

**Bulloch County Board of Education**  
**Minutes of Board Regular Session**  
**May 11, 2023**

The Bulloch County Board of Education met in a Regular Session Meeting on Thursday, May 11, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. in the boardroom at the Central Office. Board members present were as follows: Glen Womack, Elizabeth Williams, Dr. Stuart Tedders, Donna Clifton, Heather Mims, Jay Cook, Maurice Hill and Superintendent Charles Wilson. Glennera Martin was absent.

Chairman Womack led the Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance.

After review and recommendation by the Superintendent, upon motion by Elizabeth Williams and Jay Cook, the agenda was approved as presented. (7:0 Yes – Glenn Womack, Elizabeth Williams, Dr. Stuart Tedders, Donna Clifton, Heather Mims, Jay Cook and Maurice Hill)

Director of CTAE, Bethany Gilliam, introduced/recognized the following students for Future Georgia Educators Signing Day: Hailey Dyches, Statesboro High; Olivia Grady, Southeast Bulloch High School; Caitlin Nadeau, Statesboro High School; Camille Saunders, Portal High School; and Emma Yates, Portal High School.

Following Board Member comments, during public participation Karen Mills presented and spoke regarding changing Langston Chapel Middle Schools logo, Thresa Yancey, Kathleen Sullivan and Maggie Halaby spoke regarding Advance Placement changes, and William Fry spoke regarding a petition to change the student dress code. During the Superintendents Report Assistant Superintendent of School Improvement Teresa Phillips provided follow up regarding Stakeholder Feedback (Governance Domain III) and Executive Director of Curriculum and Instruction Kelly Spence and Director of School Improvement Chad Prosser presented information regarding Common Grading Practices.

After review and recommendation by the superintendent, upon motion by Heather Mims, and second by Elizabeth Williams, the Board unanimously approved the Consent Agenda that consisted of the following: Board Minutes: April 13, 2023 Regular Session and April 27, 2023 Work Session and May 2, 2023 Whole Board Governance Training; Board Member Payroll for April 2023 and the Financial Report for March 2023. (7:0 Yes – Glenn Womack, Elizabeth Williams, Dr. Stuart Tedders, Donna Clifton, Jay Cook, Heather Mims and Maurice Hill)

Following a presentation by Assistant Superintendent for Business Services Troy Brown, and after review and recommendation by the superintendent, upon motion by Elizabeth Williams, and second by Jay Cook, the Board unanimously approved the Tentative FY24 Budget. (7:0 Yes – Glenn Womack, Elizabeth Williams, Dr. Stuart Tedders, Donna Clifton, Jay Cook, Heather Mims and Maurice Hill)

After review and recommendation by the superintendent, upon motion by Maurice Hill, and second by Donna Clifton, the Board unanimously approved the Portal Middle High Track and Football Sidelines Renovation bid by Pope Construction in the amount of \$4,174,000. This project consists of a running track and its associated events, and renovating the slopes on the

sides of the existing football field to make it a level surface. This will be funded by ESPLOST IV. (7:0 Yes – Glenn Womack, Elizabeth Williams, Dr. Stuart Tedders, Donna Clifton, Jay Cook, Heather Mims and Maurice Hill)

After review and recommendation by the superintendent, upon motion by Heather Mims, and second by Elizabeth Williams, the Board unanimously approved the low bidder Ellis Wood Contracting in the amount of \$210,000. for the Southeast Bulloch High School Paving Improvement Project. This project consists of extending the turn lane on Brooklet-Denmark Highway from the middle school to the high school, as well as improvements to the student parking lot at SEBHS, so there will be more options in traffic control and to ease congestion. The target date for completion is prior to the 2023-2024 school year. This project will be funded by ESPLOST IV. (7:0 Yes – Glenn Womack, Elizabeth Williams, Dr. Stuart Tedders, Donna Clifton, Jay Cook, Heather Mims and Maurice Hill)

After review and recommendation by the superintendent, upon motion by Donna Clifton, and second by Jay Cook, the Board unanimously approved the Georgia Fund One Resolution. Georgia Fund One is an entity that falls under the Office of the Treasury of the State of Georgia and is only available to governmental entities. This is to set up two additional accounts in an effort to obtain a very competitive interest rate on our funds. These accounts will be used for ESPLOST V monthly revenue that will begin flowing to us in August 2023 and for the remaining ESPLOST IV funds that is currently at our local bank (7:0 Yes – Glenn Womack, Elizabeth Williams, Dr. Stuart Tedders, Donna Clifton, Jay Cook, Heather Mims and Maurice Hill)

New Business Placed on the Table; Upon motion by Maurice Hill, and second by Donna Clifton, the board voted to place Board Policy DIB – Financial Reports – Capitalization Policy for Fixed Assets on the table. (7:0 Yes – Glenn Womack, Elizabeth Williams, Dr. Stuart Tedders, Donna Clifton, Jay Cook, Heather Mims and Maurice Hill)

Upon motion by Jay Cook, and second by Elizabeth Williams, the Board unanimously voted to enter into executive session to discuss or deliberate upon the appointment, employment, compensation, hiring, disciplinary action or dismissal, or periodic evaluation or rating of a public officer or employee or to interview applicants for the position of superintendent; (O.C.G.A. § 50-14-3(b)(2)); to consider a matter involving the disclosure of personally identifiable information from a student’s educational records; (20 USC § 1232g); and to discuss school safety plans prepared pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 20-2-1185 or personnel pursuant to policies related to weapons in schools; (O.C.G. A. §§ 50-18-72 (a) (25.1) and 16-11-130.1 (f)). (7:0 Yes - Glenn Womack, Elizabeth Williams, Dr. Stuart Tedders, Donna Clifton, Heather Mims, Jay Cook and Maurice Hill) Board Members present at the time of executive session were as follows: Glenn Womack, Elizabeth Williams, Dr. Stuart Tedders, Donna Clifton, Heather Mims, Jay Cook and Maurice Hill

Upon motion by Elizabeth Williams, and second by Stuart Tedders, the Board unanimously voted to return to open session. (7:0 Yes - Glenn Womack, Elizabeth Williams, Dr. Stuart Tedders, Donna Clifton, Heather Mims, Jay Cook and Maurice Hill). Board Members present at

the time of return to open session were as follows: Glenn Womack, Elizabeth Williams, Dr. Stuart Tedders, Donna Clifton, Heather Mims, Jay Cook and Maurice Hill

After review and recommendation by the Superintendent, upon motion by Maurice Hill, and second by Donna Clifton, the Board unanimously approved the Personnel Recommendations as presented and are made a part of these minutes by reference. (Classified employees are employed at the will of the Board; certified employees are employed contingent upon the receipt of criminal background checks satisfactory to the Superintendent and Board.) (7:0 Yes - Glenn Womack, Elizabeth Williams, Dr. Stuart Tedders, Donna Clifton, Heather Mims, Jay Cook and Maurice Hill).

There being no further business, upon motion by Elizabeth Williams, and second by Heather Mims, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting. (7:0 Yes - Glenn Womack, Elizabeth Williams, Dr. Stuart Tedders, Donna Clifton, Heather Mims, Jay Cook and Maurice Hill).

**APPROVED June 8, 2023**

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Charles G. Wilson, Jr., Superintendent

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Glenn Womack, Board Chair