

LIBERTY COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
August 9, 2011

The Liberty County Board of Education met for its regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, August 9, 2011, @ 5:30 PM with the following members in attendance:

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| 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 | Cheryl Conley, Deputy Superintendent |

Also present were: Gwen Stewart, Richard Hayes, Mary Alexander, Jason Rogers, Becky Kelly, Veronica Harris, Mindy Yanzetich, Scott Carrier, Sandy Jones, Harley Grove, ?, Chris Stacy, Danielle Hips, Kent Smith, Yvonne Smith, Rodger Osborne, Matthew Barrow, Patti Crane, Marcus Scott, Frenchi Jones, Delilah S. Norris and Bridget Tangorre-Randash.

Call to Order and Invocation. Mrs. Baker called the meeting to order and Minister Richard Hayes 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' Bowens presented the Good News in the Liberty County Schools. She presented three video clips from WTOC which covered: uniforms give-away, first day of school @ Joseph Martin Elementary School, and first day of school @ PreK.

Yvonne and Kent Smith, parents, had the following concerns: SAT and ACT testing not given in the county; parents have to travel out of the county for these tests. They also stated that with the high temperature outside the children should be allowed to wait indoors for parents to pick them up after school dismisses. Another concern was vehicles speeding in the school zones – no police available. They requested that school and military holidays be on the same days and free tutoring programs in the area for 7th and 8th graders so students can do better on tests.

Bridget Tangorre-Randash, parent, addressed the Board regarding the uniform policy. She stated that her kindergarten daughter was told her skirt did not meet the dress code requirements. The parent also stated that two years ago her older daughter was allowed to wear the same skirt to school. She wants clarification on the ruffles and gathering on skirts.

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

- Sandy Jones requests permission to attend the Learning Forward 2011 Annual Conference in Anaheim, CA, on December 3-7, 2011.
- Susan Norce requests permission to attend the Marzano's Building Engaged Schools Institute in Boston, MA, on October 3-4, 2011.

2nd Reading – Nepotism Policy (BHB). On recommendation by Dr. Scherer and on motion by Mrs. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Woods, the Board unanimously approved the policy as presented.

2nd Reading – Promotion and Retention Policy (IHE). On recommendation by Dr. Scherer and on motion by Mr. Frasier, seconded by Mrs. Guyett, the Board unanimously approved the policy as presented.

2nd Reading Medication Policy (JGCD). On recommendation by Dr. Scherer and on motion by Mrs. Anderson, seconded by Mrs. Guyett, the Board unanimously approved the policy as presented.

School Council Recommendations. On recommendation by Dr. Scherer and on motion by Mrs. Guyett, seconded by Mr. Woods, the Board unanimously approved the responses from the superintendent. Mrs. Baker stated that she wanted a timeline of when the items will be addressed. Mrs. Jones stated that the recommendation from Liberty Elementary requesting sidewalks to be installed along Edgewater Drive is being worked on.

Vacation Pay Regulations. On recommendation by Dr. Scherer and on motion by Mrs. Guyett, seconded by Mr. Frasier, the Board unanimously approved the vacation pay regulations as presented. The regulation will be attached to the Professional Personnel Leave and Absences Policy (GBRH).

LCHS Highway 38/84 Access. On recommendation by Dr. Scherer and on motion by Mrs. Jones, seconded by Mr. Frasier, the Board unanimously approved the final plans for Highway 38/84 Access and Site Improvement at Liberty County High School. Matthew Barrow from P.C. Simonton & Associates stated that with this additional access there will be

“right turn in” and two “right turn out” lanes with a proposed gate. DOT did not approve a “left turn out” at this access. The easement for the proposed access is large enough to support sidewalk installation for future usage. We hope to complete the project by the spring of 2012 before graduation.

Vote on District Lines for Elections. On recommendation by Dr. Scherer and on motion by Mrs. Guyett, seconded by Mrs. Anderson, the Board unanimously approved the new district lines noting the following caveats that are to be addressed and/or changed prior to the approval by the Justice Department:

- The agreed upon change on Gray Fox and Cinder Hill Road that affects District 4 and 6.
- The removal of the Long County citizens from the eastern border of District 3.

Agreement to Sell & Purchase Fill Dirt for Liberty Career Academy. Dr. Scherer stated that an agreement has not been secured from the county to sell and purchase fill dirt for the Liberty Career Academy. She also stated that an agreement was almost secured when language was added to the agreement.

Board Standards & Board of Distinction. Harley Grove distributed and presented the Board Standards & Board of Distinction guidelines. He stated that we do not have to go through the entire Board Standards process. He discussed the eight standards that the Board needs to address. The process needs to be completed by December 2011. The Board was asked to bring this information to the Board Retreat scheduled for Tuesday, August 23, 2011, immediately following the Board Work Session.

Proposed Secondary Assessment Transition Matrix. Dr. Scherer distributed and presented the proposed Secondary Assessment Transition Matrix. Mrs. Jones requested the current number of seniors, those who have passed the GHSGT & EOCT and those who have not passed these tests. She stated that we need to make sure each senior is aware of these changes. Mr. Carrier stated that Bradwell Institute and Liberty County High have scheduled a combined parent meeting to discuss the new changes. The parent meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 30, 2011 @ 6:30 PM at Liberty County High School.

Middle School Career Development Program. Dr. Scherer distributed and presented a memo from Sonja Duncan on the middle school course change. Due to not being able to locate two certified teachers in middle school CTAE, the plan is to offer courses in the Georgia Department of Education Career Development program as follows: 6th grade: Career Awareness; 7th grade: Career Discovery; and 8th grade: Career Management.

Future Meetings & Events:

- Board Work Session on Tuesday, August 23, 2011 @ 9:00 AM
- Board Retreat on Tuesday, August 23, 2011 @ 11:00 AM
- Board Meeting on Tuesday, September 13, 2011 @ 5:30 PM

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

Personnel Recommendations. On recommendation by Dr. Scherer and on motion by Mrs. Carter, seconded by Mr. Frasier, the Board unanimously approved the Personnel Recommendations as presented.

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

Secretary

Chairman