

The Effingham County Board of Education met in regular session on June 18, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. with the following members present: F. Lamar Allen, Troy K. Alford, Beth Helmly, Vickie Decker and Robert Grant.

F. Lamar Allen opened the meeting with an invocation.

The agenda was adopted.

Board member Beth Helmly asked for clarification on four policies on the Consent Agenda. Policy JCDB-Student Dress Code was tabled for more discussion. There were questions regarding Policies JCDB-Bullying, Policy JCD-Student Conduct and Policy JCDAE-Weapons. The questions were satisfied after some discussion.

The board voted unanimously to approve the attached items on the Consent Agenda, after clarification, with a motion by Vickie Decker and a second by Robert Grant. The Consent Agenda included: Board Minutes from the June 3, 2015 meeting; Recommendation to approve revisions to Board Policy BBBE-Board Member Compensation and Expenses; Recommendation to rescind Board Policy MBA-Libraries; Recommendation to approve Board Policy JB-Student Attendance; Recommendation to approve revisions to Board Policy JCDB-Student Dress Code; Recommendation to approve revisions to Board Policy JCDAE-Weapons; Recommendation to approve revisions to Board Policy JCDAG-Bullying; Recommendation to approve revisions to Board Policy GAD-Professional Learning Opportunities; Recommendation to approve revisions to Board Policy JCD-Student Conduct; Recommendation to approve revisions to Board Policy JGCD-Medication; Recommendation to approve revisions to Board Policy JCDAE-Weapons; Recommendation to approve revisions to Board Policy GBRIG-Federal Family & Medical Leave Act.

Board Chair F. Lamar Allen revisited the issue regarding Policy JCDB-Student Dress Code. Beth Helmly requested that the insignia rule be changed to only allow placement on the shirt pocket area. There was some discussion regarding the rationale of making the change. After some discussion, Mrs. Helmly made a motion to incorporate the designated location of the insignia into the current policy. After Robert Grant seconded the motion, the request was approved with a vote of 4 Yea and 1 Nay. F. Lamar Allen voted Nay.

The Superintendent discussed the new policy JCJA-Suicide Prevention. He explained that this was a recommendation by the Georgia School Board Association. Dr. Shearouse stated that because this is a new policy, it will have to sit for thirty days before being presented for approval.

The board voted unanimously to surplus and the dispose of 22 Leap Pads from Springfield Elementary after a motion by Vickie Decker and a second by Troy K. Alford.

Transportation Director Brett Martin presented his recommendation to purchase field trip software from Trip Direct. He stated that this program was web based, and that would allow him or a board employee to be able to sign in to a computer at home and see schedules or to see the location of buses on field trips. This is a program made by School Dude, which we presently use for work orders. Dr. Shearouse commented that he thought that would be an advantage for our employees. There was some discussion regarding using a program we currently have. Beth Helmly agreed that the system needs software, but

asked for Mr. Martin to see if there is another program that would encompass all the needs of the transportation department, such as, routing and field trips. Board Chair F. Lamar Allen thanked Mr. Martin for his presentation and requested more information before the board voted.

Dr. Shearouse led a discussion regarding the FY16 Budget.

Board Chair F. Lamar Allen called for public comments.

The Superintendent recommended the board approve the FY2016 Budget and adopt 16.435 as the property tax millage rate. In a motion by Troy K. Alford and a second by Robert Grant, the board voted unanimously to approve the FY2016 Budget and the property tax millage rate.

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

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

In a motion by Robert Grant and a second by Troy K. Alford, the board voted unanimously to accept the Superintendent's recommendations as noted on the attached personnel board action list.

In a motion by Vickie Decker and a second by Robert Grant, the board voted unanimously to accept the Superintendent's recommendations as noted on the attached supplement sheet, with the exception of the Assistant Softball Coach at Effingham County Middle School. In a motion by Robert Grant and a second by Beth Helmly, the board voted with one abstention, to approve Kimberly Bracken as the Assistant Softball Coach at Effingham County Middle School. Vickie Decker abstained.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 11:15 p.m. with a motion by Vickie Decker and a second by Troy K. Alford.

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F. Lamar Allen, Board Chair

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Dr. Randy Shearouse, Superintendent