

# SEMINOLE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

## MINUTES OF MEETING

MONDAY, MARCH 8, 2021

The Seminole County Board of Education met on March 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: 112.256.1211

- I. Chairman Dr. Charles Walker called the meeting to order.
- II. Chairman Dr. Charles Walker 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. William L. Robinson made a motion with a second from Trent Clark to approve the minutes from the regularly scheduled board meeting on February 8, 2021. Motion carried unanimously.
- VI. Recognition of Young Georgia Author's Competition Winners
- VII. Vice-Chairman Spencer Stewart made a motion with a second from William L. Robinson to approve the February 2021 financial statement. Motion carried unanimously.

Sherry Gray, Financial Director, gave reports to the board members on SPLOST and the school audits.

- VIII. There were no action items.

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

- COVID Leave

COVID leave for all Seminole County School Employees will run out on March 31, 2021.

- COVID Vaccines

The Seminole County Health Department will be administering the Johnson & Johnson COVID vaccine on March 11-12, 2021 to Seminole School Employees that are interested. Superintendent Mark Earnest told the board members that roughly 50% of employees have signed up to take the vaccine.

- Important BOE Dates

Superintendent Mark Earnest gave each board member a list of important dates for the rest of the school year and throughout the summer.

- GEAR Up

Dr. Marie Godwin, Assistant Superintendent of Federal Programs, gave the board members an update on the GEAR Up Program. This program was introduced to Superintendent Mark Earnest and Dr. Godwin by Dr. Michael Kirkland. This program aids 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> Grade Foster/Homeless Students.

- Attendance Information

Superintendent Mark Earnest gave the board members an update on the attendance of the Seminole County Schools students.

- School Nutrition Letter

A letter was given to the board members stating that our School Nutrition department and its staff are compliant with the state department.

- Altman & Barrett – Leah Jones

Leah Jones, architect with Altman & Barrett, will be presenting to the employees of both schools on March 10-11, 2021. Both sessions will be recorded for the public. Ms. Jones will also be presenting to the board members at the called board meeting on Wednesday, March 10, 2021 at 5:00pm.

- Reading Team Competition

The Reading Team at Seminole County Middle School competed for the first time on February 20, 2021. This competition was held virtually and team members were praised by event coordinator, Cristina Dover, on how well they did at their first competition.

- Drug Testing

Superintendent Mark Earnest gave an update on drug testing at Seminole County Middle/High School. The first meeting with Calvin Andrews will be April 1, 2021.

- Literacy on the Lawn

Literacy on the Lawn will be hosted by the Seminole County Family Connections and SCES Parent Engagement on March 23, 2021 from 6:00pm – 8:00pm.

- X. William L. Robinson made a motion with a second from Trent Clark 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.

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

<u>Appointment - Certified</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Kristy Johnson	Instructional Technology Specialist	7/1/2021
Bethany Williams	Science Teacher – SCMHS	7/26/2021

<u>Transfer</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Jill Earnest	Special Education Paraprofessional – SCES (Previous Position: Media Center Paraprofessional – Both Schools)	3/8/2021

<u>Resignation/Retirement</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Wilhemenia McCoy	Food Services – SCES	6/30/2021
Robert Barber	Food Services – SCES	3/12/2021

The Board of Education members were presented the list of certified staff recommended by Mr. Jay Winkler, Principal at Seminole County Elementary School, and Mr. Shane Purdy, Principal at Seminole County Middle/High School.

Trent Clark made a motion with a second from Vice-Chairman Spencer Stewart to approve the personnel report and attached certified staff lists from Seminole County Elementary School and Seminole County Middle/High School. Motion carried unanimously.

Vice-Chairman Spencer Stewart made a motion with a second from Trent Clark to approve Mrs. Katina Kirkland on the certified list for Seminole County Elementary School. Motion carried unanimously without the vote of Dr. Michael Kirkland due to personal affiliation.

Superintendent Mark Earnest recommended Mr. Shane Purdy, Principal at Seminole County Middle/High School, to be the Seminole County Middle/High School Athletic Director for the 2021-2022 school year. Vice-Chairman Spencer Stewart made a motion with a second from Trent Clark to approve Mr. Purdy as the Athletic Director. Motion carried unanimously.

- XII. There being no further business, Chairman Dr. Charles Walker adjourned the meeting with a second from Trent Clark. 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