



Highlights of the regular board meeting on March 26, 2024, held at the White County Board of Education Office, 136 Warriors Path, Cleveland, GA, was called to order by Missy Jarrard, Chair, at 8:00 AM.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Missy Jarrard, John Solmon, Charlie Thomas, Linda Erbele, and Jon Estes

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Laurie Burkett, Lin Pahl, Scott Justus, William Sperin, Cindy Free, Abby Rowland, MaryKay Berry, Chanda Bourgeois, Lauren Anderson, Jill Baughman, and Sharon Hipps.

VISITORS PRESENT: Sam Sinclair

Charlie Thomas opened the meeting with prayer.

The Board approved the agenda for this morning's meeting.

The board meeting minutes for February 27, 2024, and February 29, 2024 were approved.

SPECIAL REPORTS

- ❖ Lauren Anderson, Finance Director, introduced the new WCSS credit card payment system, Square. Square has been chosen as the best option for this service for its easy-to-use interface and financial security. Square will allow online payments for various WCSS events, activities, fundraisers, athletic gates, and other school uses.
- ❖ Abby Rowland, School Nutrition Director, spoke on Community Eligibility Provisions (CEP). The intent of CEP is to improve access to school meals at no cost in eligible schools with an identified student percentage of 25% or more. Eligibility for CEP is based on having an identified student percentage (ISP) of $\geq 25\%$ as of April 1, 2024. WCSS is currently at 83%. Students will have access to one plate of two meals daily, breakfast and lunch, at no cost, reducing social stigma and improving diet for many students.

Mrs. Rowland also discussed the Georgia Ag Week Celebration. During Ag Week, students have meals made with food from local White County and Georgia farms, including Gotham Greens in Monroe, GA, Johnny Pressley Farms in Augusta, Hollands Produce in Clarksville, and Sills Milling in White County.

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Scott Justus presented the following:

- ❖ Construction update on the Performing Arts Center. Plan on obtaining the certificate of occupancy in April 2024.
- ❖ ESPLOST project update: WCHS Reno - transition and removal of old equipment to prepare for the HS Reno has started.
- ❖ ESPLOST request: Furnishings for the new classrooms are part of the WCHS renovations. (EXHIBIT I)
- ❖ Bids and Quotes: We are currently asking for bids for Facilities Support Services and quotes for propane, natural gas, and trash collection.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Dr. Laurie Burkett reported on the following:

- ❖ WCSS 2025 Academic Calendar Addendum will allow teachers more time in the classroom and also allow them to receive required training.
- ❖ Two field trip requests from WCHS, both for the JROTC.
- ❖ March Dispositions for JPNES, WCMS, and WCHS comprised of Chromebooks, faculty laptops, projectors, and miscellaneous items.



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- ❖ At the board meeting on Thursday, March 28, the board will need to appoint a delegate and alternate for the 2024 GSBA Delegate Assembly, which will be held on June 7, 2024.
- ❖ The GSBA Summer Conference will be held from June 6 to 8, 2024, in Savannah. Training workshops for board members will focus on Policy and Best Practices: Transparency in Board Governance to Support Student Success.

Following the executive session, the Board approved the following items:

- ❖ Personnel
 - Retirement:
 - Esta Johnson - WCMS Teacher eff EOSY24
 - Michael Pickett - WCHS Teacher eff Fall 2024
 - Resignation:
 - Heather Talton - TGES Teacher eff EOSY24
 - Jennifer King - TGES Teacher eff EOSY24
 - Transfers:
 - Kelly Morris - JPN Teacher to WCMS Teacher eff SY25 (7/29/2024)
 - Annabeth Herold - MCES Teacher to WCHS Teacher eff 07/29/2024
 - Appointments:
 - Heather Hendrix - JPN Teacher eff 07/29/2024
 - Colin Baughman - JPN Teacher eff 07/29/2024
 - Jessica Baltimore - MYES Para eff 07/29/2024
 - Jessica Mobley - MYES Teacher eff 07/29/2024
 - Kerrie Ligon - WCMS Teacher eff 07/29/2024

Linda Erbele excused herself from the meeting at 9:25 AM.

- ❖ Student Matter
 - Waive of the local board requirement for four units of Social Studies for three senior students who transferred to WCHS with a .5 credit in Civics/American Government and who will meet the state requirement of three Social Studies units.

The meeting adjourned at 9:34 AM.

EXHIBIT I

March 2024

ESPLOST Requests

➔ Facilities: WCHS Reno - Furnishings for the new classroom.	\$25,000.00
TOTAL	\$25,000.00