

# **MINUTES BOARD MEETING**

**February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

## **REGULAR MEETING**

At 6:00 p.m. Mr. Hartsfield convened the regular meeting of the district Board of Education. Board members present were, Ms. White, Ms. Compton, Ms. Whitaker, Mr. Milner and Mr. Frazier. Mr. Moore, was absent. School administrative personnel present were Mr. Webb, Ms. Wilson, Ms. Neely, Mr. Hayden, Dr. Strickland, and Ms. Spain. IC Murrell from the PB Commercial was in attendance.

## **STUDENT HEARING**

Mr. Wilson recommended the expulsion of a WC Junior High Student, ID#3509013210, for one calendar school year for the following infractions: student was previously suspended for fighting; however, days after the initial punitive action, pictures were found on social media taken from WCJH office with a threatening message. Additional pictures were posted with the student and handguns. There was no representation for the student. On a motion by Mr. Frazier and a second by Ms. Whitaker, the board voted 6-0 on the expulsion.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Minutes. The minutes of the last meeting were unanimously approved 6-0 on a motion by Mr. Milner and a second by Ms. Whitaker.

Financial Statement. The financial statement for the month of January was presented, reporting \$1,707,116.71 in revenue and expenditures of \$1,350,440.78 in the non-activity funds, leaving an ending balance of \$10,609,726.35. On a motion by Mr. Frazier and a second by Ms. Compton the board voted 6-0 to approve the financial report for the month of January.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Wildcat Warrior. Mr. Webb recognized the following students for outstanding WCSD Wildcat Activities. Kaliah Anderson is a great leader and problem solver, does many volunteer opportunities and services offices in Student Counsel and other organizations. He recognized Mon'Tavion Haywood who is a quiet leader and known as a preacher, member of choir, and helps feed the community. He recognized Tanaesha Thomas who was homecoming queen, is class president, in the pep club, and holds offices. Also, Mr. Webb recognized the parents and supporters for their help with the students.

Mr. Wilson recognized JROTC and stated the military ball was a success and Major Small stated 150 students attended and they have about 200 cadets overall.

Recognize. Mr. Webb recognized the employees of the month. Pam King has a servant heart, celebrates student achievement, and helps with the RTI process. Cameran Faucette is working on his doctorate, teachers Honor classes, and is the go to for technology needs. Scott Young has been a board certified athletic trainer for 35 years and has a passion for bringing opportunities to students, helps students become CPR certified, and did a dissection with cadavers. Mr. Hartsfield thanked the employees of the month and he said he appreciates all that they do.

Ready for Learning Committee. Mr. Webb presented a brief report. He showed pictures of students and they are partnering with the community and companies such as Central Maloney. They have a superstar wall for achieving STAR assessments and the data shows growth but can they can still do better. They participated in teachers teaching teachers. Mr. Faucette discussed the data. The HS looked at data that was the most effective and data that can be used. They developed a dashboard to where you don't have to go to a lot of drives to get it and are updated in real time. Mr. Forte talked about Kagan structures which are simple step by step instructional strategies that increase student engagement. Mr. Webb invited everyone to the High School's super bowl, which is graduation on May 9<sup>th</sup>.

Update. Mr. Wilson gave a brief update on construction and legislation. Also, he spoke briefly about the Group Violence Intervention program (GVI). Legislation-He stated that a lot is happening in education. Governor Sanders LEARNS plan is exciting and concerning. The plan wants to do away with Fair Teacher Dismissal Act and we are already facing a teacher shortage. Freedom Account is a voucher program where the money follows the student to homeschool, private school, etc. He stated he was against it because it will take money out of public education. He has no idea how many students will leave because of it. With the plan, there will be a new salary schedule with new teachers making \$50,000 and doing away with years of experience and education level. Contracts would be increased to 195 days and up to a \$10,000 bonuses would be given on student achievement. Construction-Mike Holcomb is meeting with fire and safety officials to see if we can work on requirements for safe rooms. He is hoping that legislatures will raise funding to \$275 per square foot instead of \$200 existing funding. Enrollment is 1,801 students as of today and we are trying to cut where we can. The district needs parental support. Mr. Wilson contacted Gov. Sanders about construction and her office referred him to the legislatures. GVI- Ms. Hughes is the leader of the Group Violence Intervention program along with Judge Brown. Their goal is safety above everything else.

## PPC REPORT & CPPC

Mr. Wilson stated Ms. Hemphill's house burned, so he discussed what they wanted. In their meeting, they agreed to table issues until March to see what the legislatures do. They are working together to focus on the kids.

## BOARD COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Frazier stated that last week was school counselor week and he acknowledged our good counselors. The HS boys' basketball team is #5 in the state and are conference champs. He stated that Coach Barnes and Coach Henderson have done a great job. He attended the military ball and JROTC supported the whole ball through fundraisers. Mr. Hartsfield wanted to thank Mr. Faucette and Mr. Forte for their work in the district. He attended meetings with them and has been impressed with the work done. He said the district has a great team at WCSD. He encouraged legislatures on funding for the new school. Mr. Wilson stated we are going to do a lot more with SEARK next year to give our students opportunities. Mr. Hayden said his goal is to get the new school built.

## PERSONNEL

Mr. Wilson received a letter of retirement from Greg Easter, Laura Glover, Clifton Jackson, Yvonne Noel, and Pam Williams. He received resignations from Terrance Brock, Pattie Taylor, and Maisha Turner. On a motion by Ms. Whitaker and a second by Mr. Milner, the board voted 6-0 to approve the retirements and resignations.

The board needs to consider employing the following personnel recommendations.

1. Donna Brown as a Speech Pathologist
2. Eric Thompson as Asst. Junior High Track Coach
3. Samuel Turner as Senior High Band Director
4. Kristin Bunting as a Cafeteria Substitute
5. Sheyr Carter as a Cafeteria Substitute

On a motion by Mr. Milner and a second by Mr. Frazier, the board voted 6-0 to approve the employment personnel recommendations.

## ADJOURNMENT.

Respectfully submitted by, Mr. Wilson and Norma Walker.

Alan Frazier,  
Board Secretary