

**COLQUITT COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**  
**District Office Meeting | 1800 Park Avenue | 31768**  
**April 19, 2021 | 6:30 p.m.**

The Colquitt County Board of Education met at 6:30 p.m. for its Regular Meeting on Monday, April 19, 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. Mary Beth Watson, Vice-Chair, Mrs. Pat Anderson, Mrs. Trudie M. Hill, Mr. Jon Schwalls, and Mr. Kevin Sumner. 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.

Items from the Audience: Mr. Pitts read the guidelines for addressing the Board before asking Ms. Helene Gomulka and Ms. Clara Smith to address them with their concerns. Ms. Gomulka addressed Education for Humane Treatment of Animals, and Ms. Smith addressed her concerns about visiting schools while adhering to COVID guidelines.

Mr. Pitts recognized the Agriculture Mechanics Team of Colquitt County High School as the 2021 Georgia State Champions in various categories. The team consisted of Logan Bennett, Daniel Durrence, Bobby Mitchell, and Jordan Hudson. Advisor Mr. Will Burt gave descriptive details on each of these students and their areas of accomplishments. On behalf of the Board, Mr. Pitts congratulated all four students for their achievements. Following these recognitions, Mr. Pitts asked retiring Superintendent Howell to join him on the floor and honored him with tokens of thanks and gratitude for his years of service as Superintendent of Colquitt County Schools. The audience and Board applauded his accomplishments.

The proposed agenda was approved by consent with no objections.

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

❖ Regular Meeting – March 22, 2021

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:**

- \* Davis, Cathy, Teacher, Okapilco, 03/04/2021 - 06/01/2021
- \* Richardson, Debra, Teacher, Okapilco, 02/03/2021 - 03/12/2021

**Retirement:**

- \* Hunnicutt, Ginger, Teacher, CCHS, 05/31/2021

**Resignation:**

- Chatman, Sakeena, Teacher, Okapilco, 02/24/2021
- \* Delk, Virginia, Teacher, CCHS, 05/28/2021
- Gregory, Brad, Senior Assistant Superintendent, Central Office, 06/30/2021
- \* Hardin, Jacquelyn, Teacher, WJW, 05/28/2021
- Hegwood, Savannah, Speech/Language Pathologist, Hamilton/Funston, 05/28/2021
- \* Hunter, Caralyn, Teacher, Doerun, 05/28/2021
- \* Meadows, Randy, Teacher, Stringfellow, 05/28/2021
- Nighbert, Chad, Teacher, CCHS, 06/12/2021

Palmer, Mindy, Assistant Principal, Cox, 06/07/2021  
Ragan, William, Teacher, CCHS, 05/28/2021  
\* Ramos, Andres, Teacher, CCHS, 05/28/2021  
\* Taylor, Kristen, Teacher, WJW, 04/19/2021  
Thomas, Ashley, Teacher, Funston, 05/28/2021  
Thompson, Tami, Teacher, Stringfellow, 05/28/2021  
Uriostigue, Lucy, Teacher, Stringfellow, 05/28/2021  
Wiggins, Joseph, Teacher, WJW, 05/28/2021  
Williams, Shannon, Teacher, CCHS, 05/28/2021

**CLASSIFIED:**

**Retirement:** Baker, Martha, Paraprofessional, CCHS, 05/28/2021  
Hart, Tammy, School Nutrition Manager, CCHS, 05/31/2021

**Resignation:** \* Davis, Tiffani, Paraprofessional, Sunset, 05/26/2021  
Jackson, Wayne, STAR Instructor, Gray, 04/23/2021

**Community Coaches:** Lucas Waldrop, Freddie Shaver, Jasmine Moses, Charlie Thornton

**FOR BOARD INFORMATION:**

\* Baldwin, Paula, Transfer from Teacher, Cox to Teacher, Stringfellow, 08/02/2021  
\* Chambers, Madison, Transfer from Teacher, Sunset to Teacher, Okapilco, 08/02/2021  
Cone, Dakota, Transfer from Teacher, CCHS to Choir Director, WJW, 08/02/2021  
Hrncirik, Anita, Transfer from Teacher, Okapilco to Teacher, WJW, 08/02/2021  
Holmes, Lisa, Transfer from School Nutrition Manager, Cox to School Nutrition Manager, CCHS, 06/01/2021  
Scroggins, Christina, Transfer from Teacher, WJW to Teacher, Stringfellow 08/02/2021  
Slaughter, Pam, Transfer from Kitchen Assistant, Norman Park to Kitchen Assistant, Doerun, 03/02/2021

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

Mr. Howell recommended the following personnel for employment, including certified personnel for SY 2021-2022, who were omitted from the list on March 22, 2021:

**CERTIFIED:**

**Employment:** \* Beck, Brittany, Teacher, Norman Park, 08/02/2021  
Brown, Kaylee, Speech/Language Pathologist, Odom, 08/02/2021  
Cannon, Sunny, Teacher, RBW, 08/02/2021  
\* Gregory, Brad, (Colquitt County Educational Foundation), 07/01/2021  
\* Hamilton, Savanna, Teacher, Stringfellow, 08/02/2021  
\* Hammond, Madison, Interventionist, Norman Park, 08/02/2021

- Kiger, Tenley, Counselor, Sunset, 08/02/2021
- \* Kilgore, Christy, Speech/Language Pathologist, Hamilton/Funston, 08/02/2021
- \* King, Shavicka, Teacher, Okapilco, 08/02/2021
- Patel, Lori, Teacher, Odom, 08/02/2021
- \* Perry, Jaycee, Teacher, Norman Park, 08/02/2021
- Rand, Eric, Teacher, Gray, 08/02/2021
- Raymond, Adrienne, Teacher, Gray, 08/02/2021
- Raymond, Willie, Teacher, Gray, 08/02/2021
- \* Roberts, Brad, Assistant Principal, Okapilco, 07/26/2021
- Wingate, Kristina, Teacher, Gray, 08/02/2021

**CLASSIFIED:**

**Employment:**

- Bautista, Maria, Attendance Clerk, CCHS, 07/26/2021
- \* Collins, Amy, Paraprofessional, Sunset, 08/02/2021
- \* Smith, Brooke, Bookkeeper, Central Office, 05/01/2021
- \* Webb, Molly, School Nutrition Bookkeeper, 07/01/2021

<b>Last Name</b>	<b>First Name</b>	<b>Position (Not Grade Specific)</b>	<b>Current Location</b>
Lewis	Elizabeth	Speech/Language Pathologist	CCHS
Horne	Donna	Teacher	CC Pre-K
Wilkerson	Christie	Teacher	Cox
Morton	Edith	Teacher	Gray
Veasey	Sharon	Assistant Principal	Gray
Weakland	Kristy	Interpreter	Gray
Hughes	Amanda	Teacher	Stringfellow

The motion to approve the recommendation was made by Mrs. Watson, seconded by Mrs. Anderson, and carried unanimously (6/0).

Mr. Howell recommended approval to continue services with Altman + Barrett Architects. Mrs. Anderson made the motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Sumner. After some discussion, Mrs. Hill voted nay, noting that she had concerns regarding the timeline. The vote carried (5/1).

Mr. Howell recommended approval of the purchase of HP Chromebooks for Colquitt County High School, Purchase Order #15540054-02. Mr. Sumner made the motion to approve, seconded by Mrs. Watson, and carried unanimously (6/0).

Mr. Howell recommended approval of Contract Paper Group, Purchase Order #80100039-00 following the copy paper bid recap. The motion to approve was made by Mrs. Watson, seconded by Mr. Sumner, and carried unanimously (6/0).

Mr. Howell recommended approval of the following purchases using FY21 Title I-A, Improving the Academic Achievement Funds. The motion to approve was made by Mrs. Hill, seconded by Mrs. Watson, and carried unanimously (6/0).

Vendor	Description	School	Amount	Purchase Order #
Scholastic, Inc.	Leveled Bookroom 5 Purchase	Doerun Elementary	\$35,995.50	01784011-00
MacMillan McGraw Hill	Teachers & Students Workbooks & Materials	Norman Park Elementary	\$11,290.42	02784011-00

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

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)); and to consult and meet with legal counsel pertaining to pending or potential litigation, settlement, claims, administrative proceedings or other judicial actions brought or to be brought by or against the school district or an officer or employee or in which the officer or employee may be directly involved; (O.C.G.A. § 50-14-2(1)). Mrs. Hill made the motion to enter into executive session, seconded by Mrs. Anderson (7:10 p.m.).

The motion to adjourn the executive session was made by Mrs. Watson, seconded by Mr. Sumner, at (7:28 p.m.)

Upon reentering the open meeting, Superintendent Howell recommended the approval of Kristy Gonzalez for the Principal position at Cox Elementary School effective June 1, 2021. The motion to approve was made by Mr. Schwalls and seconded by Mrs. Anderson. The vote carried unanimously (6/o).

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

  
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 Mr. Ben Wiggins, Superintendent

Minutes of the April 19, 2021 meeting were approved at the regular monthly meeting of the Colquitt County Board of Education on May 24, 2021. Effective on May 1, 2021, Mr. Ben Wiggins began serving as the Superintendent of the Colquitt County School System, following Mr. Howell's retirement on April 30, 2021.