

**MINUTES FOR
WORTH COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
BOARD MEETING
HELD THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2012
AT WORTH COUNTY BOARD ROOM
AT 7:00 P.M.**

The Worth County Board of Education met Thursday, September 13, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. in the Worth County Board Room.

Chairman Jenkins called the meeting to order.

Stacey Rutledge, Principal, Worth County Primary School, gave the invocation.

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

All Board Members were present. Also in attendance was Barbara Thomas, Ed. D., Superintendent of Schools. Chairman Jenkins noted those members present and that a quorum was present to conduct business.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Randy Bacon made the motion to approve the agenda for September 13, 2012. Melvin Jefferson seconded the motion and the vote passed unanimously.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr. Robert Still addressed the Board concerning how bus routes are determined. He is concerned about his son being picked up in the morning and getting on the bus on the same side as his home but being dropped off in the afternoon on the opposite side and having to cross the street. Mr. Still stated he is worried about drivers speeding by and children still being on the side of the street.

Chairman Jenkins asked Superintendent Thomas to discuss the situation with the Transportation Director to insure the safest option was being taken. He also assured Mr. Still the Worth County Sheriff's Office would be notified of the speeding problem.

Dr. Kathaleena Monds from Albany State University addressed the Board concerning Economic Education. Dr. Monds stated Albany State University provides workshops and training for local economic teachers which can be set up at a time that is convenient for Worth County teachers.

RECOGNITION(S), SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Recognitions

Dr. Thomas and Kristen Garland, Director of School Nutrition, presented a certificate to Sharon Pollard, Food Service Employee of the Month for August. Mrs. Pollard will also receive a gift certificate for \$25.

Terry Giddens, along with Karen McDonald, presented an award from the American Cancer Society to Superintendent Thomas for 100% participation within the school system.

Reports

Elizabeth Brand, Counselor, Worth County High School, reported on the Accel program. This is a post-secondary option available to WCHS students. Students who qualify are able to earn high school and college credit at the same time. Students are currently participating in the program at ABAC and Darton College. Students in the Accel program can graduate from high school and at the same time have almost completed their two year college degree.

Mrs. Brand reported students are notified in the eighth through eleventh grade of this program. Crucial plans are made with parents and counselors before students are enrolled. Accel will pay 100% of tuition leaving HOPE grant for the student to use after graduating from high school.

Mrs. Brand introduced Richard Langley, a WCHS graduate, to speak of his experience in the Accel program. Richard stated that through the Accel program he graduated from WCHS in May and will graduate from Darton in December. Also, he has been accepted to the University of Georgia for the Spring 2013 semester.

Terry Giddens, Teacher, WCMS, reported on the 8th grade field trip to the Civil Rights Museum. Mrs. Giddens presented a slide show of the trip and reported it was very emotional for everyone.

OPEN AND AWARD BIDS

Opened bid to construct Steel Building for BOE Maintenance.

Opened and awarded the bid to construct Steel Building (40 x 75) for BOE Maintenance to Adel Steel, Inc. (the lowest responsible bidder meeting bid specs) in the amount of \$18,515.

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

CONSENT AGENDA

MINUTES

Consent to approve August 9, 2012 Board Meeting Minutes

FINANCE

Consent to approve Expenditure Reports for August

Consent to approve Revised Food Service Report for July

Consent to approve Food Service Report for August

FIELD TRIPS

School	Group Name	Destination & Purpose	Date of Trip	Expenses Paid By
WCMS	Environmental Club	Perry - To study wildlife conservation at the GO Fish Center	10/4/2012	E-Club
WCHS	9th gr. Boys/Girls Basketball	Leesburg - Basketball Games	11/19/2012	Athletics
WCHS	9th gr. Boys/Girls Basketball	Moultrie - Basketball Games	11/26/2012	Athletics
WCHS	9th gr. Boys/Girls Basketball	Cordele - Basketball Games	12/1/2012	Athletics
WCHS	9th gr. Boys/Girls Basketball	Albany - Basketball Games	12/10/2012	Athletics
WCHS	9th gr. Boys/Girls Basketball	Tifton - Basketball Games	1/23/2013	Athletics
WCHS	DECA	Perry - Fall Rally held at the GA Nat'l. Fair	10/12/2012	Students
WCHS	DECA	Athens - Fall Leadership Development Conference	11/1-2/2012	Students
WCHS	DECA	Atlanta - State Career Development Conference	2/28-3/2/2013	Students
WCHS	Band	Hawkinsville - Hawkinsville Invitational Festival	9/29/2012	Boosters
WCHS	HOSA	Perry - HOSA Leadership Rally	10/10/2012	HOSA
WCHS	HOSA	Covington - Leadership Conference	11/8-9/2012	HOSA
WCHS	HOSA	Atlanta - Center for Disease Control	12/7/2012	HOSA
WCHS	Competition Cheerleaders	Dublin - Cheerleading Competition	9/15/2012	Athletics
WCHS	Competition Cheerleaders	Fitzgerald - Cheerleading Competition	9/22/2012	Athletics
WCHS	Competition Cheerleaders	Valdosta - Cheerleading Competition	9/29/2012	Athletics
WCHS	Competition Cheerleaders	Columbus, - Cheerleading Competition	10/6/2012	Athletics
WCHS	Competition Cheerleaders	Moultrie - Cheerleading Competition	10/13/2012	Athletics
WCHS	Competition Cheerleaders	Columbus - State Sectionals	11/9/2012	Athletics

WCHS	Competition Cheerleaders	Columbus - State Finals	11/10/2012	Athletics
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FUND RAISERS

School	Group Name	Type of Project	Date(s)	Funds Used For
WCHS	General Acct.	Ice Cream Sales	9/14/2012 - 5/34/2013	To help supply needs of the school
WCHS	Band/Boosters	Host GA Music Educators Assoc. District II Marching Band Festival. Includes concessions and t-shirt sales as well as some gate receipts	9/15/2012	To provide transportation to sporting events for band; instrument repair; begin saving for Chick-Fil-A Bowl 2013
WCHS	Competition Cheerleaders	Invitational Cheer Competition	10/27/2012	Replacement uniforms, competition registrations, travel expenses, shoes, varsity letter jackets

USE OF FACILITIES

Recommended the approval of the use of the Worth County Stadium for the purpose of hosting the GMEA District 2 Marching Jamboree to be held on September 15, 2012 from 9:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. Michelle Hutchinson, Band Director, Worth County High School will donate her time.

Recommend the approval of the use of the Worth County High School Cafeteria, Main Gym, and Practice Gym for the purpose of hosting the invitational Cheer Competition to be held on October 27, 2012 from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. Sue Youngblood, Worth County Cheer Coach, will donate her time.

BUS REQUEST

Recommended the approval of the 2012-2013 Bus Requests from the Worth County 4-H Club.

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 JGCD (Medication).

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 JGI (Child Abuse or Neglect).

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 BCBK (Executive Sessions).

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

Approval of the final reading of Board policy GAKA (Reduction in Force).

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 IDDD (Gifted Student Programs).

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

Approval of the revised Lease Agreement between Portman's Music, Inc. and Worth County Board of Education.

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

Approval of the GSBA FY 13 Legal Defense Fund Contribution in the amount of \$300.

Jerry Jones made the motion to approve as presented. The motion passed with a vote of 4-1. Voting for were Chairman Jenkins, Jerry Jones, Melvin Jefferson, and Mike Roberts. Voting against was Randy Bacon.

Approval of the Local Board Training Plan.

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

Approval of the use of the Board of Education parking lot at 504 East Price Street and the stadium parking lot by the Georgia Peanut Festival Committee for parking areas for attendees to the festival.

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

Approval of the quote from B & S Concrete Services, Inc. to construct the concrete pad for the “cooling zone” building (20 x 40 building) at the practice field in the amount of \$2,100.

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

Approval of the quote from Tyson Steel Building Products to furnish, deliver and erect the “cooling zone” building (20 x 40 building) at the practice field in the amount of \$7,291.80.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Jerry Jones made the motion to enter into executive session at 8:11 p.m. to consider personnel, student discipline and/or property acquisition. Melvin Jefferson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Returned to open session at 9:45 p.m.

PERSONNEL ITEMS

A. RESIGNATION

Certified

1. Fundrail C. Quimbley, Teacher, WCMS, Effective August 15, 2012.

Classified

1. Wynona Barfield, Paraprofessional, WCPS, Effective August 15, 2012.
2. Jacqueline Carter, Paraprofessional, WCMS, Effective September 6, 2012.
3. Melissa Price, Special Ed. Bus Rider position only, will continue position of Special Education Paraprofessional, Effective July 30, 2012.
4. Jodine Adkins, Bus Driver, Effective September 18, 2012.

B. RECOMMENDATION

Classified

1. Robert Charles Harris, Mechanic, Transportation Department, Effective September 17, 2012.
2. Loree J. Newman, Bus Driver, Effective September 4, 2012.
3. Krista Wilkerson, Paraprofessional, WCPS, Effective September 17, 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.

C. FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE

1. Jimmy Hughes, Intermittent Leave (off every Friday), Effective July 27, 2012 through January 31, 2013.
2. Lindsey Watson, Bonding Leave, Effective August 13, 2012 through August 24, 2012.

D. NON-FMLA

1. Brian Holt, Effective September 17, 2012 with expected date to return to work September 24, 2012.
2. Courtney Jordan, Effective August 22, 2012 with expected date to return to work October 4, 2012.
3. Mynette Sikes, Effective July 27, 2012 with expected date to return to work September 30, 2012.
4. Mynette Sikes, Effective August 15, 2012 with expected date to return to work August 23, 2012.
5. Margie Swilley, Effective August 27, 2012 with expected date to return to work December 4, 2012.

Melvin Jefferson made the motion to approve the superintendent's recommendations A-D. Mike Roberts seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

ADJOURN

Jerry Jones made the motion to adjourn. Randy Bacon seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

SIGNED:

APPROVED:

Barbara Thomas, Ed. D.
Superintendent

William R. Jenkins
Board Chairman