

**MINUTES FOR
WORTH COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
BOARD MEETING
HELD THURSDAY DECEMBER 14, 2023
AT WORTH COUNTY BOARD ROOM
AT 7:00 P.M.**

The Worth County Board of Education met Thursday December 14, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. in the Worth County Board Room.

Chairman Hubert Souter called the meeting to order.

All board members were present. Also in attendance was Nehemiah Cummings, Superintendent.

Seth Freeman gave the invocation.

Chairman Hubert Souter welcomed visitors.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Sue Youngblood made the motion to adopt the agenda for Thursday December 14, 2023. Justin Lucas seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

PUBLIC SPEAKER – None

SUPERINTENDENT'S UPDATE

CONSENT AGENDA

A. MINUTES

Approve November 6, 2023 Work Session Meeting Minutes
Approve November 9, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes

B. FINANCE

Approval of Expenditure Reports for November

Marc Haralson made the motion to approve the consent agenda as presented. Justin Lucas seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

ACTION ITEMS

- A. Motion to award the Fuel Bid to Petroleum Traders Corp. (the lowest responsible bidder meeting spec) in the amount of -.0125 margin over OPIS.**

Sue Youngblood made the motion to approve awarding the Fuel Bid to Petroleum Traders Corp. (the lowest responsible bidder meeting spec) in the amount of -.0125 margin over OPIS. Justin Lucas seconded the motion and it passed with 5 yay votes.

B. Motion to award the Propane Bid to Conger LP Gas (the lowest responsible bidder meeting spec) in the amount of \$1.29 per gallon for propane gas.

Marc Haralson made the motion to award the Propane Bid to Conger LP Gas (the lowest responsible bidder meeting spec) in the amount of \$1.29 per gallon for propane gas. Sue Youngblood seconded the motion and it passed with 5 yay votes.

C. Motion to approve the WCHS L4GA purchase in the amount of \$29,599.99 from DEMCO.

Justin Lucas made the motion to approve the WCHS L4GA purchase in the amount of \$29,599.99 from DEMCO. Sue Youngblood seconded the motion and it passed with 5 yay votes.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Personnel

Sue Youngblood made the motion to enter into Executive Session at 7:12 pm. Justin Lucas seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION

Sue Youngblood made the motion to return to Open Session at 7:33 pm. Marc Haralson seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF PERSONNEL ITEMS

A. RETIREMENT

1. Saudia Powell, Counselor, effective May 24, 2024.

B. RESIGNATION

1. Amber Mann, Teacher, effective December 15, 2023.

C. RECOMMENDATION

1. Latisha Palmer, Teacher, beginning on January 2, 2024.

D. SUPERINTENDENT CONTRACT

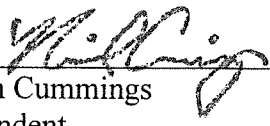
1. New contract for Nehemiah Cummings.

Sue Youngblood made the motion to approve personnel item A through D as recommended by the Superintendent. Marc Haralson seconded the motion and it passed with 5 yay votes.

ADJOURN


Sue Youngblood made the motion to adjourn. Marc Haralson seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

SIGNED:



Nehemiah Cummings
Superintendent

APPROVED:



Hubert Souter
Board Chairman

Worth County Board of Education

AFFIDAVIT

The undersigned chair or presiding officer, under oath, certifies that a meeting of the Worth County Board of Education held on **December 14, 2023** was closed as permitted by the Open Meetings Act of Georgia. The only matters considered or discussed during the closed portion or Executive Session of this meeting are checked below:

- 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 discuss or vote to authorize negotiations to purchase, dispose of, or lease property; authorize ordering an appraisal related to the acquisition or disposal of real estate; enter into a contract to purchase, dispose of, or lease property subject to approval in a subsequent public vote; or enter into an option to purchase, dispose of, or lease real estate subject to approval in a subsequent public vote; (O.C.G.A. §50-14-3(b)(1)).
- To review an appeal from a Student Disciplinary Hearing; (O.C.G.A. §20-2-757).
- To consider a matter involving the disclosure of personally identifiable information from a student’s educational records; (20 USC §1232g; O.C.G.A. §50-14-3(b)(4)).
- 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)).
- To consult and meet with legal counsel pertaining to pending or potential litigation, settlement, claims, administrative proceedings, or other judicial actions brought or to be brought by or against the school district or an officer or employee or in which the officer or employee may be directly involved; (O.C.G.A. §50-14-2-(1)).

This 14 day of December, 2023

Robert Suter
Chair or Presiding Officer

Sworn to and Subscribed before me
On the above indicated:

Kimberly D. Oliver
Notary Public, State of Georgia
Commission Expires 9/16/25

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NOTARY PUBLIC
Worth County, GEORGIA
My Commission Expires 09/16/2025