

The Effingham County Board of Education met in regular session on February 19, 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.

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 February 4, 2015 and February 19, 2015.

Executive Director of Administrative Services Dr. Slade Helmly led a discussion regarding school facilities and the footprint plans for building a new Rincon Elementary. He presented four plans and a PowerPoint of schools he and Dr. Shearouse recently visited. After much discussion, the board requested visiting a school in Columbia County. Dr. Shearouse stated he would set up a visit for the board members.

There was some discussion regarding overcrowding at South Effingham Elementary and the possibility of moving their pre-k classes to Sand Hill Elementary or another facility.

Dr. Shearouse discussed holding public meetings to discuss the district governance options IE², Charter, or Status Quo. He explained that one of the meetings could be held during our regularly scheduled board meeting on March 19th, but would like to change the location to the Effingham College & Career Academy. The second meeting will be held at South Effingham High School on March 26, 2015.

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

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

In a motion by Vickie Decker 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 no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 10:00 p.m. with a motion by Vickie Decker and a second by Troy K. Alford.

F. Lamar Allen, Board Chair

Dr. Randy Shearouse, Superintendent