

Bulloch County Board of Education
Minutes of Board Regular Session
June 8, 2023

The Bulloch County Board of Education met in a Regular Session Meeting on Thursday, June 8, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. in the boardroom at the Central Office. Board members present were as follows: Glenn Womack, Elizabeth Williams, Dr. Stuart Tedders, Donna Clifton, Glennera Martin, Heather Mims, Jay Cook, Maurice Hill and Superintendent Charles Wilson.

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

After review and recommendation by the Superintendent, upon motion by Elizabeth Williams and Glennera Martin, the agenda was approved as presented. (8:0 Yes – Glenn Womack, Elizabeth Williams, Dr. Stuart Tedders, Donna Clifton, Glennera Martin, Heather Mims, Jay Cook and Maurice Hill)

Following Board Member comments, there was no public participation. During the Superintendents Report Superintendent Wilson informed the Board of a correction to the 2023-2024 School Calendar in the weather make up days from April 8 and 9, 2024 to April 1 and 2, 2024. The 8th and 9th are school/work days. Assistant Superintendent of School Improvement

Teresa Phillips Director of School Improvement Chad Prosser presented information and requested Board assistance in making adjustments to the Student Code of Conduct. After the suggested revisions are made the Code of Conduct will be brought back to the Board for approval in July.

After review and recommendation by the superintendent, upon motion by Maurice Hill, and second by Donna Clifton, the Board unanimously approved the Consent Agenda that consisted of the following: Board Minutes: May 9, 2023 Called Special Session, May 11, 2023 Regular Session, May 22, 2023 Special Called Session, and the May 23, 2023 Special Called Session; Surplus – Maintenance Equipment and Vehicles Lot #765; Board Member Payroll for May 2023 and the Financial Report for April 2023. (8:0 Yes – Glenn Womack, Elizabeth Williams, Dr. Stuart Tedders, Donna Clifton, Glennera Martin, Heather Mims, Jay Cook and Maurice Hill)

After review and recommendation by the superintendent, upon motion by Glennera Martin, and second by Jay Cook, the Board unanimously approved the FY24 Budget. (8:0 Yes – Glenn Womack, Elizabeth Williams, Dr. Stuart Tedders, Donna Clifton, Glennera Martin, Heather Mims, Jay Cook and Maurice Hill).

After review and recommendation by the superintendent, upon motion by Stuart Tedders, and second by Jay Cook, the Board unanimously approved the revisions to Policy DIB – Financial Reports. (8:0 Yes – Glenn Womack, Elizabeth Williams, Dr. Stuart Tedders, Donna Clifton, Glennera Martin, Heather Mims, Jay Cook and Maurice Hill)

After review and recommendation by the superintendent, upon motion by Donna Clifton, and second by Maurice Hill, the Board unanimously approved the revision to the 2024-2025 School Calendar. The previously approved calendar incorrectly had employees working 191 days instead of 190 days and likewise students attending school for 178 days instead of 177 days. The adjustment will be made to dates in January 2025. Employees will now be returning to work on January 3, 2025 instead of January 2, 2025 and students will return on January 7, 2025 instead of January 6, 2025. (8:0 Yes – Glenn Womack, Elizabeth Williams, Dr. Stuart Tedders, Donna Clifton, Glennera Martin, Heather Mims, Jay Cook and Maurice Hill)

After review and recommendation by the superintendent, upon motion by Heather Mims, and second by Glennera Martin, the Board unanimously approved Arey Jones as the vendor for Chromebook purchases for a period of 1 year to continue through June 30, 2024 for 1125 HP 14” G7 Chromebooks during the 2023-2024 school year to replace units that have reached their end-of-life support with Google this year and need to be replaced. These units are included in the FY24 requested budget for a cost of \$254.42 per device and an anticipated cost for this project to be \$286,222.50. (8:0 Yes – Glenn Womack, Elizabeth Williams, Dr. Stuart Tedders, Donna Clifton, Glennera Martin, Heather Mims, Jay Cook and Maurice Hill)

After review, discussion and recommendation by the Superintendent, upon motion by Donna Clifton, and second by Jay Cook, the Board unanimously approved the Southeast Bulloch High School Advanced Chorus trip. (8:0 Yes – Glenn Womack, Elizabeth Williams, Dr. Stuart Tedders, Donna Clifton, Glennera Martin, Heather Mims, Jay Cook and Maurice Hill)

After review and recommendation by the Superintendent, upon motion by Glennera Martin, and second by Liz Williams, the Board unanimously approved the purchase of Nine (9) air-conditioned International model, Diesel, 77 passenger regular education buses at a cost of \$140,000 per bus for a total cost of \$1,260,000 from Rush Bus Centers utilizing ESPLOST IV funds. Also, approved was the purchase of two (2) air-conditioned Thomas model, Diesel, 54 passenger special needs buses at a cost of \$135,915 per bus for a total of \$271,813 from Peach State Bus Center, utilizing ESPLOST IV funds. (8:0 Yes – Glenn Womack, Elizabeth Williams, Dr. Stuart Tedders, Donna Clifton, Glennera Martin, Heather Mims, Jay Cook and Maurice Hill)

After review and recommendation by the Superintendent, upon motion by Glenn Womack, and second by Liz Williams, the Board unanimously approved SAVVAS as the mathematics textbook provider for grades K-5 \$699,869.10, and grades 6-8 \$300,056.40, for the total amount of \$999,925.50. This is a six-year textbook adoption. (8:0 Yes – Glenn Womack, Elizabeth Williams, Dr. Stuart Tedders, Donna Clifton, Glennera Martin, Heather Mims, Jay Cook and Maurice Hill)

After review and recommendation by the Superintendent, upon motion by Heather Mims, and second by Maurice Hill, the Board unanimously approved the contract with Literacy Matters Consulting to deliver guided reading professional learning in the amount of \$166,500. (8:0 Yes – Glenn Womack, Elizabeth Williams, Dr. Stuart Tedders, Donna Clifton, Glennera Martin, Heather Mims, Jay Cook and Maurice Hill)

After review and recommendation by the Superintendent, upon motion by Liz Williams, and second by Glenn Womack, the Board unanimously approved to purchase the renewal for iReady reading and math software in the amount of \$361,611.00 for K-8th grade from Curriculum Associates. This is for the diagnostic assessments, instruction, teacher toolbox, and professional learning. (8:0 Yes – Glenn Womack, Elizabeth Williams, Dr. Stuart Tedders, Donna Clifton, Glennera Martin, Heather Mims, Jay Cook and Maurice Hill)

After review and recommendation by the Superintendent, upon motion by Donna Clifton, and second by Maurice Hill, the Board unanimously approved the renewal of the existing Edgenuity software in the amount of \$147,136.44. This price includes site licenses for all of the district's middle schools, high schools, the Transitions Learning Center, Cedarwood, and the BCS non-traditional high school program (LIFE). The software also provides a solution for credit recovery for students enrolled at the district's high schools, the TLC, the LIFE program and the Graduation Performance Academy (GPA). This quote also included Vitruel Tutors, an individualized support designed for high school EOC courses, and Plagiarism Checker for all middle and high schools. The quote also included a pilot at Langston Chapel Middle School for small group tutoring during the school day. (8:0 Yes – Glenn Womack, Elizabeth Williams, Dr. Stuart Tedders, Donna Clifton, Glennera Martin, Heather Mims, Jay Cook and Maurice Hill)

After review and recommendation by the Superintendent, upon motion by Donna Clifton, and second by Glennera Martin, the Board unanimously approved Project Number PE22235 the Modular Restroom Utility Connections by Cartee Construction and Utilities, LLC., as the lowest responsive bidder to complete the base bid work for the sum of \$138,594.97. This project will be funded by ESPLOST IV. (8:0 Yes – Glenn Womack, Elizabeth Williams, Dr. Stuart Tedders, Donna Clifton, Glennera Martin, Heather Mims, Jay Cook and Maurice Hill)

Upon motion by Glennera Martin, and second by Jay Cook, 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 records that are otherwise protected from disclosure under the Open Records Act and there is no reasonable means to consider the records without closing the meeting; (O.C.G.A. § 50-14-3(b)(4)). (8:0 Yes - Glenn Womack, Elizabeth Williams, Dr. Stuart Tedders, Donna Clifton, Glennera Martin, 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, Glennera Martin, Heather Mims, Jay Cook and Maurice Hill

Upon motion by Maurice Hill, and second by Donna Clifton, the Board unanimously voted to return to open session. (8:0 Yes - Glenn Womack, Elizabeth Williams, Dr. Stuart Tedders, Donna Clifton, Glennera Martin, 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, Glennera Martin, Heather Mims, Jay Cook and Maurice Hill

Following review in executive session, recommendation by the Superintendent to deny the request for transfer by S.B., upon motion by Heather Mims, and second by Liz Williams, the Board unanimously voted to deny the transfer request of S.B. (8:0 Yes - Glenn Womack, Elizabeth Williams, Dr. Stuart Tedders, Donna Clifton, Glennera Martin, Heather Mims, Jay Cook and Maurice Hill).

Following review in executive session, recommendation by the Superintendent to deny the request for transfer by A.T., upon motion by Donna Clifton, and second by Maurice Hill, the Board unanimously voted to deny the transfer request of A.T. (8:0 Yes - Glenn Womack, Elizabeth Williams, Dr. Stuart Tedders, Donna Clifton, Glennera Martin, Heather Mims, Jay Cook and Maurice Hill).

After review and recommendation by the Superintendent, upon motion by Maurice Hill, and second by Glennera Martin, 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.) (8:0 Yes - Glenn Womack, Elizabeth Williams, Dr. Stuart Tedders, Donna Clifton, Glennera Martin, Heather Mims, Jay Cook and Maurice Hill).

There being no further business, upon motion by Heather Mims, and second by Donna Clifton, the Board unanimously voted to adjourn the meeting. (8:0 Yes - Glenn Womack, Elizabeth Williams, Dr. Stuart Tedders, Donna Clifton, Glennera Martin, Heather Mims, Jay Cook and Maurice Hill).

APPROVED JULY 13, 2023
Charles G. Wilson, Jr., Superintendent

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Glenn Womack, Board Chair