

The Effingham County Board of Education met in regular session on October 23, 2014 at 2:00 p.m. with the following members present: F. Lamar Allen, Troy K. Alford, C. Eddie Tomberlin, Beth Helmly and Vickie Decker.

C. Eddie Tomberlin 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 Beth Helmly and a second by Vickie Decker. The Consent Agenda included: Board Minutes from the October 1, 2014 board meeting; Recommendation to surplus Technology Equipment and Recommendation to surplus old AG truck.

Superintendent Shearouse presented the attached Petition Requesting Annexation. This request was for the Rincon City Council to annex property owned by the Effingham County Board of Education to the City of Rincon. After some discussion, the board voted unanimously to approve the Petition after a motion was made by C. Eddie Tomberlin and a second by Troy K. Alford.

A motion was made by Beth Helmly and seconded by Vickie Decker to approve the attached School Bus Safety Resolution. Unanimous vote.

The Superintendent explained the attached Local Board Training Plan and asked for the board's approval. After a motion by Troy K. Alford and second by Vickie Decker, the board voted unanimously to approve the plan.

Executive Director of Administrative Services Dr. Slade Helmly led a discussion regarding facilities. The discussion was regarding building a new Rincon Elementary, renovations on Effingham County High School and Career Academy additions. A motion was made by Beth Helmly and seconded by Troy K. Alford to start the design process for the New Rincon Elementary and to use a Construction Management at Risk for the planning, design and construction of the project. Unanimous vote.

Dr. Helmly led a discussion regarding the district's athletic field maintenance. He requested permission to hire one person to be in charge of the district's field maintenance along with the purchase of some equipment needed to maintain the fields. Dr. Helmly also discussed the need for a more streamlined process for routine mowing. The discussion centered on the idea of paying a stipend to existing staff members to undertake this task. Beth Helmly asked that there be a comparison of expenses between the stipend concept and a company's bid for the same services. After the comparison, the board could act on the decision at a later date.

A motion was made by Beth Helmly and seconded by Vickie Decker to purchase a Verticutter and a top dressing machine to aid in the current upkeep of the fields. Unanimous vote.

The board voted unanimously to enter into executive session with a motion by C. Eddie Tomberlin and a second by Troy K. Alford.

In a motion by C. Eddie Tomberlin and a second by Troy K. Alford, the board voted to end executive session.

In a motion by C. Eddie Tomberlin and a second by Vickie Decker, the board voted unanimously, to accept the Superintendent's recommendations as noted on the first attached personnel board action list.

In a motion by C. Eddie Tomberlin and a second by Troy K. Alford, the board voted to accept the Superintendent's recommendation as noted on the second attached personnel board action list, with the exception of Beth Helmly, who abstained.

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