SEMINOLE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

MINUTES OF MEETING

MONDAY, APRIL 13, 2020

The Seminole County Board of Education met on April 13, 2020. The following members were present through telecom: Dr. Michael Kirkland, Mr. William L. Robinson, Dr. Charles O. Walker, Mr. Trent Clark, Mr. Spencer Stewart, Financial Director Sherry Gray, Director of Student Services, Dr. Sandy Malone, Assistant Superintendent, Dr. Marie Godwin, Curriculum Director Felicia Purdy and Superintendent Mark Earnest.

1. Chairman Mr. Trent Clark called the meeting to order.
2. Mr. Spencer Stewart gave the invocation.
3. Chairman Mr. Trent Clark established a quorum with five members present by telecom.
4. Vice-Chairman Dr. Walker made a motion with a second from Mr. William Robinson to approve the agenda. Motion carried unanimously.
5. Mr. William Robinson made a motion with a second from Mr. Spencer Stewart to approve the minutes from the regularly scheduled board meeting on March 9, 2020 and the called board meeting on March 16, 2020. Motion carried unanimously.
6. Vice-Chairman Dr. Walker made a motion with a second from Mr. William Robinson to approve the March 2020 financial statement. Motion carried unanimously.
7. The following Superintendent’s report was given by Superintendent Earnest:   
   * List of Summer Projects
     + Chiller at SCMHS will hopefully be installed this summer.
     + Painting
     + New Goal Posts will be installed soon
     + The lights will be installed by Georgia Power. Billy Grantham will. Be writing up a letter for Georgia Power.
     + Fences
     + New Signs around Campuses
     + Cleaning out Closets/Rooms
   * Coastal Plains Charter School Expansion

Superintendent Mr. Mark Earnest talked with Director Ricky Rentz on the status of the satellite program. Due to the Covid-19, the funding has been delayed by the GA Department of Education and the earliest this will be up and running will be January, 2021.

* + Teacher Pay Raises

Due to the Covid-19, the State Legislature will most likely not be giving out teacher pay raises this year.

* + The schools are working on the following:
    - Closing out grades – All report cards will be mailed to students.
    - Providing Lunches – Food Services Director, Mrs. Ivey McLendon, will still be giving out food to the students of Seminole County weekly.
    - Graduation – Jostens has a program that will help with our virtual graduation on May 22. On May 4, Jostens will be giving out graduation materials to the seniors.
    - Prom – Hoping to reschedule.
    - Board Training – Southwest Georgia RESA is hoping to reschedule the board training from March 26th. This will complete the mandatory training.
    - State-Wide Testing – All testing has been cancelled.
  + Principal Interviews

These interviews will be conducted on Wednesday, April 15 through conference calls. A called board meeting will take place on Friday, April 17 to vote on the recommended candidate.

1. Wellness Plan Proposal

Superintendent Mr. Mark Earnest gave each board member the proposed Wellness Plan from Food Services Director, Mrs. Ivey McLendon.

1. The following action items were considered:
   * Unsafe School Option Policy
   * Revision of General Fund & SPLOST Budget for FY2020
   * Drug Dog – Jeffery Lawson

Vice-Chairman Dr. Charles Walker made a motion with a second from Mr. Spencer Stewart to approve the three action items collectively. Motion carried unanimously.

1. No executive session was needed at this time.
2. The following personnel report was read by Superintendent Earnest:

Appointments - Certified Position Effective Date\_\_\_\_\_\_  
Britleigh Sherlock Teacher - SCES 7/1/2020  
 (Special Education)   
Jacob Page Physical Education Teacher – SCMHS 7/1/2020  
 (Head Boys Basketball Coach)

Laura Croom Assistant Principal – SCES 7/1/2020

Transfer Position Effective Date\_\_\_\_\_\_  
Juwan Hopkins Teacher – Alternative School 7/1/2020  
 (Former Position: Physical Education Teacher/Head Boys Basketball Coach)

Lemanuel Jones Full Time Bus Driver 7/1/2020  
 (Former Position: Substitute Bus Driver)

Maternity Leave Position Effective Date\_\_\_\_\_\_  
Laura Smith Paraprofessional – SCMHS 3/5/2020

Retirement Position Effective Date\_\_\_\_\_\_  
Dr. Renea Pierce Principal – SCES 6/30/2020  
Horace Johnson Head Custodian – SCMHS 3/31/2020

Felicia Purdy, Assistant Superintendent/Curriculum Director, will start on Monday, April 13, 2020.

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

1. There being no further business, Chairman Mr. Trent Clark adjourned the meeting with a motion from Vice-Chairman Dr. Charles Walker and a second from Mr. William L. Robinson. Motion carried unanimously.   
     
     
   All business conducted by the Board in this matter was unanimously voted on unless otherwise indicated.

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 Chairman Secretary/Superintendent