

The Bleckley County Board of Education met in regular session with the following board members present: Bill Baldwin, Jonathan Fordham, Stephanie Stewart, Deborah Turner, and Kim Wright. Also present were Superintendent Dr. Charlotte Pipkin, and Associate Superintendents, Pansy Corbett and Richard Smith.

Bill Baldwin opened the meeting with an invocation.

Visitors attending the meeting: Daphne Jones, Dave Wiegert, Alan Kimbro, Anthony Jenkins, Liz Dykes, Carla Thrower and Shawn White.

Mrs. Wright recognized and thanked Bleckley County Middle School math teachers for their commitment and work during the summer. Shawn White gave the board a brief explanation of their accomplishments.

The agenda for the meeting was amended to add Item G, Out of County Student report. On motion by Jonathan Fordham, seconded by Bill Baldwin, the amended agenda was approved.

Unanimously Approved

On motion by Stephanie Stewart, seconded by Jonathan Fordham, the following consent items were approved: (1) Minutes of the September 20, 2011 Board Meeting; (2) Minutes of the October 5, 2011 Special Called Board Meeting; (3) Fund Raising Requests; and (4) Substitute Teacher List.

Unanimously Approved

Mr. Alan Kimbro with Energy Education presented a plaque to Board Chairman Kim Wright for the excellent job the Bleckley County Schools had accomplished with the energy program.

Dr. Pipkin gave the Superintendent's report. Included in her report Dr. Pipkin announced the week of October 17-21, 2011 was School Bus Safety Week. Dr. Pipkin gave a punch list to the board members on the completion of the new Bleckley County Middle School. Several other items of information were also presented to the board with no action needed.

Richard Smith gave an update on the Bleckley County Middle School project.

Anthony Jenkins, BCMS Principal, and Richard Smith, BCHS Interim Principal, presented information to the board on the year-to-date operations for the 2011-2012 school year.

On motion by Deborah Turner, seconded by Bill Baldwin, the board approved revised board policy JR (Student Records) which was submitted to the board for review at the September board meeting.

Unanimously Approved

Board Policy GBRI/GCRG/GDRH (Leave of Absences) was submitted to the board for review and discussion. This policy will lay on the table and be resubmitted for board approval at the November 15, 2011 board meeting.

Item G, Out of County Student Report, was presented to the board for review and discussion. No action was required.

On motion by Stephanie Stewart, seconded by Bill Baldwin, the board voted to go into executive session to discuss or deliberate upon the appointment, employment, compensation, hiring, disciplinary action or dismissal, or periodic evaluation or rating of a public officer or employee; (OCGA 50-14-3(6)).

Bill Baldwin – Yes
Jonathan Fordham – Yes
Stephanie Stewart – Yes
Deborah Turner - yes
Kim Wright - Yes

On motion by Bill Baldwin, seconded by Jonathan Fordham, the board voted to come out of executive session.

Bill Baldwin – Yes
Jonathan Fordham – Yes
Stephanie Stewart – Yes
Deborah Turner - Yes
Kim Wright - Yes

On motion by Jonathan Fordham, seconded by Stephanie Stewart, the board approved the following personnel recommendations. Resignation from: Yvette Blanton, Safe Schools Healthy Students Secretary. Employment Recommendations: Sydney Harris, Part Time Tutor BCPS After School Child Care; Darci Bell, Part Time Tutor BCPS After School Child Care; Evan Bennett, Part Time Tutor BCPS After School Child Care; and Audra Pierce, School Nutrition. Other: Rachel Henry, BCMS Girls Basketball Community Coach.

Unanimously Approved

On motion by Deborah Turner, seconded by Jonathan Fordham, the board approved the following Leadership vacancies presented by Dr. Pipkin. Transfer of Trey Belflower from Bleckley County High School Assistant Principal to Bleckley County Middle School Principal effective December 1, 2011. Transfer of Michele Dyal from Bleckley County Middle School Assistant Principal to Bleckley County High School Assistant Principal effective July 1, 2012. The Bleckley County Middle School Assistant Principal vacancy will be advertised and filled during the 2012-2013 staffing cycle.

Unanimously Approved

The following items of information were accepted by the Board: Bleckley County Middle School Discipline Report; Bleckley County High School Discipline Report; School Financial Reports; School Tax Monies Received; Balance All Funds; Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax Report and School Nutrition Fund.

Being no further business the meeting was adjourned.
