

Trenton, Florida
September 17, 2024

The Gilchrist County School Board met in Board Room 14-002 on Tuesday, September 17, 2024 at 4:00 PM with the following members present:

Christie McElroy Chair, Susan Owens, Vice-Chair, Gina Geiger, and Deen Lancaster.

Also present were Dr. James Surrency, Superintendent of Schools, Linda Gartin, Assistant Superintendent, Alethea Geiger, Director of Finance, and Lindsey Lander, Gilchrist County School Board Attorney.

Upon completion of opening ceremonies, the following business was transacted:

AGENDA

The chair amended the agenda for good cause. The amendment consisted of the following:

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

4. D. Teacher & Employee of the Year

ADDITIONS TO CONSENT AGENDA

6. B. Personnel; Transfer: Jonathan Robinson, from IT Tech at THS to Technology Systems Specialist, 9/17/2024. Tina Hayes, from Teacher, 5th grade to Teacher, 3rd grade, 9/16/2024.

Appointment: Carrie Cobb, Teacher 5th grade at TES, 9/16/2024. Rebecca Hilty, Teacher, ESE Self-Contained at TES, 9/23/2024. Kristen Boston, Teacher, 2nd grade at TES, 9/30/2024.

6. E. Out of Field Teachers

Susan Owens made a motion to approve the agenda as amended with Gina Geiger seconding. The vote was unanimous for approval.

MINUTES

Board Attorney, Lindsey Lander reviewed the minutes and recommended approval. Gina Geiger made a motion to approve the September 17, 2024 minutes with Susan Owens seconding. The vote was unanimous for approval.

CITIZEN INPUT/DELEGATIONS

Laura Deen addressed the Board with her concerns regarding the Union/Board Negotiations of Instructional Salaries.

Kathy Sites addressed the Board with her concerns regarding the Union/Board Negotiations of Non-Instructional Salaries.

DISTRICT MATTERS

Trenton High School Track Steering Committee presented an update. The track team now has a place to store equipment and presented the Board with a list of equipment needed. The Steering committee expressed concern that the track would not be repaired. Alethea Geiger, Director of Finance, informed the Board that the funds for the THS Track have been budgeted for this year in capital outlay. David Spencer informed the Board that he would collect the sepcs and advertise for the bidding of the track. No Board action was required at this time.

David Spencer, Director of Operations and Greg Kelly from CRA Architects gave a New School Presentation. Christie McElroy noted that her only concern was not having enough funds to actually run the new school. The Board requested Scott Ward to review the budget for the new school and be present at the next meeting to present to the Board his findings. Gina Geiger asked for Jeff from NEFEC to also review the numbers.

Mr. Spencer asked the Board for approval to advertise for RFQ for Construction Managers for the New School.

Gina Geiger made a motion to add "Advertise RFQ for Construction Managers for the New School" to the Agenda with Deen Lancaster seconding. The vote was unanimous for approval.

Gina Geiger made a motion to approve Advertising RFQ for Construction Managers for the New School with Deen Lancaster seconding. The vote was unanimous for approval.

David Spencer informed the Board of the need for a committee to be formed to review and rank the Bids for RFQ. Deen Lancaster volunteered to serve on the committee.

Annual Financial Report 2023-2024 was presented.

Deen Lancaster made a motion to approve the ESE 348 with Gina Geiger seconding the motion. The vote was unanimous for approval.

Gina Geiger made a motion to approve the ESE 145 with Susan Owens seconding. The vote was unanimous for approval.

Debbie Hill, Director of Human Resources, presented to the Board the State eligibility requirements for Teacher of the Year. Ms. Hill asked for the Board to approve the qualification of a minimum of one full year of employment before eligibility to be elected Teacher and Employee of the Year.

Gina Geiger made a motion to approve the qualification of a minimum of one full year of employment to be elected Teacher and Employee of the Year with Susan Owens seconding. The vote was unanimous for approval.

REMOVAL OF ITEMS FROM CONSENT AGENDA

No Items were removed from the Consent Agenda.

CONSENT AGENDA

Deen Lancaster made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda that consisted of the following:

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| A. | Financial |
| | 1. Check Summary |
| | 2. Supplements |
| B. | Personnel |
| | 1. Resignations, Retirements, Transfers, Status Changes, Appointments, Substitutes, and Volunteers (CONTINGENT UPON VERIFICATION OF QUALIFICATIONS AND BACKGROUND REVIEW) |

TRANSFER		
John Sloan	From: Technology Systems Specialist To: Coordinator, Instructional Technology	9/6/2024
Jonathan Robinson	From: It Tech at THS To: Technology Systems Specialist at DO	9/17/2024

Tina Hayes	From: Teacher, 5 th Grade at TES To: Teacher, 3 rd Grade at TES	9/16/2024
RESIGNATION		
Paula Bunkley	Food Service Worker at BHS	10/14/24
TERMINATION		
Carrie Cobb	Dean at THS	9/6/2024
APPOINTMENT		
Carrie Cobb	Teacher, 5 th Grade at TES	9/16/2024
Rebecca Hilty	Teacher, ESE Self-Contained at TES	9/23/2024
Kristen Boston	Teacher, 2 nd Grade at TES	9/30/2024

- C. Agreements/Amendments/Contracts:
1. Chrysalis MOU
 2. Meridian Behavioral Healthcare Agreement
 3. Contract for OT Services
 4. SOA THS Agreement
 5. School Health Services Plan
- D. Assessment Calendar
- E. Out of Field Teachers

Gina Geiger seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous for approval.

REPORTS

Dr. James Surrency, Superintendent, reminded the Board that early release day was tomorrow. Debbie Hill, Director of Human Resources, reported that the teaching positions were fully staffed. Deen Lancaster asked if the Dean position at Trenton was still being advertised. The answer was yes. Christie McElroy asked if the graduation rate dropped. Clayton Allen, Director of MIS, reported yes, low 80's. Mandy Brock, Director of Special Programs, suggested it was a result of COVID. Lisa Barry, Director of Elementary Education, reported that there were an alarming number of students who enrolled for only a couple of days to a couple of weeks and then left. Christie McElroy suggested the District investigate a policy for the students coming in the ninth grade at the age of seventeen. Ms. McElroy asked if the swing sets were installed. The answer was yes. Lindsey Lander, Board Attorney, reported that he had received information from an attorney about litigation on insulin prices through health plans.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

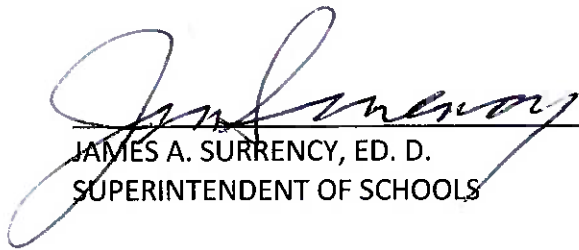
There being no further reports the Board then went into a closed Executive Session at 5:26 PM.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Board adjourned at 5:55 PM.


CHRISTIE MCELROY
CHAIR TO THE BOARD

ATTEST:


JAMES A. SURRENCY, ED. D.
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

SCHOOL BOARD
APPROVED

Date