

SEMINOLE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

MINUTES OF MEETING

MONDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2021

The Seminole County Board of Education met on October 18, 2021. The following members were present: Mr. William L. Robinson, Dr. Charles O. Walker, Mr. Spencer Stewart, Dr. Michael Kirkland, Financial Director Sherry Gray, Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning Felicia Purdy, 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: 111.649.6174

- I. Chairman Dr. Charles Walker called the meeting to order.
- II. William L. Robinson gave the invocation.
- III. Chairman Dr. Charles Walker established a quorum with four members present.
- IV. Mr. Paul Fryer, Field Representative for Sanford Bishop, introduced himself to the Seminole County Board of Education and its meeting attendees.
- V. William L. Robinson made a motion with a second from Dr. Michael Kirkland to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.
- VI. Vice-Chairman Spencer Stewart made a motion with a second from Dr. Michael Kirkland to approve the minutes from the regularly scheduled board meeting on September 13, 2021. Motion carried unanimously.
- VII. William L. Robinson made a motion with a second from Dr. Michael Kirkland to approve the September 2021 financial statement. Motion carried unanimously.

Superintendent Mark Earnest also gave the board members a budget report from the FY2021 school year.

- VIII. Presentation – Teacher of the Year

Superintendent Mark Earnest recognized Ms. Jessica Lawhorn, Teacher of the Year for Seminole County Elementary and Mr. Dusty Smith, Teacher of the Year for Seminole County Middle/High School.

- IX. The following action items were considered:

- PaddyNet MOU – Medicaid Reimbursements

Dr. Michael Kirkland made a motion with a second from Vice-Chairman Spencer

Stewart to approve the Memorandum of Agreement between Medical Provider Services, Inc. (PaddyNet) and the Seminole County School System. Motion carried unanimously.

- Millage Rate

William L. Robinson made a motion with a second from Vice-Chairman Spencer Stewart to approve and accept the rollback for the Seminole County Board of Education from 16.0370 to 15.9450 and the rollback for the Seminole County Public Library from .761 to .758. Motion carried unanimously.

- Title I and V Budgets

Dr. Michael Kirkland made a motion with a second from William L. Robinson to approve the Title IA Budget – Improving Academic Achievement and the Title V Budget – Rural and Low Income Schools for the 2021-2022 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

- Walk Behind Reel Mower

Vice-Chairman Spencer Stewart made a motion with a second from Dr. Michael Kirkland to approve the purchase of a John Deere 260 SL Walk Behind Mower for the Seminole County School System for \$4,850 to help maintain all athletic fields. Motion carried unanimously.

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

- Professional Learning for BOE Members

Superintendent Mark Earnest gave the board members a handout containing the details of their required nine hours of professional learning. The Georgia Leadership Associates, as well as the school principals and Mrs. Felicia Purdy, will be conducting the sessions and updates for the board members.

- Election – November 2

Superintendent Mark Earnest reminded everyone that early voting started on October 12 and that citizens will be able to vote on Saturday, October 23.

- Meeting with Southern Regional Technical College

Superintendent Mark Earnest gave the board members an update of the meeting that was held between himself, Shane Purdy, Principal of Seminole County Middle/High School, Mary Jean Albritton, CTAE Director and Southern Regional Technical College on September 20.

- Fall Bootstrap

Superintendent Mark Earnest will be at Fall Bootstrap on October 19 – 21, 2021 in Athens, GA.

- CTAE GOSA Rural Education Grant

Mary Jean Albritton, CTAE Director, received the CTAE GOSA Rural Education grant for \$100,000. This money will go towards new equipment for the CTAE Program.

- Computer Science Resource Grant

Mrs. Felicia Purdy and Mrs. Gina Newberry received a Computer Science Resource grant for \$9,067 for her classroom at Seminole County Elementary.

- Technology Grant

Mr. Glen Arnold, Technology Director, received a technology grant of \$227,000 that will help with the purchasing of more student Chromebooks and technology for the classroom.

- Calendar

Superintendent Mark Earnest updated the board members that a school calendar for 2022-2023 will be presented at the November board meeting and will be voted on at the December board meeting.

- Tik Tok Pranks

An update was given to the board members on the Tik Tok pranks that had taken place in our school system.

- Donna Williams – MOU

An update was given to the board members on the MOU from Southwest Georgia Health Clinic. Ms. Donna Williams presented this to the board in August. This will be brought to the board members at the November meeting.

- Out-of-County Contract

Superintendent Mark Earnest presented an affidavit that the principals would use for our out-of-county students. This will be a part of our Out-of-County student procedures.

- Leah Jones – Altman & Barrett

Superintendent Mark Earnest gave an update from Leah Jones, Architect and Engineer with Altman and Barrett on the building of the new school.

- Graduation Rate Embargoed

The Georgia Department of Education has embargoed the graduation rate. This will come out later this month.

- COVID Numbers

At this time, COVID numbers are low throughout the Seminole County School District.

- Job Openings

We have the following openings in the Seminole County School System:

Custodian – Seminole County Elementary School

Special Education Paraprofessional – Seminole County Middle/High School

Bus Driver (2)

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

<u>Appointment - Classified</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Anastasia Hendley	Pre-K Paraprofessional – SCES	10/4/2021

<u>Transfer - Classified</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Rebecca Alday	Pre-K 3 Paraprofessional – SCES (Previous Position: Pre-K Paraprofessional)	10/4/2021

<u>Resignation/Retirement</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Effective Date</u>
Yalanda Grigley	Custodian – SCES	9/23/2021
Sarita McLin	Bus Driver	9/17/2021
Julie Lawler	Pre-K 3 Paraprofessional – SCES	9/24/2021
Brenda Register	Food Services Worker – SCES	10/1/2021

Vice-Chairman Spencer Stewart made a motion with a second from Dr. Michael Kirkland to approve the personnel report. Motion carried unanimously.

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

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

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

Chairman

Secretary/Superintendent