

The Effingham County Board of Education held a workshop at 12:00 to discuss redistricting.

The Effingham County Board of Education met in regular session on February 7, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. with the following members present: Troy K. Alford, Beth Helmly, Vickie Decker, Robert Grant and F. Lamar Allen.

Troy Alford opened the meeting with an invocation.

The agenda was adopted.

The board voted unanimously to approve the attached items on the Consent Agenda with a motion by Vickie Decker and a second by Troy K. Alford. The Consent Agenda included: Board Minutes from the special session and regularly scheduled meeting on January 18, 2018.

Finance Director Ron Wilson addressed the attached December 2017 financial report. Robert Grant made a motion to approve the financial report and Vickie Decker seconded the motion. Unanimous vote.

Superintendent Shearouse addressed the attached Monthly Board Report. At the conclusion, Board Member Beth Helmly expressed concern regarding the time line for Rincon Elementary. She stated that she was concerned that the contractor stating the remainder of the school would be poured in 4-6 weeks was unrealistic. Mrs. Helmly said she was worried and disappointed with their promise on a completion time. Dr. Shearouse stated that the board could tour the new construction before the March 7<sup>th</sup> board meeting.

In a discussion led by the Superintendent, he stated that the board held several special called meetings and sent call-outs to remind constituents to express concerns regarding redistricting. Dr. Shearouse said that this is certainly not a decision that the board takes lightly and they do not like making students move to a different district. He said that redistricting is necessary due to the new growth on the south end of the county and school enrollment numbers need to be balanced. The board has to make adjustments to maximize space. After some discussion, the Superintendent recommended to go with the proposed elementary district lines. Mr. Allen then asked if anyone would like to comment on the recommendation. Hearing none, Board Chair F. Lamar Allen called for a motion to approve the proposed district lines. The board voted unanimously to approve the new district lines for the 2108-2019 school year with a motion by Vickie Decker and a second by Troy K. Alford. Superintendent Shearouse then advised that there were a few recommended adjustments made to the original middle school redistricting proposal. Assistant Transportation Coordinator Eric Harris pointed out the minor adjustments and answered questions from the board. Mrs. Helmly stated that decisions are hard to make but the board has to do what is best for the entire county.

After some discussion, a motion was made by Beth Helmly to approve the revised proposal. Vickie Decker seconded the motion. Unanimous vote.

The Superintendent called for nominations to nominate the 2018 GSBA Legislative Liaison and Alternate. Robert Grand nominated F. Lamar Allen. Beth Helmly seconded the motion and asked to close the nominations. Unanimous vote with the exception of F. Lamar Allen, who abstained. The Superintendent then called for nominations for an alternate for the 2018 GSBA Legislative Liaison. Troy K. Alford nominated Vickie Decker. Beth Helmly seconded the motion and asked to close the nominations. Unanimous vote with the exception of Vickie Decker, who abstained.

Dr. Randy Shearouse recommended the approval of the personnel changes on the Organizational Chart. Beth Helmly asked why Dr. Prosser was shown as reporting to Travis Nesmith. She recommended moving her to reflect the current Supervisor. Todd Wall was also moved under the supervision of Travis Nesmith. After a motion by Beth Helmly and a second by Robert Grant, the chart was approved with these changes.

Dr. Shearouse explained the rationale behind adding inclement weather days to the approved 2018-2019 School Calendar. He stated that in the event of severe weather days next year, the possible make-up days will be October, 5, 8, 9 2018 or January 2, 2019 or February 14 or 15, 2019. He felt that planning ahead for these days would be beneficial if days had to be missed for severe weather.

In a motion by Troy K. Alford and a second by Vickie Decker the board voted, with one abstention, to approve the lowest bid from for the roofing project at old Marlow Elementary. Robert Grant abstained.

Mrs. Jenny Wilkins presented a Reading Recovery update.

Information Systems Coordinator Missy Roddenberry presented the School Finance Efficiency STAR Rating Presentation.

Finance Director Ron Wilson presented a review of Fiscal Year 2016 E-Splost Agreed-Upon Procedures.

Houghton Mifflin Harcourt Representative Dr. David Bain presented information on Mid-Year Gains data for System 44, Read 180 and iRead.

The board voted unanimously to enter into executive session with a motion by Troy K. Alford and a second by Robert Grant.

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

In a motion by Vickie Decker and a second by Robert Grant, the board voted to accept the Superintendent's recommendations as noted on the attached personnel action list, with the exception of Clint Hodges, who the board agreed to consider as a separate item. In a motion by Troy K. Alford and a second by Beth Helmly, the board voted to accept the recommendation of Clint Hodges. The vote was Four (4 ) Yea and One (1) Nay. F. Lamar Allen voted Nay. Therefore the motion carried.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 5:30 p.m. with a motion by Robert Grant and a second by Vickie Decker.

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F. Lamar Allen, Board Chair

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Dr. Randy Shearouse, Superintendent