

The Effingham County Board of Education met in regular session on December 10, 2014 at 2:00 p.m. with the following members present: F. Lamar Allen, Beth Helmly, Vickie Decker and Troy K. Alford. C. Eddie Tomberlin was absent.

Troy K. Alford 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 Troy K. Alford. The Consent Agenda included: Board Minutes from the November 20, 2014 board meeting.

Financial Director Ron Wilson addressed the attached October 2014 financial report.

Superintendent Randy Shearouse recommended that the board approve the attached 2015-2016 and 2016-2017 academic calendars. After some discussion, a motion was made by Vickie Decker and seconded by Troy K. Alford to approve both calendars. Unanimous vote.

Dr. Shearouse presented awards to Rincon Elementary for being identified by the Georgia Department of Education as a highest performing reward school and Springfield Elementary for being identified as a high progress reward school. Both schools received a certificate of recognition and a monetary grant. The board congratulated Terri Johnson and Dr. Paige Dickey for their diligence in maintaining excellence in our school system.

Exceptional Children Coordinator Stacy Boyett presented an overview of exceptional children services. Troy K. Alford stated that his daughter had received services under this program and today she is a Junior at Georgia Southern University because of her great teachers. He applauded the program and thanked Ms. Boyett for the efforts of the exceptional children's teachers in the system.

Information Systems Coordinator Noralee Deason gave an overview of CCRPI. Board Chair F. Lamar Allen thanked Ms. Deason for the information.

Student/Professional Learning Coordinator Judith Shuman provided a system summary report of Georgia High School Writing Test Scores.

Dr. Greg Arnsdorff presented an update on Read180 and System 44.

Assistant Superintendent Greg Arnsdorff requested approval for the adoption of Pre-K Curriculum "Big Day for Pre-K". The board voted unanimously to approve the request with a motion by Beth Helmly and a second by Vickie Decker. Board Chair F. Lamar Allen commented that this should have been done a long time ago and that he was happy to see them getting a program to aid in teaching the students.

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

In a motion by Vickie Decker and a second by Troy K. Alford, the board voted to end executive session.

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

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

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F. Lamar Allen, Chairman

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Dr. Randy Shearouse, Superintendent