

**COLQUITT COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**District Office Meeting | 1800 Park Avenue | 31768**  
**December 14, 2020 | 6:30 p.m.**

The Colquitt County Board of Education met at 6:30 p.m. for its Regular Meeting on Monday, December 14, 2020, in the District Office Board Room of the Colquitt County Board of Education. Members of the Board present were Mr. Robby Pitts, Chair, Dr. Dede Megahee-Hall, Vice-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.

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

Mr. Pitts recognized Mr. Jim Stanfill from the audience who signed in to address the board concerning the Georgia Professional Standards Commission. Following his presentation, Mr. Pitts thanked Mr. Stanfill. Immediately following Mr. Stanfill, Mr. Rick Gehle, Colquitt County Director of Facilities, requested to address the board. With permission granted, Mr. Gehle informed the board of more details regarding Mr. Stanfill's concerns.

The proposed agenda was approved by consent with no objections.

The consent agenda was approved by consent with no objections for the following minutes and the paying of the bills:

- ❖ Regular Meeting – November 16, 2020
- ❖ Special Called Meeting – November 10, 2020

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:** Bridges, Haley, Teacher, Norman Park, 02/08/2021 - 03/21/2021  
Caquelard, Bessie, Speech/Language Pathologist, Pre-K, 12/07/2020 - 02/15/2021  
Heidelberg, Pamela, Counselor, Gray, 11/04/2020 - 11/16/2020  
Jordan, Kayla, Teacher, Gray, 10/26/2020 - 12/08/2020  
Veasey, Sharon, Assistant Principal, Gray, 10/05/2020 - 04/16/2021

**Retirement:** \* McAlpin, Leslie Shannon, Teacher, WJW, 12/18/2020  
\* Pope, Stephanie, Teacher, Okapilco, 12/18/2020

**Resignation:** Beck, Nora, Teacher, Funston, 12/31/2020  
Howard, Pamela, Teacher, Gray, 12/18/2020  
Smith, Whitney, Speech/Language Pathologist, Okapilco, 12/18/2020  
Vick, Jessica, Teacher, Odom, 12/18/2020

**CLASSIFIED:**

**Leave of Absence:** Brady, Jeffery, Bus Driver, Transportation, 11/02/2020 - TBD  
Hampton, Shirley, Receptionist, Stringfellow, 11/30/2020 - 02/03/2021  
Hodnett, Donna, Bus Driver, Transportation, 10/29/2020 - TBD

Keys, Vickie, Kitchen Assistant, CCHS, 10/26/2020 - 12/14/2020  
Parker, India, Receptionist, Sunset, 11/23/2020 - 01/04/2021  
Robinson, Brenda, Paraprofessional, Gray, 10/15/2020 - 11/05/2020

**Resignation:** \* Juarez, Epifania, Custodian, WJW, 01/08/2021  
Sierra, Juanita, Migrant Tutor, Odom, 11/20/2020

**FOR BOARD INFORMATION:**

Croft, Eric, Transfer from Principal, Okapilco to Teacher, WJW, 12/09/2020  
Davis, Terri, Transfer from Kitchen Assistant, CCHS to Kitchen Assistant/Dishroom,  
RBW, 11/18/2020  
\* Wiley, Caroline, Transfer from Kitchen Assistant, Doerun to Kitchen Assistant,  
Gray, 12/07/2020

The motion to approve was made by Mrs. Hill, seconded by Mrs. Anderson, and carried unanimously (6/o).

Mr. Howell recommended the following personnel for employment:

**CERTIFIED:**

**Employment:** Clark, Makayla, Speech/Language Pathologist, Okapilco, 12/14/2020  
Croft, Keith, Acting Principal, Doerun, 01/04/2021  
Everson, Kayla, Teacher, Doerun, 01/04/2020

**CLASSIFIED:**

**Employment:**

The motion to approve was made by Mrs. Watson, seconded by Mrs. Anderson, and carried unanimously (6/o).

Mr. Howell recommended the approval of Language for Learning for Elementary ELL students using Title III funds. The motion to approve was made by Mr. Sumner, seconded by Dr. Megahee-Hall, and carried unanimously (6/o).

Mr. Howell recommended approval of the termination of the ABM Energy Guarantee. The motion to approve was made by Mrs. Watson, seconded by Mr. Sumner, and carried unanimously (6/o).

Mr. Howell recommended the FirstBook Fundraiser for Colquitt County Schools Multi-Tiered System of Supports/Response to Intervention and Positive Behavioral Interventions & Supports to enhance students' home libraries. Mrs. Anderson made the motion to approve, seconded by Mrs. Hill, and carried unanimously (6/o).

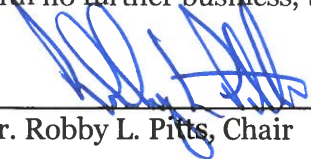
Under information items from the Superintendent, Mr. Howell referred to the following:

- 1) Drop Out Report
- 2) Attendance Report
- 3) School Nutrition Reports
- 4) Financials

Under items from the Board, Mr. Pitts stated the need for an 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 or to interview applicants for the position of superintendent: (O.C.G.A. § 50-14-3(b)(2)). Mrs. Watson made the motion to move into executive session, seconded by Mrs. Hill, and carried unanimously (6/0). The motion to adjourn the closed session meeting was made by Mrs. Anderson, seconded by Mrs. Hill at (8:30 p.m.).

The meeting was reopened and Mr. Pitts recommended that Mr. Jamie Dixon, be extended a three-year contract beginning January 1, 2021, through December 31, 2023. The motion was made by Mr. Sumner, seconded by Mrs. Anderson, and carried unanimously (6/0).

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Mr. Pitts.

  
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Mr. Robby L. Pitts, Chair

  
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Mr. Doug Howell, Superintendent