

SEMINOLE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

MINUTES OF MEETING

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2021

The Seminole County Board of Education met on February 8, 2021. The following members were present: Mr. William L. Robinson, Dr. Charles O. Walker, Mr. Spencer Stewart, Dr. Michael Kirkland, Mr. Trent Clark, Financial Director Sherry Gray, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum & Instruction Felicia Purdy, Assistant Superintendent of Federal Programs Dr. Marie Godwin, Director of Student Services Dr. Sandy Malone, and Superintendent Mark Earnest. This meeting was also opened to the public virtually. Telephone Number: 646.741.5292 Meeting ID: 111.534.7867

- I. Chairman Dr. Charles Walker called the meeting to order.
- II. Trent Clark gave the invocation.
- III. Chairman Dr. Charles Walker established a quorum with five members present.
- IV. Trent Clark made a motion with a second from Dr. Michael Kirkland to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.
- V. Trent Clark made a motion with a second from William L. Robinson to approve the minutes from the regularly scheduled board meeting on January 11, 2021. Motion carried unanimously.
- VI. Dr. Michael Kirkland made a motion with a second from Trent Clark to approve the January 2021 financial statement. Motion carried unanimously.
- VII. Recognition of District Spelling Bee Winners
- VIII. Kindergarten Graduation Information – Jay Winkler
- IX. The following action items were considered:

- Revised Special Revenue State and Federal Budgets FY2021

Dr. Michael Kirkland made a motion with a second from Trent Clark to approve the revised Special Revenue State and Federal Budgets for FY2021. Motion carried unanimously.

- New Five Year Local Facilities Plan Resolution

Trent Clark made a motion with a second from William L. Robinson to approve the new Five Year Local Facilities Plan Resolution. Motion carried unanimously.

X. The following information was given in the Superintendent's Report:

- Crushed Rock for Both Schools

Superintendent Mark Earnest informed the board members of the need of crushed rock for the road that goes from SCES in front of Dollar General and for the road that goes from Sheffield Drive to the fields at SCMHS.

- Introduction of Coach Cedric Stegall

The new head football coach at SCMHS, Coach Cedric Stegall, was introduced to the board members by Superintendent Mark Earnest. Coach Stegall started on February 1<sup>st</sup> and he updated everyone on the progress so far. Principal at SCMHS, Mr. Shane Purdy, gave an update on the excitement of the weight room and football program.

- LMC Visit – January 21<sup>st</sup>

An update was given to the board members of the LMC visit on January 21<sup>st</sup> by Mr. Dusty Smith's class. The students did a great job on their test.

- REACH Scholars

SCMHS had a reception on January 28<sup>th</sup> to honor the five recipients of the REACH Scholarship. This is a great opportunity for our middle school students.

- L4GA Grant

Superintendent Mark Earnest gave an update on the L4GA Grant that is being done by Felicia Purdy and her team. The deadline for this grant is March 1<sup>st</sup>.

- Substitute Pay

A handout of information was given to the board members on the district's substitute pay and information on the surrounding counties.

- \$1000 – Governor Kemp

Information was given to the board members on the proposed \$1000 bonus that Governor Kemp is wanting to give to every public school K-12 worker. Superintendent Mark Earnest advised of the district cost of giving the \$1000 to each employee, including the Pre-K teachers and paraprofessionals.

- \$15 Minimum Wage Information

Superintendent Mark Earnest gave the board members a handout of information if the minimum wage was raised to \$15 an hour and how it would affect our district.

- Aladdin Jr. Performances

Superintendent Mark Earnest gave an update on the Aladdin Jr. performances at SCMHS next week. He wanted to congratulate Mrs. Maribeth Burke and her students on their region championship.

- GHSA Fishing Tournament

This is the first year that GHSA has recognized bass fishing as a sport and this is the first year SCMHS has a bass fishing team. The first GHSA tournament was in January and we had two teams place in the top 50 out of 100 boats. On February 6<sup>th</sup>, we had a team place 2<sup>nd</sup> out of 40 boats in the Junior division of the GA Bass Nation. This automatically qualifies them to fish in the state championship in May.

- Coastal Plains

Superintendent Mark Earnest gave the board members an update of the Coastal Plains Charter School coming to Seminole County.

- BOE Training – February 25<sup>th</sup>

The board members will have a Strategic Planning board training on February 25<sup>th</sup> from 5:00pm – 8:00pm. This board training will be conducted by the Georgia Leadership Associates.

- MOU Morehouse College

Dr. Marie Godwin talked with Morehouse College of Medicine in October 2020 on program called “Take Time for Teens.” This is a 13 session program that will help teens, specifically the ages of 15-19, as well as our students that participate in sports.

- Spring Sports Schedules

The board members were given were given the baseball, tennis, track, and golf schedules.

- GaDOE BOE Survey

The Georgia Department of Education sent out a survey for all board members. The survey deadline is February 26<sup>th</sup>.

- Winter GAEL Information from CHOA – Egleston

Superintendent Mark Earnest gave each board member information that he received at Winter GAEL from Children’s Hospital of Atlanta – Egleston on COVID and how it affects students.

- Driver's Education for 2021-2022

Superintendent Mark Earnest updated on the progress of the Driver's Education Program that will be offered next school year. Coach Brandon Ingram will be the instructor for the program, and we already have students signing up to take this class.

- XI. Trent Clark made a motion with a second from Dr. Michael Kirkland for the Board to go to executive session.

Vice-Chairman Mr. Spencer Stewart made a motion with a second from Mr. William L. Robinson for the Board to go from executive session to regular session.

- XII. The following personnel report was read by Superintendent Earnest:

<u>Resignation</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Trinity Clark	Paraprofessional – SCES (Special Education)	5/25/2021

Dr. Michael Kirkland made a motion with a second from Vice-Chairman Spencer Stewart to approve the resignation of Ms. Trinity Clark. Motion carried unanimously without the vote of Trent Clark due to personal affiliation.

#### Administration for 2021-2022:

Dr. Marie Godwin – Assistant Superintendent, Federal Programs  
 Dr. Sandy Malone – Director of Student Services  
 Felicia Purdy – Assistant Superintendent, Teaching and Learning  
 Jay Winkler – Principal, Seminole County Elementary School  
 Shane Purdy – Principal, Seminole County Middle/High School

<u>Appointment-Certified</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Allison Stegall	Teacher – SCMHS (Social Studies)	7/26/2021
Al Rumble	Teacher – SCMHS (Physical Education/Defensive Coordinator)	7/26/2021
Maria Kenyon Wallace	Teacher – SCMHS (Spanish)	7/26/2021
Gary Lowery	Teacher – SCMHS (Alternative School/Offensive Coordinator)	7/26/2021

<u>Resignation/Retirement</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Rhonda Harrell	Teacher – SCES (Kindergarten)	5/25/2021
Laverne James	Paraprofessional – SCES (Pre-K)	5/25/2021
Kevin Godwin	Teacher/Athletic Director – SCMHS (Physical Education)	5/25/2021
Dr. Cindy Bryant	CTAE Director – SCMHS (49%)	6/11/2021
Mary Wright	Administrative Assistant – SCMHS (Front Office – 49%)	5/21/2021

Vice-Chairman Spencer Stewart made a motion with a second from William L. Robinson to approve the personnel report. Motion carried with a 3 – 2 vote, Dr. Michael Kirkland and Trent Clark opposing.

- XIII. There being no further business, Chairman Dr. Charles Walker adjourned the meeting with a motion from Trent Clark and a second from Dr. Michael Kirkland. Motion carried unanimously.

All business conducted by the Board in this matter was unanimously voted on unless otherwise indicated.

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Chairman

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Secretary/Superintendent