The December 8, 2015 regular meeting of the Echols County Board of Education was called to order at 7:34 PM by Chester Register.

Board members present were Bo Corbett, Rocky Crosby, Chester Register and Florence Staten. Board Member Richard Hendley arrived at 7:45.

Following the invocation and pledge to the flag, the Superintendent asked to add 1 item to the agenda. Rocky Crosby made a motion to approve the amended agenda. Florence Staten seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

Florence Staten made a motion to approve the November 10, 2015 meeting minutes with correction. Bo Corbett seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

VISITORS

The Curriculum and Instruction Team presented its recommendation to the Board concerning consideration for hiring a full time K-12 Curriculum Director. The Board received a copy of the proposed job description and the rationale and data used to arrive at the recommendation.

The Board recognized the sportsmanship, accomplishments and efforts of the Junior Beta Club.

BUDGET AND FINANCE

The Board discussed the feasibility of an early December payroll. The Superintendent advised the Board that as of today, we need $46,963.83 to cover our expenses (including payroll). However we have not yet received all of the tax money and Ms. Corbett believed there would be enough to cover the shortage and avoid a transfer. Mr. Register requested that the Superintendent follow up on past practice regarding funds transfer.

Rocky Crosby made a motion to approve the Accounts Payable register. This was seconded by Bo Corbett. Motion passed 4-0.

REPORTS

Mr. Rosser informed the Board of students who are approaching the 10 absence mark per Board policy.

Mr. Beale was serving as game manager for the home basketball. Mr. Rosser presented his information regarding enrollment.

Dr. Jewell advised the Board that the leadership team is looking at ways to accommodate the requests coming in from the strategic planning sub-committees. She also discussed the damage caused by a power outage over the Thanksgiving weekend and that we are looking for a more robust disaster recovery approach. The BOE will now be backed up on a server located at the BOE because of a fiber break.

The Superintendent reiterated the training date at Coastal Plains RESA for Board members on January 26 at 5:30. This would fulfill the last 3 hours for those attending GSBA in Savannah in June.

The Superintendent advised the Board of the results of the RFP for septic services and stated the bids for trash pick-up are due this month as well.

Summaries from written reports:

Federal: Our carryover funds for Migrant were cut due to the fact that we did not spend almost a third of last year’s allotment. Our total funding is still increased from last year.

SPED: Special Education will meet with Paddy Net to review the collection and billing for Medicaid fuds. Ms. King has requested that refunds for Special Education Services be returned to Special Education instead of going to the general fund.

Tech: We will begin looking at e-rate for next year.

FIELD TRIPS

Richard Hendley made a motion to approve all field trips as presented. Bo Corbett seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

1. 12/10 Floriculture-Cook County (Corbett)\* after school

2. 12/15 Cane Grinding –Corbett Farms (Corbett)\*

3. 12/18 Livestock – Bartow FL (Corbett) workday

4. 1/8-10 Pig Classic – Perry (Corbett)

5. 1/21 Career Fair – Valdosta (Combass)

6. 1/28 Ag Mechanics-Tifton (Majeski) after school

7. 2/11 Public Speaking – Appling (Majeski) after school

8. 2/17-20 State Livestock-Perry (Corbett)

9. 2/17-20 State Hog – Perry (Majeski)

10. 3/3 Nursery Landscape-Ware (Corbett/Majeski) after school

11. 3/8 Forestry –Quitman(Majeski/Corbett)\*

12. 3/7 Beef Show – Valdosta (Corbett)

13. 3/10 Forestry – Waycross (Majeski/Corbett)\*

14. 3/15 Ag Mechanics - Ware (Majeski)

15. 3/15 FFD – Thomasville (Corbett) \*

16. 3/18-19 State Livestock –Athens (Corbett)

17. 3/22 Forestry Appling (Majeski/Corbett)\*1/2 day

18. 3/24 Forestry – Charleton ( Majeski/Corbett)\*

19. 4/14 Forestry – Wayne Cty (Majeski/Corbett) \*

20. 4/22-23 FFA – Covington (Corbett)

21. 4/27-30 FFA – Macon (Majeski/Corbett) \*

22. 5/12 FFA – Waycross (Majeski/Corbett) \*

FUND RAISING REQUESTS

Rocky Crosby made a motion to approve fund raising requests as presented. Richard Hendley seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

1. 2/6 MS/HS Baseball 5K race (Davis/Guilliams)

2. 1/29-2/10 Jr Beta Nationals Donut sale (Foster)

3. 3/7-3/18 Junior class prom donut sale (Combass/Register)

FACILITIES REQUEST

There were no facilities requests.

NEW BUSINESS

There was much discussion about the need for maintenance tracking. The Superintendent stated that the current system has no reporting capability and is unable to handle preventive maintenance issues. She reiterated that many of the costly maintenance issues currently being experienced are a direct result of deferred maintenance. Rocky Crosby made a motion to pilot the School Dude Maintenance System for the remainder of the school year with the caveat that clerical support of the system be handled by office personnel. Mr. Beale and Mr. Rosser will determine who will liaise with maintenance to communicate work orders. The current system of communication seems to be working well and will in all likelihood continue. The Board will revisit the use of the system in the June meeting. Florence Staten seconded. Motion passed 3-2.

The Superintendent ‘s evaluation will be scheduled at a special meeting on December 15, 2015 at 7:30 at the BOE.

The first Board Budget workshop will be scheduled at the January meeting.

Florence Staten made a motion to award the bid to Quality Septic for the septic and grease trap services. Richard Hendley seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

Florence Staten made a motion to approve the contract to Five Points for ACA mandated federal paperwork for a one-time set up fee of $5245 . Richard Hendley seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

Rocky Crosby made a motion to keep Board officers, Chester Register as Board Chair and Florence Staten as Vice- Chair, for the next calendar year. Richard Hendley seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

OLD BUSINESS – None

POLICY

Florence Staten made a motion to introduce policy JB Student Attendance( change) to accommodate our changing needs due to Move on When Ready and ensure that our policy is not in conflict with new student options. Rocky Crosby seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

Florence Staten made a motion to adopt the polices as listed. Bo Corbett seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

1. GAGD-Staff Nepotism New
2. JKB Student Solicitation CHANGE
3. BCBI-Public Participation CHANGE (exhibit)
4. IHC-Class Rank CHANGE
5. EEF- Competitive Foods

Richard Hendley made a motion to move into Executive session to discuss personnel issues at 8:55 Bo Corbett seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

Richard Hendley made a motion to exit Executive session at 9:32. Bo Corbett seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

Rocky Crosby made a motion to approve the hiring of Diann Reid as temporary clerical help to assist with the Affordable Care Act paperwork through January 31 at a cost not to exceed $4880.20. Richard Hendley seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

Florence Staten made a motion to approve a payment of $5000 for services rendered to Rosa Robinson. Richard Hendley seconded. Motion passed 5-0.

The Board meeting was adjourned at 9:44 PM by Chester Register.

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Chester Register, Chair Virginia Jewell, Superintendent