

Springfield, Georgia

February 20, 2013

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

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 February 5, 2014 board meeting.

Dr. Shearouse led a discussion regarding redistricting Blandford, Rincon and Ebenezer Elementary.

Board Chair F. Lamar Allen called for comments regarding redistricting.

Ms. Cindy Brousseau asked to speak to the board. She stated that her daughter attends Rincon Elementary and that she and her child were very upset about redistricting. She felt the children would suffer greatly and the board had not considered how this would adversely affect the children.

Board Chair F. Lamar Allen stated that the board certainly understood her frustration, but that they board of education always considers children in every decision made.

Vice Chair Troy K. Alford spoke to the audience in reference to comments made. He stated that you may question things that they have to do as board members, but you could not question his love for the children or the love of his district.

Vickie Decker also spoke regarding the redistricting. She stated that the redistricting directly affects her district, and she felt that every school in our system are wonderful schools. Mrs. Decker added that her child had been affected with previous redistricting and moved to Blandford from Rincon Elementary. She said that her child had handled the move very well. Mrs. Decker also stated that every possible scenario had been considered and the board decided on the plan that would have the least impact on students.

After the discussion, Dr. Shearouse recommended that the board approve plans to redistrict Blandford, Rincon and Ebenezer Elementary. A motion was made by Troy K. Alford and seconded by Vickie Decker. Unanimous vote.

Superintendent Randy Shearouse recommended approval of a Resolution to phase out Rincon Elementary School. In a motion by Troy K. Alford and a second by Vickie Decker the board voted unanimously to approve the resolution.

In a motion by Troy K. Alford and a second by Vickie Decker, the board voted unanimously to appoint Board Chair F. Lamar Allen to serve as a Delegate for the GSBA Delegate Assembly. Vickie Decker was unanimously elected to serve as an Alternate for the Assembly after a motion by Troy K. Alford and a second by F. Lamar Allen.

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 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 action list.

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.

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F. Lamar Allen, Chairman

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Dr. Randy Shearouse, Superintendent