



Regular Meeting
05/05/2020 05:00 PM
Gadsden City Board of Education
Teleconference
Board Meeting held via Google Hangouts
due to COVID-19

Attendees

Voting Members

Rev. Z. Andre' Huff, President - District 3
Mrs. Nancy Stewart, Vice President - District 6
Hon. Allen Millican, Board Member - District 7
Dr. Nathan Carter, Board Member - District 2
Mr. Mark Dayton, Board Member - District 5
Mr. Mike Haney, Board Member - District 4
Ms. Adrienne Reed, Board Member - District 1

Non-Voting Members

Mr. Tony Reddick, Superintendent
Mrs. Christie Knowles, Board Attorney
Nancy Foster, Superintendent Administrative Assistant

A. Call to Order, Opening Prayer, Pledge of Allegiance

President Z. Andre' Huff called the meeting to order. The Honorable Allen Millican led with prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

B. Reports - Feeding Program

Superintendent Tony Reddick reported on the feeding program during COVID-19 shutdown. Gadsden City Schools has fed an average of 4000 meals per week . This would total over 50,000 meals since the COVID-19 shutdown began in March, 2020. Numerous teachers and 12 month employees, have volunteered to prepare and distribute the meals every Tuesday.

Also, Tyson Foods have donated and distributed bags of frozen chicken at alternate school sites.

In addition, the local C.A.R.E.S. group has partnered with Popeye's Chicken to provide meals to students at various school sites during this time.

The feeding program will continue until the Summer Feeding Program begins on June 1, 2020.

C. Board Action

1. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the April 9, 2020, regular meeting were presented to the board for approval.

Motion made by: Hon. Allen Millican

Motion seconded by: Mrs. Nancy Stewart

Voting

Rev. Z. Andre' Huff - Yes
Mrs. Nancy Stewart - Yes
Hon. Allen Millican - Yes
Dr. Nathan Carter - Yes
Mr. Mark Dayton - Yes
Mr. Mike Haney - Yes
Ms. Adrienne Reed - Yes

2. Personnel Actions

a. Part A

Superintendent Reddick recommended the following personnel action to be approved:

Retiring:

Rosemary Wilson Nolen - Walnut Park Elementary School Teacher - Effective 6/01/2020
Linda Jean Hull - Striplin Elementary Teacher - Effective 6/01/2020
Patrick Stephen Stone - Systemwide Fine Arts Teacher - Effective 6/01/2020
Kimberly Haynes - Mitchell Elementary School Teacher - Effective 6/1/2020
Sandra Wright - PTRC Aide - Effective 6/1/2020
Johnnie Nell Sanders - Mitchell Elementary School CNP Worker - Effective 6/1/2020

Resigning:

April Davidson Hollingsworth - Systemwide Fine Arts Teacher - Effective 5/22/2020

New Employees:

Autumn Hope Rich - Gadsden Middle School - English Language Arts Teacher-Effective 8/06/2020

Motion made by: Mrs. Nancy Stewart

Motion seconded by: Dr. Nathan Carter

Voting

Rev. Z. Andre' Huff - Yes
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Hon. Allen Millican - Yes
Dr. Nathan Carter - Yes
Mr. Mark Dayton - Yes
Mr. Mike Haney - Yes
Ms. Adrienne Reed - Yes

b. Part B

Superintendent Reddick recommended to non-renew the following employees:

Ryan Patrick Posey - GCHS Social Science Teacher - Effective 5/22/2020
Mashanda H. Kinard - Emma Sansom Middle Science Teacher - Effective 5/22/2020
Jesse Colton Morris - Litchfield Middle Social Science Teacher - Effective 5/22/2020
Shirley D. Marbut - Adams Elementary Library Media Specialist - Effective 5/22/2020
Darby I. Hayes - Striplin Elementary Teacher - Effective 5/22/2020
Jackie L. Isom - Striplin Elementary Teacher - Effective 5/22/2020
Cheslie K. Cambron - Thompson Elementary Teacher - Effective 5/22/2020
David C. Blanchard - GCHS Aide - Effective 5/22/2020
Derwin P. Core - Emma Sansom Middle Custodian - Effective 6/03/2020
Jonathan McKinney - Litchfield Middle Custodian - Effective 6/03/2020
Donald Harris, Jr. - Adams Elementary Custodian - Effective 6/01/2020
Martha A. Havis - Adams Elementary Custodian - Effective 6/01/2020
Barbara L. Martin - Eura Brown Elementary CNP Worker - Effective 5/22/2020
Shann Porter - Floyd Elementary Custodian - Effective 6/01/2020
Jeffery B. Washington - Floyd Elementary Custodian - Effective 6/01/2020
Brandi W. Nance - Thompson Elementary CNP Worker - Effective 5/22/2020
Sumika Vickers - Emma Sansom Middle CNP Worker - Effective 5/22/2020
Catherine L. Smith - Emma Sansom Middle CNP Worker - Effective 5/22/2020

Motion made by: Mr. Mark Dayton

Motion seconded by: Mrs. Nancy Stewart

Voting

Rev. Z. Andre' Huff - Yes
Mrs. Nancy Stewart - Yes
Hon. Allen Millican - Yes
Dr. Nathan Carter - Yes
Mr. Mark Dayton - Yes
Mr. Mike Haney - Yes
Ms. Adrienne Reed - Yes

3. Monthly Financial Report and Bank Reconciliation

CSFO Cory Skelton presented the board with the monthly financial for examination and approval. The financial data and cash balances presented are based on the reconciled bank statements to the general ledger as of March 31, 2020.

Superintendent recommended to board approve the presented financial reports.

Motion made by: Mr. Mark Dayton

Motion seconded by: Dr. Nathan Carter

Voting

Rev. Z. Andre' Huff - Yes
Mrs. Nancy Stewart - Yes
Hon. Allen Millican - Yes
Dr. Nathan Carter - Yes
Mr. Mark Dayton - Yes
Mr. Mike Haney - Yes
Ms. Adrienne Reed - Yes

D. Information Items

1. Old Business

a. June 5th School Closing Date

Superintendent reported on the school year closing date. It was previously reported the school year would be extended to June 5th. That date was a date given to local boards by the State Superintendent as a date to not exceed if a board voted to extend a school year due to the COVID-19 shutdown. The Gadsden City Schools official closing date will remain the same, 2020.

Superintendent Reddick reported the teachers and students are doing well with the virtual learning and the packets that have been distributed. The extended date is not necessary for students and teachers at this time.

The grading period will be closed the third nine weeks of school. The packets will be graded for students in an academic need. The students in good standing, the packets will be used for instructional review. The packets will help prevent the students from a longer gap of non-instructional time.

Superintendent Reddick reported the system had applied for a grant to help subsidize the internet availability for students. Currently, a few local business have been asked to share their internet access for students who do not have home service. The student would be able to access the internet from a parking lot or being located within the service range. Currently Charter, Comcast, ATT and Team Mobile are currently offering free services.

2. New Business

Superintendent Reddick reported a plan is being implemented for a graduation ceremony for the 2020 senior graduates at Gadsden City High School. When the details are finalized, it will be sent to the board members and publicized to the community. The current graduates are being honored and celebrated by the system in the form of an electronic billboard displaying each graduate on a particular day. This billboard is located on Rainbow Drive, directly in front of the skating rink. There will also be a celebration for the graduates in the form of a drive-thru event at the high school, on May 7th.

Superintendent Reddick addressed some concerns regarding extra curricula activities and tryouts of these activities in the future. Mr. Reddick reported he will review the best means for these events to take place in regards to safety and also, fairness. Superintendent Reddick is following the guidelines provided by the State Superintendent. The State Superintendent has an 8 Phase Plan to reopen the school systems. The State has only released a portion of that plan at this time.

Board Member Mark Dayton asked that everyone please complete the 2020 Census. Mr. Dayton reiterate the importance of the data from the Census. The data from the Census provides financial means for the various districts and communities.

3. Next Regular Board Meeting June 2, 2020

E. Adjournment

President Huff asked for a motion for the meeting to adjourn.

Motion made by: Mrs. Nancy Stewart

Motion seconded by: Dr. Nathan Carter

Voting

Rev. Z. Andre' Huff - Yes

Mrs. Nancy Stewart - Yes

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Date

Superintendent/Secretary