

Springfield, Georgia

April 6, 2022

The Effingham County Board of Education met in regular session on April 6, 2022 at 2:00PM with the following members present: F. Lamar Allen, Vickie Decker, Lynn Anderson, Ben Johnson, and Jan Landing.

Jan Landing opened the meeting with an invocation.

F. Lamar Allen led meeting participants in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The meeting agenda was adopted and unanimously approved in a motion by Vickie Decker and a second by Lynn Anderson.

In a motion by Lynn Anderson and a second by Ben Johnson, Board members voted unanimously to approve all items on the Consent Agenda. The Consent Agenda included Board minutes from the March 17, 2022 Board meeting.

There were no Public Participation requests submitted for today's meeting. Requests to address the Board must be made at least 24 hours in advance of any given meeting. Individuals interested in presenting at Board meetings must submit their requests to the Superintendent's office.

Ron Wilson, Finance Director, presented the February 2022 financial reports. With no questions or concerns, Board members voted unanimously to approve the reports in a motion by Ben Johnson and a second by Lynn Anderson.

Dr. Yancy Ford, Superintendent, presented the attached Monthly Board Report. Ben Johnson asked if the district has all that is required to complete the special needs playgrounds and whether those would be set up at each school. Dr. Ford stated that we are trying to standardize the playgrounds so that they are accessible to all students. Ron Womack offered additional details and stated that the playgrounds are being upgraded to serve all populations. There were no additional questions or concerns voiced by Board members.

Dr. Yancy Ford opened the presentation of the FY23 Budget. He explained that the budget information provided today falls under "other expenses" which involves all expenses other than payroll and benefits. Department representatives presented line items across various categories of the FY23 Budget:

- Ron Womack and Brandon Davis: Maintenance
- Ashley Kieffer: Water, Sewer, and Energy
- Brett Martin: Transportation

Dr. Ford presented the recommendation to approve Canon as the ECSD copier vendor for a 48-month lease term. He provided a price breakdown of the expenses as well as the scoring rubric used

by the committee. While Canon was not the lowest bidder, they outscored other bidders in the areas of quality, service, and experience. The district has been very satisfied with the Canon product as well as the quality of their service. Board members voted unanimously to accept the recommendation to accept Canon as the copier vendor in a motion by Vickie Decker and a second by Lynn Anderson.

Ron Womack, Chief Operations Officer, presented the resolution to approve the Local Facilities Plan. This plan was presented and discussed at the March 17 Board meeting. The Comprehensive Survey Team has approved the plan and recommended it for submission to the Georgia Board of Education. Board members voted unanimously to accept the resolution in a motion by Jan Landing and a second by Lynn Anderson.

Travis Nesmith, Assistant Superintendent of Instruction and Technology, presented the recommendation to approve a resolution to support the Georgia Vision Project for Public Education. Approval of the resolution is a necessary step towards recognition as a Level III Exemplary Board. Board members voted unanimously to approve the recommendation to approve the resolution in a motion by Vickie Decker and a second by Ben Johnson.

Travis Nesmith discussed Board Policy BH- Board Code of Ethics and Board Policy BHA- Board Member Conflict of Interest. Board members shared no questions or concerns.

Anna Barton, Director of Professional Learning, and three elementary teachers presented the recommendation to approve the adoption of K-5 ELA resources. The three teachers were Louise Anderson (RES- 1st), Jessica Smith (SES- 1st), and Cindy Morgan (EES- 5th). Mrs. Barton discussed the four programs chosen for review and stated that all four were made available to teachers and adoption team members for review. The final consensus was to recommend Fountas and Pinnell Classroom for K-5 and Wilson FUNdations as a stand-alone phonics program for K-3. Presenters agreed that Fountas and Pinnell aligns very well with Balanced Literacy goals. Dr. Ford clarified that the district would use CARES III funds rather than SPLOST to purchase these resources. This would allow the district to purchase these resources now rather than waiting until July 1 for the availability of SPLOST funds. Board members voted unanimously to accept the recommendation in a motion by Lynn Anderson and a second by Jan Landing.

Travis Nesmith presented the recommendation to table policy revisions for JBC(4): Awarding Units and Transferring Credit. The General Assembly passed this last year, and we need to update our policy to reflect changes made at the state level. Mr. Nesmith stated this policy will be tabled for 30 days at which time it will be placed on the consent agenda for approval. In a motion by Jan Landing and a second by Vickie Decker, Board members voted unanimously to accept the recommendation to table JBC(4).

Tony Murray, Marlow Elementary principal, presented an update to the MES School Improvement Plan. He reviewed progress on the 2020-21 goals. He then outlined the ongoing goals for MES and discussed the strategic actions identified to support each goal. He discussed professional learning at MES and as well as their quarterly monitoring process.

Dr. Kirbi Ratner, Rincon Elementary principal, shared an update to the RES School Improvement Plan and reviewed progress made towards meeting the 2020-21 goals. She then outlined ongoing goals for RES as well as the strategic actions identified to support those goals. She discussed professional learning for RES teachers as well as their quarterly monitoring process.

Board members voted unanimously to enter into executive session in a motion by Vickie Decker and a second by Lynn Anderson.

Board members voted 4-0 to end executive session in a motion by Jan Landing and a second by Lynn Anderson. Vickie Decker was not present for this vote.

Board members reviewed the Superintendent's recommendations as outlined on the attached April 6, 2022 Board Action list. Board members voted 4-0 to accept all recommendations in a motion by Lynn Anderson and a second by Jan Landing. Vickie Decker was not present for this vote.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 9:00pm.

F. Lamar Allen, Board Chair

Dr. Yancy Ford, Superintendent