

Springfield, Georgia

April 16, 2015

The Effingham County Board of Education met in regular session on April 16, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. with the following members present: F. Lamar Allen, Troy K. Alford, Beth Helmly, Vickie Decker and Robert Grant.

Beth Helmly opened the meeting with an invocation.

The agenda was adopted.

The board voted unanimously to approve the attached item on the Consent Agenda with a motion by Vickie Decker and a second by Robert Grant. The Consent Agenda included: Board Minutes from the April 1, 2015 meeting.

The revisions to board policy JCD were unanimously approved with a motion by Beth Helmly and a second by Robert Grant.

The revisions to board policy JBD were unanimously approved with a motion by Vickie Decker and a second by Robert Grant.

The revisions to board policy JCBD were unanimously approved with a motion by Robert Grant and a second by Beth Helmly.

The recommendation to approve policy IDB was tabled until the next board meeting with a request from Beth Helmly for further clarification. A motion was made by Beth Helmly and a second by Troy K. Alford to table this agenda item. Unanimous vote.

The revisions to board policy IHA were unanimously approved with a motion by Vickie Decker and a second by Troy K. Alford.

The revisions to board policy IHE were unanimously approved with a motion by Vickie Decker and a second by Robert Grant.

Superintendent Shearouse recommended the approval of the Transportation Department's request to purchase seven regular buses from Blue Bird and one Thomas lift bus for a total of \$683,868.50. The board voted unanimously to approve this purchase after a motion by Troy K. Alford and a second by Vickie Decker.

Dr. Shearouse led a discussion regarding Flexibility options. Board member Beth Helmly stated that she was not ready to make a decision, and would like more information regarding waivers before a vote was cast. Board Chair F. Lamar Allen called for any questions or comments from the audience. Mr. Michael Leddick stated his opinion and reasons for preferring Status Quo. Dr. Shearouse stated that he felt IE<sup>2</sup> would be closer to what we do now. A motion by Beth Helmly to postpone the decision until after the board retreat was seconded by Robert Grant. The vote was 3 Yea and 2 Nay. F. Lamar Allen and Troy K. Alford voted Nay.

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 Troy K. Alford and a second by Robert Grant, the board voted unanimously to accept the Superintendent's recommendations as noted the attached personnel board action list with the exception of ECCA Director of High School Programs, Ashley Kieffer. The vote was 4 Yea and 1 Nay. Beth Helmly voted Nay.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 10:15 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