

The Effingham County Board of Education met in regular session on March 20, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. with the following members present: F. Lamar Allen, Vickie Decker, and Troy K. Alford and C. Eddie Tomberlin.

C. Eddie Tomberlin 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 C. Eddie Tomberlin and a second by Vickie Decker. The Consent Agenda included: Board Minutes from the March 5, 2014 board meeting.

In a motion by Vickie Decker and a second by C. Eddie Tomberlin, the board voted unanimously to approve the Superintendent's recommendation to approve a Resolution to increase Class Size Maximums.

Dr. Shearouse led a discussion regarding the Young Farmer's Teacher position for the 2014-2015 school-term due to Dr. Waltz retiring. He stated that a couple of options had been considered. The cost to the county is about \$25,000 with the state returning funds for classes taught. Input from the Young Farmers indicated that we need to keep the position full time because we could lose funding otherwise. A motion was made by Vickie Decker to maintain the full time position and seconded by Troy K. Alford. Unanimous vote.

The Superintendent provided an update on parent requests regarding school choice for Blandford Elementary and Rincon Elementary. Blandford Elementary received 38 requests and Rincon Elementary received 29 requests. All of these requests were approved. He did advise that if someone missed the cut-off date for these requests, they could still apply for school choice through HB 251. Blandford Elementary, Marlow Elementary, South Effingham Elementary and Effingham County High School will be closed for HB 251 due to enrollment nearing maximum capacity.

Superintendent Shearouse led a brief discussion regarding FY 2015 budget.

Assistant Superintendent Greg Arnsdorff presented Economics State End of Course test results.

Board Chair F. Lamar Allen led a discussion regarding the vacancy on the school board for the 4th district.

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

In a motion by Troy K. Alford and a second by Vickie Decker, 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 attached personnel action list with the exception of Cayte Vickery. This vote was (3) yea; and (1) nay. Troy K. Alford voted nay.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 9:45 p.m. with a motion by Vickie Decker and a second by Troy K. Alford.

F. Lamar Allen, Chairman

Dr. Randy Shearouse, Superintendent

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