

**MINUTES FOR
WORTH COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
BOARD MEETING
HELD THURSDAY FEBRUARY 8, 2024
AT WORTH COUNTY BOARD ROOM
AT 7:00 P.M.**

The Worth County Board of Education met Thursday February 8, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. in the Worth County Board Room.

Chairman Hubert Souter called the meeting to order.

Board members present were, Justin Lucas, Marc Haralson, Sue Youngblood and Hubert Souter. Also, in attendance was Nehemiah Cummings, Superintendent.

Seth Freeman gave the invocation.

Chairman Hubert Souter welcomed visitors.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Justin Lucas made the motion to adopt the agenda for Thursday February 8, 2024. Sue Youngblood seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

PUBLIC SPEAKER – None

SUPERINTENDENT’S UPDATE

CONSENT AGENDA

A. MINUTES

Approve January 8, 2024 Work Session Meeting Minutes
Approve January 11, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes

B. FINANCE

Approval of Expenditure Reports for January

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

ACTION ITEMS

A. Motion to approve the FY 25 school calendar as presented by the Superintendent.

Marc Haralson made the motion to approve the FY 25 school calendar as presented by the Superintendent. Justin Lucas seconded the motion and it passed with 4 yay votes.

B. Motion to approve the purchase of iPad technology equipment from Apple in the amount of \$15,257.95 to be used by SWD at Worth County Middle School and Worth County High School using general funds.

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C. Motion to approve the five-year Local Facilities Plan as presented by the Superintendent.

Marc Haralson made the motion to approve the five-year Local Facilities Plan as presented by the Superintendent. Sue Youngblood seconded the motion and it passed with 4 yay votes.

D. Motion to approve the beverage contract agreement with Coca-Cola Bottling Company United – East, LLC

Justin Lucas made the motion to approve the beverage contract agreement with Coca-Cola Bottling Company United – East, LLC. Sue Youngblood seconded the motion and it passed with 4 yay votes.

E. Motion to open Bank accounts at The First Bank for LSA checking accounts for WCPS, WCES, and WCMS.

Marc Haralson made motion to open Bank accounts at The First Bank for LSA checking accounts for WCPS, WCES, and WCMS. Sue Youngblood seconded the motion and it passed with 4 yay votes.

F. Motion to open Bank accounts at Ameris Bank for the Construction account, the SPLOST V, and SPLOST VI accounts.

Justin Lucas made the motion to open Bank accounts at Ameris Bank for the Construction account, the SPLOST V, and SPLOST VI accounts. Marc Haralson seconded the motion and it passed with 4 yay votes.

G. Motion to open a credit card account at the First Bank with a \$45,000 credit limit (\$10,000 for Superintendent, \$10,000 for Board office, \$5,000 for general travel, \$5,000 for WCPS, WCES, WCMS, and WCHS).

Justin Lucas made the motion to open a credit card account at the First Bank with a \$45,000 credit limit (\$10,000 for Superintendent, \$10,000 for Board office, \$5,000 for general travel, \$5,000 for WCPS, WCES, WCMS, and WCHS). Marc Haralson seconded the motion and it passed with 4 yay votes.

H. Motion to transfer \$1 million from general fund to capital projects fund.

Sue Youngblood made the motion to transfer \$1 million from general fund to capital projects fund. Justin Lucas seconded the motion and it passed with 4 yay votes.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Justin Lucas made the motion to enter into Executive Session at 7:20PM. Sue Youngblood seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

OPEN SESSION

Sue Youngblood made the motion to return to Open Session at 7:42 PM. Justin Lucas seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF PERSONNEL ITEMS

A. RETIREMENT

1. Diane Beck, Teacher, effective May 24, 2024
2. James D. Kremer, Teacher, effective May 24, 2024

B. RESIGNATION

1. Melvin Powell, Bus Driver, effective January 25, 2024
2. Charley Hartsfield White, Teacher, effective May 24, 2024

C. RECOMMENDATION

1. Dethemeyus Barge, Teacher, beginning July 2024
2. April Eckles, Teacher, beginning July 2024
3. Alexandria M. Lunsford, Teacher, beginning July 2024
4. Samantha Munroe, Teacher, beginning July 2024

D. DISTRICT OFFICE (FY 25 Academic Directors)

1. Teresa Sumner
2. Felecia Cook
3. Sommer Clark
4. Kira Outlaw

E. FY25 PRINCIPALS

1. Jared Worthy
2. Steven Rouse
3. Cornellious Frazier
4. Melissa Edwards
5. Will Smith

F. ATHLETIC COACHING

Assistant Track Coach – Breosha Toomer


Justin Lucas made the motion to approve personnel items A through F as recommended by the Superintendent. Sue Youngblood seconded the motion and it passed with 4 yay votes.

ADJOURN


Marc Haralson made the motion to adjourn. Justin Lucas seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

SIGNED:

APPROVED:



Nehemiah Cummings
Superintendent



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 **February 8, 2024** 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 8 day of February, 2024

Herbert Sauter
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