The September 22, 2015 special meeting of the Echols County Board of Education was called to order at 7:38 PM by Chester Register.

Board members present were Bo Corbett, Rocky Crosby, Chester Register and Florence Staten.

Following the invocation and pledge to the flag, Rocky Crosby made a motion to approve the agenda. Bo Corbett seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Florence Staten made a motion to move into Executive Session at 7:40 to discuss personnel issues. Rocky Crosby seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

Bo Corbett made a motion to exit Executive Session at 8:11. Florence Staten seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

PERSONNEL

Rocky Crosby made a motion to approve the hiring of Nery Standifer as Migrant Parapro and Brittany Fitzgerald as SPED parapro. Johnna Pinholster was approved to begin on October 1 as an interim media parapro until May 20, 2016 with recommendations regarding supervision and evaluation. Bo Corbett seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

Florence Staten recommended the Board consider a new policy on nepotism.

Florence Staten made a motion to approve payment of overtime pay to Matt Rivera retroactive to July 1, 2015 in the amount of $3,346.20 and authorized future overtime pay pending the Superintendent’s approval. Rocky Crosby seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

FIELD TRIPS

Florence Staten made a motion to approve all field trips listed below. Rocky Crosby seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

1. Biology – Atlanta 11/13/15

2. 7th Grade - Georgia Aquarium 3/11/16

The Superintendent was authorized to hire busses for the trips rather than using school system busses due to the cost and impact of running school busses for long trips. The Superintendent informed the Board that the cost per mile for a 66-72 passenger school bus was $3.52 per mile making the true cost of a trip to Atlanta in excess of $1300.00.

The Superintendent was asked about curricular alignment of field trips and will ask principals to provide lesson plans, standards and curricular impact for all future field trips.

NEW BUSINESS

The Superintendent requested a change in date for the October regular meeting as she would be at Superintendent training. Rocky Crosby made a motion to move the meeting date from October 13, 2015 to October 20, 2015, at the same time and location. Bo Corbett seconded. Motion passed 4-0.

There as a discussion about bus use and several suggestions were made including additional stipend money for coaches who drove their own busses, dedicated drivers for athletic events and field trips, and having an a pre-approved list of field trips by grade/department for the year. Bo Corbett made a motion to approve hiring a full-time bus driver to handle athletic trips/ field trips. Florence Staten seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

OLD BUSINESS

None

OTHER

None

The Board meeting was adjourned at 9:00 PM by Chester Register.