

**MINUTES FOR
WORTH COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
BOARD MEETING
HELD ON THURSDAY, JANUARY 12, 2012
AT WORTH COUNTY BOARD CONFERENCE ROOM
AT 7:00 P.M.**

The Worth County Board of Education met on Thursday, January 12, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. in the Worth County Board Conference Room.

Chairman Jenkins called the meeting to order.

Mr. Jerry Jones gave the invocation.

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

All Board Members were present. Also in attendance were Barbara Thomas, Ed. D., Superintendent of Schools, and Mr. Clarence Miller, Board Attorney.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Randy Bacon made the motion to approve the agenda for January 12, 2012. Melvin Jefferson seconded the motion and the vote passed unanimously.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr. Dan Whitehead addressed the Board concerning the Math Curriculum currently being taught. Mr. Whitehead expressed his concern with students not being able to grasp the new math concepts before teachers are moving on in order to meet the demands of the new curriculum. He said he felt this was an injustice to the students due to its affecting their GPA's.

Dr. Thomas told Mr. Whitehead she would discuss the matter with Amy Chafin, Director of Curriculum. However, she explained the state has certain guidelines the system is required to follow.

Mr. Jenkins, Board Chairman, brought to Mr. Whitehead's attention the fact the system offers Math support to students having difficulties.

Mr. Whitehead asked for a follow up on his addressing the Board earlier in the year about Dual Enrollment. He again stated this school system is the only surrounding school system not offering Dual Enrollment with Moultrie Technical College. Dr. Thomas explained to him that we could not make a change until next year. After reviewing student needs for the upcoming year, a decision can be made concerning the implementation of Dual Enrollment for the 2012-2013 school term.

Mrs. Denise Bell with Southwest Georgia Community Action Council addressed the Board concerning the use of Sylvester Elementary School as a new location for the Neighborhood Service Center. She reported the Pinson Street location was no longer adequate and their need for a new location was urgent.

Mr. Jenkins explained to Mrs. Bell strategic planning by the Board was being considered for this location. Some of those plans were an Alternative School and computer labs. Strategic planning is still being discussed for this location. At this time, the Board does not know exactly when these plans will be implemented.

RECOGNITIONS/SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Recognitions

1. Dr. Thomas recognized and presented "Employee of the Month" certificates to Food Service employees. Those recognized were Elizabeth Cooper, Worth County Middle School and Dorothy Tolbert, Worth County Middle School. Also recognized, but not able to attend the board meeting, was Debbie McGough, Worth County High School.

Reports

1. Mrs. Terri Giddens, Teacher at Worth County Middle School, presented a Power Point presentation on the 8th grade field trip to Andersonville.
2. Mrs. Maria Fletcher, Teacher at Worth County Middle School, presented a Power Point presentation on the Pumpkin Lab.

Mr. Jenkins thanked Mrs. Giddens and Mrs. Fletcher for their presentations and commended their efforts and motivation in teaching students at Worth County Middle School.

AWARD BIDS

Rejected the bid to sell the Old Bus Shop to Willis Recycling in the amount of \$10,000.00.

Jerry Jones made the motion to reject the bid as presented. Mike Roberts seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

BOARD ITEMS

Approval to select the second Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. as the regular board meeting date and time for the Worth County Board of Education. Meeting will be held in the Board Meeting Room at 504 East Price Street.

Mike Roberts made the motion to approve. Randy Bacon seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Approval to elect Randy Bacon as the Vice Chairperson of the Board for 2012.

Jerry Jones made the motion to approve. Melvin Jefferson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Approval to appoint Clarence Miller, Esq. as the Board's Attorney for 2012.

Mike Roberts made the motion to approve. Melvin Jefferson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Approval to appoint Norman Crowe, Esq. as the Superintendent's Attorney, as necessary, for 2012.

Mike Roberts made the motion to approve. Jerry Jones seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Approval of the Chairman's Board Committee appointments for 2012.

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| 1. Title I Advisory Committee | William Jenkins |
| 2. Media Committee | William Jenkins |
| 3. Special Education Advisory Board | Jerry Jones |
| 4. Vocational Education Advisory Board | Randy Bacon |
| 5. Vocational Education Advisory Board | Mike Roberts |
| 6. Maintenance & Facilities Committee | Melvin Jefferson |

William Jenkins made the motion to approve. Randy Bacon seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

**CONSENT AGENDA
MINUTES**

Consent to approve December 08, 2011 Board Meeting Minutes

FINANCE

Consent to approve Expenditure Reports for December

Consent to approve Food Service Report for December

FIELD TRIPS

Consent to approve field trips as presented.

FUND RAISERS

Consent to approve fund raisers as presented.

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

ADMINISTRATION

Approval of the final reading of revised Board Policy GAK(1) (Criminal Background Check).

Jerry Jones made the motion to approve as presented. Mike Roberts seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

Approval of the final reading of revised Board Policy DIC (Inventories).

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

Approval of the final reading of Board Policy DCL (Fund Balance).

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

Approval of the Addendum to Contract (Agreement 7591102 dated March 21, 2011) with Telecommunications Provider, City of Sylvester, and Customer, Worth County Board of Education.

Jerry Jones made the motion to approve as presented. Mike Roberts seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Mike Roberts made the motion to enter into executive session at 8:12 p.m. to consider personnel and attorney-client privilege. Randy Bacon seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Returned to open session at 10:16 p.m.

PERSONNEL ITEMS

A. RESIGNATION

Classified

1. Monica J. Wells, Food Service, Worth County Middle School, Effective December 16, 2011.

B. RETIREMENT

Classified

1. Lavonne Cooper, Paraprofessional, Worth County Primary School, Effective May 18, 2012.

C. RECOMMENDATION

Classified

- 1. Michael F. Evans, Transportation Department, Effective January 17, 2012.
- 2. Scott Smith, Human Resources Director, WCBE, effective January 13, 2012.

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. FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE

- 1. Christina Howard, WCPS, Medical Leave, Effective December 01, 2011 through December 16, 2011.
- 2. Kristen Garland, WCBE, Bed Rest Leave, Effective January 11, 2012 through March 2, 2012.
- 3. Kristen Garland, Maternity Leave, Effective March 5, 2012 through April 11, 2012.
- 4. Judith Jackson, WCMS, Maternity Leave, Effective January 2, 2012 through March 2, 2012.
- 5. Teresa Lynn Owens, WCBE, Medical Leave, Effective January 17, 2012 through March 2, 2012.

E. INFORMATION

- 1. Christi Landers Ward, WCPS, certificate as an educator in the State of Georgia shall be suspended for forty-five (45) contract days beginning February 13, 2012 and continue through April 23, 2012. The Georgia Professional Standards Commission has ordered the suspension.

F. DISCUSSION

Decision from State Board of Education on Employee Hearing

Jerry Jones made the motion to approve the Superintendent’s personnel recommendations Sections A through F. Randy Bacon seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

ADJOURN

Randy Bacon made the motion to adjourn. Mike Roberts seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

SIGNED:

APPROVED:

Barbara Thomas, Ed.D.
Superintendent

William R. Jenkins
Board Chairman