**Gibson County Special School District Board of Trustees**

**Regular Meeting**

**Gibson County High School**

**June 25, 2020**

Mrs. Maitland led in the Pledge of Allegiance. Mrs. Dana Welch, board member, called the meeting to order. Members present were: Benny Boals, Steven Tate, Eddie Watkins and Dana Welch. Charles Scott joined the meeting electronically. Tom Lannom was the only member absent. Mrs. Maitland made the motion to approve the amended agenda with a second by Mr. Scott. *Motion passed*. A motion was made by Mr. Boals to approve the consent agenda, with a second by Mr. Scott. *Motion passed*. Mr. Bill Barron was present as legal counsel.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** **None**

**RECOGNITION: None**

**REGULAR AGENDA**

**Federal Consolidated Application Approval**

Mr. Pruett presented the ESSA Title I Program and Part B IDEA Funds recap for the Federal Consolidated Application for the 2020-2021 school year.

The ESSA Title I Program consist of improving the academic achievement of students attending area schools with a higher poverty percentage. Mrs. Paige Garner is the Title I Director that oversees these funds. These school allocations are spiraled down using an average per pupil amount of each eligible school. Five schools are eligible to receive these funds: Kenton, Dyer, Rutherford, Yorkville and Spring Hill Schools.

These funds also partially and/or fully fund districtwide positions with ESSA funds. The total budget for the 2020-2021 fiscal year is $489,057.00.

The Part B IDEA funds are used for students with disabilities ages 6-21 years and federal preschool funds for student ages 3-5 years. Mrs. Renee Childs, Special Education Supervisor, oversees these funds. A full range of therapies are provided through private contracts with LeBonheur HealthCare (physical and occupational therapies), Psychological Services (evaluation and assessment services), and an SLT Independent contractor (additional speech-language services for Head Start and South Gibson County Elementary).

Mrs. Garner and Mrs. Childs are seeking approval for the ESSA Title I Program and Part B IDEA of the Federal Consolidated Application for the 2020-2021 fiscal year.

Mr. Boals made the motion to approve the Federal Consolidated Application for the 2020-2021 fiscal year, with a second by Mr. Watkins. *Motion passed.*

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**Employee Salary Schedule**

Mr. Terry Cunningham, Director of Finance, presented the Employee Salary Schedule for approval. It is the same as last year, raises from the state were pulled for the 2020-2021 year. A motion was made by Mr. Boals and seconded by Mrs. Maitland to approve the Employee Salary Schedule. *Motion* *passed.*

**Retired Employee Health Insurance**

Mr. Cunningham presented the Retired Employee Health Insurance benefit for annual approval. The cost of this subsidy will be $12,000 for the 2020-2021 fiscal year. A motion was made by Mr. Boals and seconded by Mr. Tate to approve this benefit for our retired employees for the 2020-2021 year. *Motion passed.*

**Budget Approval**

Mr. Cunningham presented the 2020-2021 budget of $34,093,593, which is balanced. A motion was made by Mr. Scott and seconded by Mr. Boals to approve the 2020-2021 fiscal year budget. *Motion passed.*

**SGCHS Sport Complex Bids – Early Site Work**

Mr. Pruett presented bids from Lashlee Rich for the SGCHS Sports Complex early site work. The GMP (guaranteed maximum price) is $1,690,961. The Board asked questions to Mr. Greer Lashlee and Mr. Billy Hill, from Lashlee Rich, Inc. The scope of work includes earthwork, asphalt, gravel, sod, plumbing, electrical and fire protection. The time line for this project is 4-5 months depending on the weather. A motion was made by Mr. Watkins to approve Lashlee Rich with the GMP of $1,690,961 for the early site work and amend the budget, with a second by Mr. Scott. *Motion passed.*

**Discussion on Athletic Complex Bids\*\*\***

Mr. Pruett asked the Board to give permission to Lashlee Rich to request bids on the second phase of the SGCHS Athletic Complex. After much discussion, it was decided that the Board would like a cost of the total project and each phase. Mr. Lashlee said it would be cheaper to complete total project vs. phases. Mr. Cunningham reported besides the savings in construction cost the district could save on financing since interest rates are at an all-time low. Mr. Lashlee reported the sports complex bids were lower due to the companies’ eager to work during the

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COVID-19 pandemic close down. Mr. Lashlee and Mr. Hill feel TLM Associates have completed 90% on the renderings. The Board is requesting the architects to illustrate this project completely; this could increase fees. A motion was made by Mrs. Welch to give approval to take bids on the rest of the athletic complex with a second by Mr. Scott. *Motion passed.*

**Policy Revisions**

Mr. Pruett policy *# 4.600 Grading System* for the first reading for approval. The changes are on page 1, line 23, and changing percentage to 42%, remove line 24, and on line 25 percentage to 43%. Also on page 2, line 4 percentage to 42% and line 5 changed to 43%. A motion was made to approve the first reading on policy # 4.600 by Mr. Tate and seconded by Mr. Watkins. *Motion passed.*

**Director’s report**

Mr. Pruett presented the Board with a **New Employee Listing** for their information.

Mr. Pruett presented the **District Chevy Express Van for surplus**. This is an old 2006 work truck that is constantly having problems. A motion was made by Mr. Tate and seconded by Mrs. Maitland to approve for surplus. *Motion passed*.

Mr. Pruett presented **six school buses for surplus** due to the 18-year time limit and 200,000 miles maximum. These buses had to be taken offline and can no longer be used as school buses and are considered surplus. Mr. Chad Jackson, Transportation Director, is asking for permission to sell these buses through closed bids to the general public. A motion was made by Mrs. Welch to surplus these six buses and permission to sell them to the public, seconded by Mr. Watkins. *Motion passed.*

Mr. Pruett reported that the **old elementary school** building in Medina had been vandalized on two different occasions. The security cameras picked up the suspects on June 14th & 24th. This evidence was turned over to Medina police. There were thousands of dollars of damage due to vandalism. *Information.*

Mr. Pruett reported an update on the **SRO Officers Grant**, with most communities participating in the cost. The Gibson County Commission budget committee and Chairman Longmire’s had concerns over hiring SROs and then keeping them on the payroll, after the grant expires. Mr. Pruett will be meeting with Sheriff Thomas and recommending to draft a letter stating he won’t hold the county leaders to keeping these officers employed, when the grant expires. *Information.*

Mr. Tate made the motion to adjourn.