

The Effingham County Board of Education met in regular session on June 6, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. with the following members present: F. Lamar Allen, Vickie Decker, and Beth Helmly. Robert Grant and Troy K. Alford were absent.

Vickie Decker opened the meeting with an invocation.

In a motion by Beth Helmly and a second by Vickie Decker, the agenda was adopted and unanimously approved.

The board voted unanimously to approve the attached items on the Consent Agenda with a motion by Vickie Decker and a second by Beth Helmly. The Consent Agenda included: Board minutes from the May 17, 2018 board meeting and a Recommendation to Approve Revisions to Board Policy JCDAE-Weapons (policy attached).

Finance Director Ron Wilson addressed the attached April 2018 financial report. A motion was made to approve the financial report by Beth Helmly and seconded by Vickie Decker. Unanimous vote.

Superintendent Dr. Randy Shearouse discussed the attached Monthly Board Report.

Mrs. Helmly voiced her continued concern about the completion status of the new Rincon Elementary.

Dr. Yancy Ford recognized 2018 graduates Darius Scott of SEHS and Zebrandon Gant of ECHS for their outstanding athletic achievements. Each of these students earned a State Championship in their respective sport. Darius Scott earned the 2018 State Championship in Track and has been recruited to the Cornell University Track team. Zebrandon Gant won the 2018 State Wrestling Championship for the 195lb weight class and finished his season with an impressive 57-0 record. He has signed to wrestle at the collegiate level with Newberry College. Both students were congratulated by Board members.

Superintendent Shearouse recommended the approval of a foreign exchange student at South Effingham High School. The board unanimously approved the recommendation after a motion by Beth Helmly and a second by Vickie Decker.

Assistant Superintendent Dr. Yancy Ford presented a review of the red-line edition of the 2018-2019 Student & Parent Handbook. He highlighted the suggested revisions and stated that the Clubs and Organizations section of the handbook is still being finalized but will be completed for final approval of the handbook at the next Board meeting. Beth Helmly asked whether information for the Credit Recovery program would be addressed in the handbook, and Dr. Ford stated that he and Dr. Shearouse will be meeting with principals to discuss the program. Dr. Ford encouraged Board members to contact him with any questions or concerns.

Superintendent Shearouse presented the attached school calendar options for the 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 academic years. Of the four available options for the 2019-2020 year, option 1 was chosen by voters. Of the three options for the 2020-2021 year, option 1 was the top choice. Vickie Decker addressed weather days and stated she wants for families to be clear that the weather days coincide with holidays. The board unanimously approved option 1 for 2019-2020 and option 1 for 2020-2021 with a motion by Vickie Decker and a second by Beth Helmly.

Superintendent Shearouse briefly reviewed the FY2019 budget that was presented at the previous Board meeting on May 17, 2018. F. Lamar Allen opened the floor to public comments, but none were offered. F. Lamar Allen stated that he would ask for public comments at the next Board meeting and call for a final vote at that time.

The board voted unanimously to enter into executive session with a motion by Vickie Decker and a second by Beth Helmly.

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

In a motion by Vickie Decker and a second by Beth Helmly, the board voted to accept the Superintendent's recommendations as noted on the attached personnel action list.

In a motion by Beth Helmly and Vickie Decker, the board voted to accept the Additional Duties and Supplement sheet for coaching with the exception of Henry Dickerson whose name was pulled for a separate vote. Beth Helmly made the motion to hire Henry Dickerson and Vickie Decker seconded the motion. The vote was two to one for Henry Dickerson as golf coach with F. Lamar voting against.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 4:15 p.m. with a motion by Vickie Decker and a second by Beth Helmly.

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F. Lamar Allen, Board Chair

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Dr. Randy Shearouse, Superintendent