

COLQUITT COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

Work Session Meeting

District Office Board Room | 1800 Park Avenue | 31768

January 11, 2021 | 6:30 p.m.

The Colquitt County Board of Education met at 6:30 p.m. for its work session on Monday, January 11, 2021, 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. Jon Schwalls, Mr. Kevin Sumner, and Mrs. Mary Beth Watson. Mr. Doug Howell, Superintendent, and Mr. Bill McCalley, Board Attorney, were also present.

The meeting was called to order by Mr. Pitts.

The invocation was given by Mrs. Anderson, who then led the Pledge to the American Flag.

There were no items from the audience.

Mr. Pitts presented the proposed agenda for approval. The Board approved by consent with no objections (6/0).

Mr. Pitts turned the meeting over to Mr. Howell to proceed with action items where the first item of business was to elect a Board Chair for the 2021 term. Mr. Howell read the procedure for electing the annual Chair and Vice-Chair of the Colquitt County Board of Education. He asked for nominations for Board Chair. Mr. Sumner nominated Mr. Pitts. Mrs. Watson motioned to close the floor for other nominations, and Mrs. Anderson seconded. Mr. Howell asked for a show of hands to elect Mr. Pitts as Board Chair. He was elected unanimously (6/0). Mr. Howell then turned the meeting back over to Mr. Pitts.

Mr. Pitts entertained nominations for Vice-Chair. Mr. Schwalls nominated Mrs. Watson. Mr. Sumner made the motion to close the floor to other nominations, seconded by Mrs. Anderson. Mrs. Watson was elected as Vice-Chair for the 2021 year, approved unanimously by a show of hands (6/0).

The next order of business was to employ a Board attorney. Mrs. Watson made the motion to employ Mr. McCalley, seconded by Mrs. Anderson, and carried unanimously (6/0).

Mr. Howell recommended Board approval to continue the monthly per diem and travel allowance for the Board. The motion to approve was made by Mrs. Hill, seconded by Mrs. Anderson, and carried unanimously (6/0).

Mr. Howell recommended Board approval of the 2020 Banking Resolutions. The motion to approve was made by Mrs. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Sumner, and carried unanimously (6/0).

Mr. Howell recommended the following personnel:

CERTIFIED:

Leave of Absence:

Bridges, Haley, Teacher, Norman Park, 02/08/2021 - 03/21/2021

Chatman, Sakeena, Teacher, Okapilco, 11/30/2020 - 12/21/2020

* Hartsfield, Robin, Teacher, Gray, 12/04/2020 - 04/01/2021

Meadows, Phillip, Teacher, Stringfellow, 12/10/2020 - 02/08/2021
Richardson, Felicia, Teacher, Gray, 01/04/2021 - 03/05/2021

CLASSIFIED:

Resignation: Thaggard, Summer, Paraprofessional, WJW, 01/18/2021

FOR BOARD INFORMATION:

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

Mr. Howell recommended approval of the following personnel:

CERTIFIED:

Employment: Stevens, Naomi, Teacher, WJW, 01/04/2021
Harper, Andrew, Teacher, Gray, 01/04/2021
* Williams, Anna, Teacher, Odom, 01/04/2021

CLASSIFIED:

Employment: Furney, Linda, Student Information Secretary, Central Office, 01/11/2021
* Galarza, Martha, Secretary, Cox, 01/11/2021
Meads, Marion, Bus Driver, Transportation, 01/05/2021

Sub Bus Driver: Octavius Slaughter

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

Mr. Howell recommended approval of the ABM Renewal Contract for FY22. The motion to approve was made by Mrs. Anderson, seconded by Mrs. Hill, and carried unanimously (6/o).

Mr. Howell recommended the purchase of five (5) International School Buses from Rush Bus Centers. The motion to approve was made by Mr. Sumner, seconded by Mrs. Hill, and carried unanimously (6/o).

Mr. Howell recommended Board approval of the Board meeting dates for the following Work Sessions and Regular Board meetings. The motion to approve was made by Mrs. Hill, seconded by Mrs. Anderson, and carried unanimously (6/o).

Colquitt County Board of Education
February 2021 – January 2022 Board Meeting Dates
All meetings begin at 6:30 p.m. unless otherwise noted
1800 Park Avenue, Moultrie, Georgia

February 8	Work Session
February 22	Regular Board Mtg
March 22	Regular Board Mtg
April 19	Regular Board Mtg
May 4	Budget Retreat (5:00-9:00 p.m.)
May 24	Regular Board Mtg
June 14	Work Session
June 28	Regular Board Mtg
July 26	Regular Board Mtg
August 23	Regular Board Mtg
September 27	Regular Board Mtg
October 18	Regular Board Mtg
November 15	Regular Board Mtg
December 13	Regular Board Mtg
January 10, 2022,	Work Session
January 24	Regular Board Mtg

Mr. Howell recommended the approval of a Partnership between Colquitt County Board of Education and Colquitt County Education Foundation. The motion to approve was made by Mr. Schwalls, seconded by Mr. Sumner. Mrs. Watson asked the record to reflect that she would be abstaining because she serves on the Colquitt County Education Foundation Board. Mr. Schwalls also announced his wish to withdraw his recommendation because he sits on the Economic Development Authority Board, so Mrs. Anderson made the nomination to approve, and the vote carried (4/0).

Under Information Items from the Superintendent, Mr. Howell stated the need to extend the ten (10) Federal COVID-19 days through March 31, 2021. Mr. Pitts asked for a motion to extend the days. Mrs. Watson made the motion, seconded by Mrs. Anderson, and the vote carried unanimously (6/0).

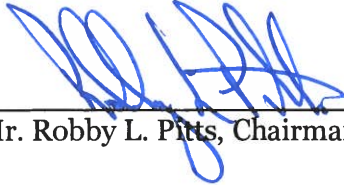
Under Information Items from the Board, Mr. Pitts reminded the Board of their annual donation of \$25 for the board member flower fund. He also reminded the members of the Whole Board Training on January 28 and took a headcount.

At this time, 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. Hill made the motion to enter into executive session, seconded by Mrs. Watson, and carried unanimously (6/0) at 7:03 p.m. The motion to adjourn the closed session meeting was made by Mrs. Watson, seconded by Mr. Sumner at 8:28 p.m.

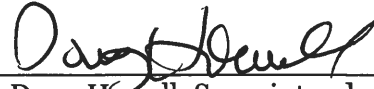
Mr. Pitts reopened the board meeting with a recommendation to name Mr. Ben Wiggins as sole finalist for Colquitt County Schools' superintendent. The motion to approve was made by Mrs. Watson, seconded by Mr. Schwalls. The vote was approved (4/2), with Mrs. Hill and Mrs. Anderson opposed.

Following this vote, Mr. Pitts announced the need to return to 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)). The motion was made by Mrs. Watson, seconded by Mrs. Hill, and carried unanimously (6/0). The motion to adjourn the second session of the executive session meeting was made by Mrs. Watson, seconded by Mr. Sumner, and carried unanimously (6/0).

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.



Mr. Robby L. Pitts, Chairman



Mr. Doug Howell, Superintendent