

**LIBERTY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**November 8, 2011**

The Liberty County Board of Education met for its regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, November 8, 2011, @ 5:30 PM with the following members in attendance:

Lily H. Baker, Chairman	Verdell D. Jones, Vice Chairman
Marcia Anderson	Charlie J. Frasier
Becky C. Carter	Greg Cooke, Ft. Stewart Liaison
Harold Woods	Judy B. Scherer, Superintendent
Carol Guyett	

Also present were: Gwen Stewart, Peggy Rayman, Mary Alexander, Mindy Yanzetich, Becky Kelly, Shannon Helton, Jennille Helton, Ma'kia Baker, Lillie Kelly, Debra Russaw, Cathy W. Lane, Beverly Faircloth, ?, Rebecca Mock, Chris Anderson, Alana Anderson, Avery Carver, Mary Guiendon, Rodger Osborne, Lisa D. Vaughn, Walter Altman, Travis Petitjean, Demere' Bowen, Danielle Higgs and Jason Rogers.

**Call to Order and Invocation.** Mrs. Baker called the meeting to order and Minister Peggy Rayman gave the invocation.

**Certificate of Compliance.** Dr. Scherer certified that we complied with the Georgia Open Meetings Act.

**Pledge to Flag.** The Board and the audience recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

**Audience Participation.** Demere' Bowen and Patti Crane presented the Good News in the Liberty County Schools. Mrs. Baker handed out the certificates to the individuals.

David Morgan, grandfather of a Lyman Hall Elementary student, stated that his granddaughter has been bullied at the school. The school wanted to move his grandchild to another class. He feels the bully should move to a different class.

Shannon Helton, bus driver, stated that if a student has two failing grades the student is not allowed to play sports. She also stated that it is more important that students have high moral values than have a regional title banner hanging in the gym.

Ma'kia Baker, a former Bradwell Institute student and a student at Armstrong State University, stated that her high school coach was like a second mother to her. She taught them high moral values and that there was more to sports than playing the game.

**Consent Agenda.** On recommendation by Dr. Scherer and on motion by Mr. Frasier, seconded by Mrs. Guyett, the Board unanimously approved the consent agenda as presented

with moving Personnel Recommendations to Executive Session.

**Adoption of Agenda**

**Approval of Minutes**

**Use of Facilities and Fund Raisers**

**Out of State Travel.** On recommendation by Dr. Scherer and on motion by Mrs. Carter, seconded by Mrs. Anderson, the Board unanimously approved Mary Guiendon and Beverly Faircloth to attend the Keep America Beautiful 58<sup>th</sup> National Conference in New Orleans on November 30-December 1, 2011.

**Club Request – Emerging Young Leaders.** On recommendation by Dr. Scherer and on motion by Mrs. Guyett, seconded by Mr. Frasier, the Board unanimously approved the club request as presented.

**Olvey Field Stadium Reconstruction Phase II.** On recommendation by Dr. Scherer and on motion by Mrs. Guyett, seconded by Mrs. Anderson, the Board unanimously approved the low bid from Pinnacle Prime @ \$6,713,000. This approval is based on pending reference checks and bid verification of the apparent low bidder.

**Board Member iPads.** On recommendation by Dr. Scherer and on motion by Mrs. Guyett, seconded by Mr. Frasier, the Board unanimously approved an amended budget for Board Members.

**Ft. Stewart Presentation – DES.** Julie Herrmann of Ft. Stewart gave a PowerPoint Presentation on “SPICE.” She is willing to present this information to the Principals.

**First Reading – Criminal Background Check (GAK-1).** Mary Alexander stated that this new language is from PSC.

**Update and Schedule for Selection of Energy Management Consultant.** Rodger Osborne presented the information of an Energy Management Consultant for the system. Mr. Osborne stated that 14 firms are interested. The Board gave consensus to proceed but did not indicate if they wish to interview the top 4 firms selected or if they prefer the committee to select the top firm.

**Proposed Millage Rate.** Jason Rogers stated that the school system’s millage rate will remain the same at last year @ 15.5 mills. Since the millage rate is the same, Mr. Rogers stated that we will not have to conduct the three public hearings. Mr. Rogers stated that the Board would need to schedule a Called Board Meeting to adopt the proposed millage rate. The Called Board Meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 28, 2011 @ 6:00 PM.

**Tribunal Report.** This information was distributed to the Board.

**Future Meetings & Events:**

- Student-Parent Community Info Night @ LCHS on Monday, November 14, 2011 at 6:00 PM
- School Board Visit on Thursday, November 17, 2011 @ 11:00 AM – Lyman Hall Elementary School
- No Work Session on Tuesday, November 22, 2011
- GSBA/GSSA Winter Conference on December 1-3, 2011
- Student-Parent Community Info Night @ BI on Tuesday, December 6, 2011 at 6:00 PM
- TOTY Program on Tuesday, December 13, 2011 @ 4:00 PM
- Board Meeting on Tuesday, December 13, 2011 @ 5:30 PM

**Executive Session – Personnel Recommendations & Tribunal Appeal.** On recommendation by Mr. Frasier, seconded by Mrs. Guyett, the Board entered Executive Session and on motion by Mrs. Guyett, seconded by Mrs. Anderson, the Board reconvened into general session.

**Personnel Recommendations.** On recommendation by Dr. Scherer and on motion by Mrs. Guyett, seconded by Mr. Frasier, the Board approved the Personnel Recommendations as presented with Mr. Woods “Abstaining.”

**Tribunal Appeal #2011-01.** On recommendation by Dr. Scherer and on motion by Mrs. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Frasier, the Board unanimously approved to uphold the Hearing Officer’s decision.

**Adjournment.** There was no further business and on motion by Mrs. Guyett, seconded by Mrs. Anderson, the meeting was adjourned.

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Secretary

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Chairman