johns  
Carolyn Smith-Carter  
Dr. Chante Baker Martin

Carol Guyett  
Verdell Jones, Vice Chair  
Donita Strickland  
Dr. Franklin Perry, Superintendent

### **Call to Order.**

Mrs. Baker called the meeting to order.

### **Pledge to Flag and Moment of Silence.**

The Board and the audience recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the American flag and paused for a brief moment of silence.

### **Inspiration.**

A video highlighting the first semester was presented to the Board.

### **Certificate of Compliance.**

Dr. Franklin Perry certified that we complied with the Georgia Open Meetings Act.

### **Approval of the Agenda.**

On recommendation by Dr. Franklin Perry, on motion by Mrs. Verdell Jones, and seconded by Mrs. Carol Guyett, the Board voted to amend and approve the agenda as presented with a unanimous vote.

### **Approval of Minutes.**

On recommendation by Dr. Franklin Perry, on motion by Mrs. Donita Strickland, and seconded by Mrs. Carol Guyett, the Board approved the minutes from January 22, 2019, and January 25, 2019 as presented.

### **Recognitions.**

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Award Winners

Grades Kindergarten through second competed in a coloring contest and the winners were:

Kindergarten - Tatiana Moses - LHE  
First Grade - Ja'Kayla Nelson - BGE  
Second Grade - Ama Anim-Asiedu - BGE

Grades third through fifth competed in a poster contest and the winners were:

1st place- Kyla Lawson - 5th grade - BGE  
2nd place - Ne'Miah Alston - 5th grade - WPE  
3rd place - Synquè Jones - 5th grade - BGE

Grades six through twelve competed in an essay contest

The 6th through 8th grade winners were:

1st place - Honesti Stewart-6th grade - MMS

2nd place - Geovanii Pacheco-6th grade - MMS

The 9th through 12th grade winners were

1st place - McKenna Malm - 9th grade - LCHS

2nd place - Michael Hagerty -12th grade - BI

Thank you to Ms. Nicole Carter for her hard work and dedication in making this contest happen for our students!

### **Audience Participation**

None

### **THE BUSINESS AGENDA**

#### **Action Items**

#### **Out of State Travel**

#### **Background Information:**

The following travel is requested

- Michele Dasher and Rossi McCarver or Barbara Gary  
Education Career Fair Columbus, MS
- Charles Vann and Walter Hines  
International Bus Plant Tour Tulsa, OK
- Charles Vann, Jocelyn Chapman and Joy Simmons  
Annual Edulog Conference Las Vegas, NV
- MMS Exceptional PBIS students  
GRADVENTURE Orlando, FL

**Recommendation:** Approve the requests as presented.

#### **Fiscal Impact:**

Education Career Fair	\$1,450.00 - total
International Bus Plant	none – all expenses covered
Edulog Conference	\$2,820.00 per person
GRADVENTURE	\$239.00 per person

#### **Funding Source:**

Education Career Fair	Gen Fund – HR budget
International Bus Plant	N/A
Edulog	General Fund – Trans budget
GRADVENTURE	Students/Parents

**On motion** by Mr. Jim Johns and seconded by Mrs. Carol Guyett, the out of state travel was approved with a unanimous vote.

## **Scissor Lift Bid**

### **Background Information:**

Historically, the Maintenance & Operations Department has rented scissor lifts for various tasks across the district. An analysis of past use and needs reveals that it would be more efficient to purchase this piece of equipment. Administration released a bid and received the following results:

Sunbelt	\$ 9,268.00
United	\$ 9,420.30
All Around Access	\$ 9,695.00
GMG	\$10,190.00
Border	\$11,578.00
Badger	\$13,085.00

HERC equipment submitted a bid of 7,500.00; however, it was for a used item that did not meet the minimum qualifications outlined in the bid.

**Recommendation:** Approve the purchase of a scissor lift from Sunbelt.

**Fiscal Impact:** \$9,268.00

**Funding Source:** E-SPLOST

**On motion** by Mrs. Donita Strickland and seconded by Mrs. Carol Guyett, the Scissor Lift Bid was approved with a unanimous vote.

## **Service Van Bid**

### **Background Information:**

The Maintenance & Operations Department maintains a fleet of service vehicles in order to provide repair and maintenance to the District's schools and various sites. Within the fleet, there are two vehicles that are in need of replacement. In analyzing needs and various solutions, the decision was made to replace these two trucks with a service van type vehicle. The district posted an invitation to bid and received the following response.

Town Center Nissan	\$29,987 each
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The District was able to confirm that any warranty type work could be performed locally.

**Recommendation:** Approve the purchase of two service vans from Town Center Nissan.

**Fiscal Impact:** \$59,974.00

**Funding Source:** E-SPLOST

**On motion** by Mrs. Carol Guyett and seconded by Ms. Carolyn Smith - Carter, the Board voted to approve the Service Van Bid with a unanimous vote.

## **Information Items**

### **Code of Conduct Update**

#### **Background Information:**

LCSS is currently in the process of collecting suggestions for updates and revisions to the 2019-2020 LCSS Code of Conduct. In a January 4th memo from Student Services, school principals were asked to meet with members of their School Governance Team to discuss possible revisions and additions to the Code of Conduct, and to submit their ideas to Student Services no later than March 20, 2019. School administrators were also asked to submit school club information to Student Services by March 29, 2019. The same memo was addressed to central office administrators in the event they have suggestions for revisions and/or updates.

In the effort to acquire more input this year from parents, students, teachers, and community stakeholders, the Coastal Courier published an article on February 2nd regarding the process and timeline for updating the 2019-2020 Code of Conduct, to include a link stakeholders can access for making suggestions. This same link is located on the LCSS webpage under Breaking News. The LCSS District Code of Conduct Committee will meet in early April to discuss all suggestions given, and members will make their recommendations for the updates to Dr. Perry.

Link provided for stakeholder input:

<https://www.libertyschools.org/apps/forms2/index.jsp?f=1871>

**Recommendation:** N/A

**Fiscal Impact:** N/A

## **Life Skills Grant**

### **Background Information:**

The Center for the Study and Prevention of Violence (CSPV) at the University of Colorado has approved the selection of the Liberty County School System to receive the *LifeSkills Training Program Grant* (estimated funding in the amount of \$26,697.50) to continue the implementation of *LifeSkills* for all grade levels at Lewis Frasier Middle School, Midway Middle School, and Snelson Golden Middle School. The grant will provide training and technical assistance, as well as curriculum materials, for the *LifeSkills Training (LST)* program for a period of three more years, beginning in Fall 2019.

*LifeSkills* is an evidence-based substance abuse and violence prevention program designed to be implemented in middle and high school classrooms. In addition to helping youth resist drug, alcohol, and tobacco use, LST effectively helps to reduce violence and other high-risk behaviors.

Sixth grade students from LFMS, MMS, and SGMS will participate in 18 LST lessons in 2019-2020, seventh grade will receive 12 LST booster lessons, and eighth grade students will participate in 9 lessons. Teachers hired for the 2019-2020 school year will receive the initial *LifeSkills* training in June 2019 to prepare them for implementation. Current sixth, seventh, and eighth grade teachers received LST training before implementing the program in school year 2016-2017, 2017-2018, or 2018-2019.

**Recommendation:** N/A

**Fiscal Impact:** N/A

**Funding Source:**

*LifeSkills Training* grant received from The Center for the Study of Prevention and Violence

\$26,697.50

- Student workbooks ( 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> grades )
- Teacher manuals and resources
- Teacher training and technical assistance
- *LifeSkills Training* of Teachers ( TOT ) workshop for sustainability

**Motion to Enter Executive Session**

On motion by Mrs. Verdell Jones and seconded by Mrs. Carol Guyett, the Board voted unanimously to enter into Executive Session.

- **Classified**

The Superintendent recommended the Board approve the following recommendations for classified.

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Position/Location</u></b>
Aaron, Yamissa	Special Ed Paraprofessional FLE
Bailey, Kanisha	Paraprofessional JME
Clayton, Shirley	Bus Aide Transportation
Davis, Charmekia	Special Ed Paraprofessional Horizons
Duncan, Robert	Custodian BI
Green, Janell	Bus Aide Transportation
Jones, Arnita	Bus Aide Transportation
Mills, Natonia	Bus Driver Transportation
Robinson, Damarus	Bus Aide Transportation
Webb, Tyshena	Bus Aide Transportation
Williams, Tyeisha	Bus Aide Transportation

- **Certified**

The Superintendent recommended the Board approve the following recommendations for certified.

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Position/Location</u></b>
Adkins, Bradley	Head Football Coach/Teacher BI
Dial, Billie	Grade 4 Teacher FLE
Gallagher, Jessica	Kindergarten Teacher LHE
Latson, Pertrona	Special Ed Teacher- General Curriculum SGM

- **Resignations Classified**

The Superintendent recommended the Board accept the following classified resignations:

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Position/Location</u></b>
Buchanon, Jessica	Special Ed Paraprofessional LCHS
Hamilton, Gabrielle	Bus Driver Trans
Strowder, Rochelle	Bus Driver Trans

Ulmer, Margaret

Bus Driver Trans

- **Resignations Certified**

The Superintendent recommended the Board accept the following certified resignations:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position/Location</u>
Lewis, Regina	Grade 5 Teacher FLE
Wynn, Jessica	Science Teacher LCHS

**Other**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Position/Location</u>
Rogers, Jason Officer	Interim Chief Operations Officer to Chief Operations 02/13/2019

**Motion to come out of Executive Session and Enter Open Session**

On motion by Mrs. Donita Strickland and seconded by Mrs. Carol Guyett, the Board voted to come out of Executive Session and enter Open Session with a unanimous vote.

**Motion** to approve personnel as presented was made by Mrs. Carol Guyett and seconded by Mrs. Verdell Jones, the motion carries with a unanimous vote.

**Motion to Adjourn Open Session**

There was no further business, and on motion by Mrs. Donita Strickland and seconded by Dr. Chante Baker Martin, the meeting was adjourned with a unanimous vote.



Secretary



Board Chair