

The Chickamauga City Board of Education held its regular monthly meeting on Monday, April 12, 2021 at 5:15 p.m. The meeting was held at Gordon Lee High School Media Center to allow for social distancing due to COVID-19. Members present were: Chairman, D.A. Jewell, V; Vice Chairman, Grant Parrish; Janet Landers, Cindy Roberts, David Askew and Melody Day, Superintendent.

Chairman Jewell called the meeting to order and asked Vice Chairman Parrish to give the invocation.

Chairman Jewell welcomed the visitors to the meeting: Carter Brown, Kelly Brown, Diane Miller, Jeff Sikes, Mindy Poindexter, Bobby Teems, Michael Langston, Mandy Jones, Matt Neary, Summer Brown, Carla Smith, Bridgette Watts, Carolyn Autry, Sandra York, Janis Fuller, Stacy Murphy, Gerry Ann Benge, R. Dewayne Tankersley, Becky Ruggiero, Kathy Davis, Jim Davis, Sophia Ruggiero, Erin Townley, Katie Huffine, Jill Stratton, Taylor Stratton, Sandi Townley, Preslie Warren, Shawn Townley, Heather Townley, Marilyn Buckner, Joseph Townley, Silas Brown, Sawyer Brown, Rachel Huffine, Christopher Murphy, Stacy McDaniel and Scott Sizemore.

Superintendent Day recognized the following individuals/groups: Sophia Ruggiero-Young Georgia Author's Competition; Chickamauga Elementary School 4-H Cloverleaf District Project Achievement Winners; Jared Lowe-State Weightlifting Competition; School Nutrition Staff.

Vice Chairman Parrish made the motion to approve the April Board Agenda. Ms. Landers seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Mr. Askew made the motion to approve the April Consent Agenda containing the following items: Minutes of the March 8, 2021 Regular Meeting; Approve field trips: Gordon Lee High School: FFA to FFA Camp, Covington, GA, June 28-July 2, 2021; Band to Band Camp, Jacksonville State University, July 18-22, 2021. Gordon Lee Middle School: 8th Grade to Dollywood, May 21, 2021; 6th Grade to Helicopter Park or Crawfish Springs, May 2021. Approve fund raisers: Gordon Lee High School: Band-Krispy Kreme Coupon Cards, April 2021. With a second from Ms. Roberts, the motion carried.

Financial reports presented for approval were: General Fund, January 2021; Bus Account, January 2021; SPLOST 2016, January 2021; General Obligation 2016, January 2021; Chickamauga Elementary School, February 2021; Gordon Lee Middle School, February 2021; Gordon Lee High School, February 2021; K.I.D.S. After Care Program, February 2021. Ms. Roberts made the motion to approve the financial reports as presented. With a second from Ms. Landers, the motion carried.

Vice Chairman Parrish made the motion to approve the resolution certifying ESPLOST election results. Mr. Askew seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Mr. Askew made the motion to approve the use of facilities requests and to waive the fee for Walker County Extension for Rabies Clinic on May 15, 2021 and United Basketball Clinics for Peach State Coaches Clinic on May 1, 2021. With a second from Ms. Roberts, the motion carried.

Ms. Roberts made the motion to accept a donation to Chickamauga Elementary School from CES PTO in the amount of \$5,442.87. Ms. Landers seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Vice Chairman Parrish made the motion to approve the following expenditures exceeding \$5,000. Gadsden Music Company in the amount of \$8,522.00 for drums for Gordon Lee High School Band and Decker Equipment in the amount of \$10,741.95 for 12 cafeteria tables at Chickamauga Elementary School. Ms. Landers seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Mr. Askew made the motion to recommend maintaining the current millage rate of 14.25 mills for 2021. With a second from Ms. Roberts, the motion carried.

Ms. Landers made the motion to award Gordon Lee High School Turf Replacement Bid to RAM Enterprises in the amount of \$705,150 and enter a contract. With a second from Mr. Askew, the motion carried.

Vice Chairman Parrish made the motion to approve the following cafeteria prices for School Year 2021-2022 in order to comply with the School Lunch Act and "Equity Pricing". Elementary student breakfast \$2.10; elementary student lunch \$3.00; middle/high student breakfast \$2.10; middle/high student lunch \$3.15; staff breakfast \$3.75; staff lunch \$4.25; visitor breakfast \$4.00; visitor lunch \$5.50. With a second from Ms. Roberts, the motion carried.

Ms. Landers made the motion to approve the Gordon Lee Hitting Facility CCTV proposal from Southwestern Communications in the amount of \$7,188.47. Vice Chairman Parrish seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

Ms. Roberts made the motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with the University of West Georgia. With a second from Ms. Landers, the motion carried.

Vice Chairman Parrish made the motion to approve a 5-year firewall renewal with Surelock Technology in the amount of \$20,910.00. Ms. Roberts seconded the motion, and the motion carried.

The Superintendent's report consisted of the following items:

- COVID Report
- April Menus
- "Board & Administrator"

Chairman Jewell asked if there were matters to be considered in Executive Session. Superintendent Day answered that there were personnel matters to be considered. Mr. Askew made the motion to adjourn to Executive Session. With a second from Vice Chairman Parrish, the motion carried.

Motion to re-convene was made by Mr. Askew, with a second from Ms. Roberts. Motion carried.

While in Executive Session the Superintendent made the following recommendations:

- Acknowledge the retirement of David Eason, Gordon Lee Middle/High School Media Specialist, at the end of 2020-2021 school year.
- Ms. Landers made the motion to accept the resignation of Krysta Hatfield, PATS Coordinator at Chickamauga Elementary School, at the end of 2020-2021 school year. Vice Chairman Parrish seconded the motion, and the motion carried.
- Approve the recommendation of Jeff Sikes, Principal of Chickamauga Elementary School; Benny Ashley, Principal of Gordon Lee Middle School; and Michael Langston, Principal of Gordon Lee High School for re-appointment of certified staff for school year 2021-2022. Ms. Landers made the motion to approve the recommendation as presented. With a second from Mr. Askew, the motion carried. Vice Chairman Parrish abstained from voting for Stacey Blaylock due to familial connection. Ms. Roberts abstained from voting for Heather Solmon due to familial connection. Attachment 8A
- Vice Chairman Parrish made the motion to approve Bonnie Hankins and Benjamin Cherry as instructors at Chickamauga Elementary School and Stephanie Bower as PATS Coordinator at Chickamauga Elementary School for the 2021-2022 school year. With a second from Ms. Landers, the motion carried.
- Assistant Superintendent Stacy McDaniel recommended to approve Courtney Edwards as instructor at Gordon Lee High School for the 2021-2022 school year. Ms. Landers made the motion to approve. With a second from Vice Chairman Parrish, the motion carried.
- Ms. Landers made the motion to approve Heather Solmon for Extended Day while Alexis Williams is on FMLA. Mr. Askew seconded the motion, and the motion carried. Ms. Roberts abstained from voting for Heather Solmon due to familial connection.
- Approve local Emergency Paid Sick Leave for COVID related employee absences to continue through 2020-2021 school year. Vice Chairman Parrish made the motion to approve. With a second from Ms. Roberts, motion carried.
- Vice Chairman Parrish made the motion to approve Appreciation and Retention Bonus for all employees in the amount of up to \$1,000 based on guidelines from the state. Ms. Roberts seconded the motion, and the motion carried.
- Ms. Roberts made the motion to approve a one-time 3% Appreciation and Retention Bonus for all permanent status employees as of April 30, 2021 to be calculated as if a 3% increase had been added to the state salary schedule for certified employees and as if a 3% increase had been added to local salary schedule for classified employees. With a second from Mr. Askew, the motion carried.

With no further business, Chairman Jewell called for a motion to adjourn the meeting. Vice Chairman Parrish made the motion to adjourn, with a second from Ms. Roberts. Motion carried and the meeting was adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled Board Meeting of the Chickamauga City Board of Education will be held on May 10, 2021 at 5:15 p.m., in the Board Room.

Submitted by:

Recorder

Date

Chairman

Superintendent

Date Approved

April '2021