

The Effingham County Board of Education met in regular session on August 16, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. with the following members present: Troy K. Alford, F. Lamar Allen, Vickie Decker, Robert Grant and Beth Helmly.

Troy K. Alford opened the meeting with an invocation.

In a motion by Troy K. Alford and a second by Beth Helmly, the agenda was adopted and unanimously approved.

The board voted unanimously to approve the attached items on the Consent Agenda with a motion by Robert Grant and a second by Vickie Decker. The Consent Agenda included: Board minutes from the August 1, 2018 board meeting and a Recommendation to Approve FY 2019 CTAE Budget (attached).

Carla Dean, Testing Coordinator, presented Effingham County School District's Georgia Milestones results. She reviewed Effingham County's 2018 End of Grade (EOG) and End of Course (EOC) rankings as compared to school systems within 1st District RESA as well as to all school systems in Georgia. She also presented a three year comparison of both EOG and EOC test scores for 2016, 2017, and 2018 test results. Beth Helmly stated that she felt the scores were encouraging, and both she and F. Lamar Allen thanked her for the information she presented.

Dr. Randy Shearouse, Superintendent, presented school enrollment information for each school. He provided the Day 9 enrollment numbers for both 2017-18 and 2018-19 to show which schools' enrollments had increased or decreased after redistricting. Based on the numbers, it appears that redistricting process has been successful. Dr. Shearouse did point out that SEES numbers were greatly influenced by the Belmont Glenn subdivision. A large number of elementary students reside in Belmont Glenn, and the SEES population will likely continue to see growth. Dr. Shearouse advised that student enrollment numbers in all schools will need to be closely monitored across the next three to five years.

Dr. Shearouse presented the recommendation to approve additional safety vestibules. He discussed the costs for materials and shared the attached proposals for construction of vestibules at ECMS, SEMS, and SEHS. After some discussion, the board voted unanimously to approve the recommendation for additional safety vestibules with a motion by Troy K. Alford and a second by Robert Grant.

In a motion by Vickie Decker and a second by Robert Grant, the Board voted unanimously to enter into executive session.

In a motion by Vickie Decker and a second by Robert Grant, the board voted to end executive session.

In a motion by Troy K. Alford and a second by Vickie Decker, the board unanimously voted to accept the Superintendent's recommendations as noted on the attached Board Action list.

After a brief discussion, a motion was made by Robert Grant with a second by Beth Helmly to approve the new MT scale along with providing supervisors the option to join TRS. All Board members voted in favor.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 9:30 p.m. with a motion by Robert Grant and a second by Beth Helmly.

F. Lamar Allen, Board Chair

Dr. Randy Shearouse, Superintendent