

The Effingham County Board of Education met in regular session on February 5, 2014 at 2:00 p.m. with the following members present: F. Lamar Allen, Vickie Decker, 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 items on the Consent Agenda with a motion by Vicky Decker and a second by Troy K. Alford. The Consent Agenda included: Board Minutes from the January 23, 2014 meeting; and the recommendation to surplus technology equipment.

Financial Director Ron Wilson addressed the attached financial report for December 2013. A motion was made to approve the financial report by C. Eddie Tomberlin and seconded by Vickie Decker. Unanimous vote.

Dr. Shearouse addressed the attached Monthly Board Report.

The Superintendent read board member Mose Mock's resignation letter. Mr. Mock resigned due to the recent illness of his son. Board Chair F. Lamar Allen stated that the board regrets losing Mr. Mock but certainly understands his reasons for doing so. The board voted unanimously to accept Mr. Mock's resignation with a motion by Troy K. Alford and a second by Vickie Decker.

Board Chair F. Lamar Allen stated that the board is under no time limit regarding replacing Mr. Mock. The board will receive letters of interest along with an affidavit from each individual stating that they meet the qualifications for running. Letters of interest will be due by March 5, 2014. Mr. Allen stated that they primary is early this year and will be held in May. Qualifying to run for the vacant position ends in March. Mr. Allen stated that he has a heavy heart losing Mr. Mock as a board member.

Dr. Shearouse led a discussion regarding the recent days missed by students and employees due to inclement weather. He stated that Georgia code allows students to miss up to four days for inclement weather or emergencies. The Superintendent recommended that students not make up the time they missed and that employees only make up Wednesday, January 29<sup>th</sup>. C. Eddie Tomberlin made the motion to accept the Superintendent's recommendation and Troy K. Alford seconded the motion. Unanimous vote.

The recommendation to surplus bus 927 and donate it to Effingham Prison was approved with a unanimous vote after a motion by Vickie Decker and a second by C. Eddie Tomberlin.

Board Chair F. Lamar Allen presented the vehicle bids for the purchase of a vehicle for the Superintendent's use in lieu of paying mileage or vehicle allowance. The lowest bid received was from J. C. Lewis and the second lowest bid received was from Fuller Chevrolet. A motion was made by C. Eddie Tomberlin to accept the lowest bid, provided the vehicle could be delivered in a timely manner, and if not, accept the second lowest bid on the vehicle.

Vickie Decker made the second and the vote was unanimous with the exception of Troy K. Alford who abstained due to his employment at J. C. Lewis.

Superintendent Shearouse addressed the Effingham County board of Education regarding the proposed local Act to the local legislative delegation, increasing the compensation for board members of the Effingham County Board of Education from \$100 per day for attending meetings of the board for each day of attendance to \$300 per day of attendance. The recommendation is for the Board Chair to be compensated \$350 each day of attendance. Dr. Shearouse stated that the last raise the board received was in 1987 when the daily rate changed from \$50 per day to \$100 per day. The Superintendent stated that after the board approves the proposal, the local legislative delegation must then approve the request and present to the entire General Assembly. Board member C. Eddie Tomberlin stated that he has no dog in this fight, because he will not be running for reelection, but he felt that the board deserves an increase for their hard work and dedication. A motion was made by C. Eddie Tomberlin to submit the request to legislators and a second was made by Troy K. Alford. Unanimous vote.

Mr. Jeff Gallman addressed the board requesting permission to allow eighth graders to participate in junior varsity sports. His daughter currently plays tennis on the middle school team and would like to play, where she would be able to improve with the challenges of playing, on the junior varsity team. He stated that other counties around the area are currently allowing this participation. Mr. Gallman said that this would not interfere with play time on the middle school's team because middle school and high school seasons do not coincide. He said that he would be able to obtain academic recommendation from her teachers. Another tennis parent, Mr. Bargeron asked for and received permission to speak. He stated that he felt the decision not to allow eighth grade students to play on junior varsity puts our teams at a great disadvantage. He believes that making this change would start a legacy moving forward. Board Chair F. Lamar Allen told both men he appreciated their requests and the board would take this under advisement and make a decision at a later date.

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

In a motion by Vickie Decker and a second by C. Eddie Tomberlin, 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 6:00 p.m. with a motion by C. Eddie Tomberlin and a second by Troy K. Alford.

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F. Lamar Allen, Chairman

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Dr. Randy Shearouse, Superintendent