

**COLQUITT COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**District Office Meeting | 1800 Park Avenue | 31768**  
**August 24, 2020 | 6:30 p.m.**

The Colquitt County Board of Education met at 6:30 p.m. for its Regular Meeting on Monday, August 24, 2020, in the District Office Board Room of the Colquitt County Board of Education. Members of the Board present were Mr. Robby Pitts, Chair, Mrs. Pat Anderson, Mrs. Trudie M. Hill, Mr. Kevin Sumner, and Mrs. Mary Beth Watson. Mr. Doug Howell, Superintendent, and Board Attorney, Mr. Bill McCalley, were also present. Dr. Dede Megahee-Hall, Vice-Chair, was absent.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Pitts. Mrs. Hill delivered the invocation and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Pitts recognized Mrs. Dorothy McCranie from the audience who requested to address the board concerning school processes. Following Mrs. McCranie's address, Mr. Pitts asked Dr. Marni Kirkland, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction, to address Mrs. McCranie's concerns. Mr. Pitts thanked Dr. Kirkland and Mrs. McCranie following this information.

The proposed agenda was approved by consent.

Mr. Pitts requested Board consensus for the paying of the bills and the following minutes:

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Mr. Howell recommended approval of the following personnel items of current staff who are retiring, resigning, transferring to a different school location, or requesting a leave of absence:

**CERTIFIED:**

Leave of Absence:     Brightwell-Segers, Racheal, Teacher, Doerun, 10/06/2020 - 12/01/2020  
                          Cannon, Anna, Teacher, CCHS, 07/15/2020 - 08/27/2020  
                          Hughes, Dale, Teacher, Hamilton, 08/01/2020 - TBD  
                          Jackson, Sandra, Teacher, Hamilton, 08/17/2020 - TBD  
                          Jones, Stacy, Teacher, WJW, 07/12/2020 - 09/09/2020  
                          Kling, Angela, Social Worker, Sunset, 08/03/2020 - 08/31/2020  
                          Meister, Jacqueline, Teacher, Norman Park, 09/25/2020 - 12/14/2020  
                          Rutledge, Robert Stacey, Principal, Norman Park, 08/04/2020 - 09/02/2020  
                          Stuckey, Wendy, Teacher, Norman Park, 10/26/2020 - 02/16/2020  
                          Waites, Toni, Teacher, Okapilco, 08/03/2020 - 09/28/2020

Retirement:       Hicks, Patience, Counselor, Sunset, 07/31/2020

Resignation:       Clark, Julie, Teacher, WJW, 07/20/2020  
                          \*     Dudley, James, Teacher, Gray, 08/24/2020  
                          Franquiz, Myrna, Teacher, CCHS, 05/29/2020  
                          McClain, Beverly, Teacher, Gray, 05/25/2020  
                          Thomas, Belinda, 49% Interventionist, Funston, 07/22/2020

Rescinded Offer:   Moore, Kwinetta, Interventionist, Cox, 08/03/2020

**CLASSIFIED:**

Leave of Absence:   Alvarado, Claudia, Secretary, Odom, 08/21/2020 10/18/2020  
                          Canty, Pamela, Paraprofessional, Cox, 08/03/2020 - TBD  
                          \*     Collins, Dorothy, Kitchen Assistant, WJW, 06/29/2020 - 09/01/2020  
                          Meadows, Mitchell, Paraprofessional, WJW, 07/07/2020 - 02/02/2021  
                          Neloms, Yvonne, Kitchen Assistant, Cox, 05/13/2020 - TBD

Retirement: Braswell, Mary, Bus Driver, Transportation, 08/01/2020  
Fallin, Deborah, Paraprofessional, Hamilton, 08/07/2020  
Slaughter, Elgie, Custodian, Stringfellow, 07/31/2020  
Thornton, Connie, Paraprofessional, RBW, 08/14/2020

Resignation: Boyd, Joey, Custodian, Vereen, 08/10/2020  
\* Folds, Vickie, Kitchen Assistant, WJW, 08/21/2020  
Manuel, Anabel, Kitchen Assistant, WJW, 07/23/2020  
Martinez, Martha, Kitchen Assistant, Odom, 08/01/2020  
Mathis, Margaret, Paraprofessional, Doerun, 05/22/2020  
Roberts, Brandy, Kitchen Assistant, Cox, 07/31/2020  
Rogers, Deborah, Bus Driver, Transportation, 07/02/2020  
Waldon, Lakeisha, Kitchen Assistant, WJW, 07/31/2020  
Young, Kane, Warehouse Manager, 08/14/2020

Job Abandonment: Stafford, Tina, Bus Driver, Transportation, 08/17/2020

Sub Bus Driver: Kenneth Wallace, Marion Meads

**FOR BOARD INFORMATION:**

Abrams, Stephanie, Transfer from Paraprofessional, WJW to Receptionist, WJW, 08/03/2020  
Anderson, Darlene, Transfer from Kitchen Assistant, Stringfellow to Kitchen Assistant, Cox, 08/10/2020  
Chastain, Traci, Transfer from 49% Interventionist, Stringfellow to 49% Interventionist, Doerun, 08/18/2020  
Dean, Shevella, Transfer from Kitchen Assistant, Doerun to Kitchen Assistant, Cox, 08/05/2020  
Dickens, Autumn, Transfer from Academic Coach, Cox to Teacher, Norman Park, 08/03/2020  
Henry, Selena, Transfer from Teacher, Cox to Teacher, WJW, 08/10/2020  
Newsome, Dana, resigning from Girls' Middle School Golf Coach, Central Office, 07/17/2020  
Thaggard, Summer, Transfer from Receptionist, WJW to Paraprofessional, WJW, 08/03/2020

Mrs. Hill made the motion to approve, Mrs. Watson seconded, and the motion carried (5/0).

Mr. Howell recommended approval of the following personnel items for new hires:

**CERTIFIED:**

**Employment:**

Blaylock, Charles D., 49% Teacher, GEAR, 08/03/2020  
\* Bullard, Hollie, Media Specialist, Cox, 08/24/2020  
Craft, Julie, Academic Coach, Sunset, 08/03/2020  
Craig, Ronda, Interventionist, Cox, 08/24/2020  
Horne, Jamie, 49% Interventionist, Funston, 08/03/2020  
Livingston, Darsey, Counselor, Sunset, 08/12/2020  
McDaniel, Benjamin, Teacher, Cox, 08/03/2020  
Presley, Margaret, Academic Coach, Cox, 08/03/2020  
\* Spires, Kandice, Teacher, Cox, 08/24/2020  
Walden, Kristan, Teacher, Odom, 08/03/2020

**CLASSIFIED:**

**Employment:**

- Hodnett, Donna L., Bus Driver, Transportation, 08/10/2020  
\* Spencer, Nigel, Paraprofessional, RBW, 08/25/2020  
\* Tyson, Pamela, Paraprofessional, Hamilton, 08/24/2020

The motion to approve was made by Mrs. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Sumner, and carried (5/0).

Mr. Howell recommended the approval of the Copy Paper Bid Recap awarded to Contract Paper Group, Purchase Order #80100008-00. The motion to approve was made by Mrs. Hill, seconded by Mrs. Anderson, and carried (5/0).

Mr. Howell recommended the approval of the purchase of Discovery Education Web-based Digital Lessons to facilitate K-12 instruction. The motion to approve was made by Mr. Sumner, seconded by Mrs. Watson, and carried (5/0).

Mr. Howell recommended approval of the Colquitt County Schools CTAE Student Organizations Blanket travel request. The motion to approve was made by Mr. Sumner, seconded by Mrs. Watson, and carried (5/0).

Mr. Howell recommended the approval of the purchase of i-Ready Assessment and Learning License, funded by the C.A.R.E.S. Act. The motion to approve was made by Mrs. Hill, seconded by Mrs. Anderson, and carried (5/0).

Mr. Howell recommended the approval of the Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2021. Mr. Sumner made the motion to approve, seconded by Mrs. Watson, and carried (5/0).

Mr. Howell recommended approval of the purchase of four (4) Newline Interactive Panels. The funding source for the panels is from Year 3 allocations of the Striving Readers, Birth to Age 5, L4GA Grant. Mrs. Hill made the motion to approve, seconded by Mrs. Anderson, and carried (5/0).


Mr. Howell recommended the approval of the Colquitt County High School 50<sup>th</sup> Regiment Band Blanket travel request. The motion to approve was made by Mrs. Hill, seconded by Mrs. Watson, and carried (5/0).

Under information items from the Superintendent, Mr. Howell referred to the following:

- 1) School Nutrition Reports
- 2) Financials
- 3) COVID-19 Update: Introduced a weekly report beginning today and will be updated and posted each week to our system website and FaceBook page.


Under items from the Board, with regards to the Superintendent search, Mr. Pitts conducted a straw poll to seek input from the board members about allowing the public to participate in a survey. Each member gave a positive response to allow public participation.

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at (7:08 p.m.).



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Mr. Robby L. Pitts, Chair



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Mr. Doug Howell, Superintendent