

FORMAL SESSION MEETING

Tuesday, May 9, 2023, 1:00 PM
Houston County Board of Education
Board Room
1100 Main Street
Perry, Georgia 31069

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 PM by Mrs. Helen Hughes, Board Chair. Other Board members present were Dr. Rick Unruh, Vice Chair, Mr. Dave Crockett, Mr. Mark Ivory, Mrs. Lori Johnson, Mr. Jon Nichols and Mr. Bryan Upshaw. Dr. Mark Scott, Superintendent of Schools and Mr. Billy Jerles, Board Attorney were also in attendance.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

After a pause for a moment of silence, the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag was led by two students from Lake Joy Primary, Khloe Kim and Paxton Nichols.

III. Introduction of Visitors

a. Lake Joy Primary

Principal, Dr. Sonya Kiefer
Teacher, Mrs. Lindsey Clark
Students, Khloe Kim and Paxton Nichols

b. Matt Arthur Elementary

Principal, Dr. VaRee Harrell
Teacher, Mrs. Jessica Augsburger
Students, Colin Carr and Kaylen Petty

c. Pearl Stephens Elementary

Principal, Mrs. Gloria Smith
Teacher, Ms. Donna Lowry
Students, Breanna Lott and Amellia Wang

d. Tucker Elementary

Principal, Mrs. Eddie Williams
Teacher, Ms. LaTasha Zellner
Students, Mackenzie Clarrington and Sahil Patel

e. Georgia Scholars

Houston County High School

- Seojin Choli
- Georgia Hayes
- Hannah Koppel
- Andy Lu
- Tyler Nguyen

Northside High School

- Megan D'Angelo

Perry High School

- Luke Cauley

Veterans High School

- Michael Minix III

Warner Robins High School

- Daiven Abram

f. FBLA State Winners

Perry High School

- Cole Kleinebeker: Coding and Programming

g. FCCLA State Winners

Perry Middle School

- Emmagrace Goodman, Weslyn Wood: Entrepreneurship
- Harper Lasseter: National Programs in Action
- Kayla Gaines, Chloe Oglesby, Dalia Vega-Lopez: Promote and Publicize FCCLA
- Stella Wood: Creed Speaking

Houston College and Career Academy

- Zoi Murray, Samuel Rieker, Janie Martin and William Reynolds: Single Script Video

Houston County High School

- Amber Iglinsky and Mackensie Walker, Chapter Service Project Display
- Laney Davis: Public Policy Advocate

Perry High School

- Amelia Kelly, Sara Ford, Jersey Wright, Kaneisha Tolbert, Jhadailyonna Royal, Harmony Taylor, Chyna Lee and LaTreveian Crowder: Parliamentary Procedures, Level 3

- Addison Bigler, Gracie Atkinson, Dallas Locke, Alyssa Butts, Ayana Plummer and Carson Kelly: Parliamentray Procedures, Level 2

Veterans High School

- Lakyn Summers, T'ericia Bracewell, Jasyria Moody and Maddy Lathrop: FCCLA Knowledge Bowl Team
- Noah Rios: Sustainability Challenge

h. FFA State Champions

Perry High School

- Alainey Breaux
- Anna Lee Raines
- Nolan Osborne
- Addison Fuchs
- James McNeal

- IV. Adopt Agenda**
 Moved (Unruh), seconded (Crockett), and carried by a vote of 7-0 to adopt the agenda as presented.
- V. Approve Minutes from Previous Meeting**
 Moved (Unruh), seconded (Upshaw), and carried by a vote of 7-0 to adopt the minutes as presented from the Regular Meeting, April 18, 2023.
- VI. Board Member Comments**
- VII. Superintendent's Report**
- VIII. Intermission For Students To Return to Schools**
- IX. Department Reports**
- a. District and School Effectiveness Report**
 - b. Facilities Report**
 - c. Student Services Report**
 - d. Teaching and Learning Report**
- X. New Business**
- a. Fiscal Year 2024 Budget Hearing**
 Mr. William R. Jerles, School Board Attorney, began the New Business by opening the hearing for the Fiscal Year 2024 Budget. Mrs. Michelle Morris spoke in favor of the budget, and there were none present who spoke in opposition to the budget.
 - b. Tentative Fiscal Year 2024 Budget**
 Moved (Nichols), seconded (Crockett) and carried by a vote of 7-0 to approve the tentative Fiscal Year 2024 Budgets for the District, including General Fund, Debt Service Fund, Capital Projects Fund, and Other Programs.
 The General Fund budget contains expenditures of \$384,517,709 and a projected ending fund balance of \$57,289,855.
 The Debt Service and Capital Projects Funds include expenditures of \$9,580,750 and \$65,940,962 respectively.
 The overall budget for the Board of Education is expected to be \$542,518,305 including potential and expected grants of \$82,478,884. Upon Tentative Board approval of the 2024 Proposed Budget, the budget will be advertised for public input.
 The plan is to seek final approval at the Regular Board Meeting, June 13, 2023, after another Budget Hearing scheduled for that day.
 Included in the Tentative Budget Proposal are all of the items presented in the Supplemental Budget Request. Included are 45 additional personnel, step increases for certified personnel, local step increases for classified personnel, a 4.31% increase in the Houston County Certified Salary Schedule for certified employees, and a 4.31% Cost of Living raise for all classified employees. In addition, textbooks, equipment purchases, vehicle replacements, additional SROs, and bus purchases totaling \$6,229,042 have been included.
 - c. Financial Reports**
 Moved (Crockett), seconded (Johnson) and carried by a vote of 7-0 to approve the Financial Reports for March 2023. The Financial Reports for the month of April 2023, were preliminary and for information only.
Balances as of March 31, 2023

General Fund Balance	\$85,790,578.67
Debt Service Fund Balance	\$8,971,368.11
Capital Project Fund Balance	\$68,054,518.47

Preliminary Balances as of April 30, 2023

General Fund Balance	\$80,389,973.07
Debt Service Fund Balance	\$8,971,368.11
Capital Project Fund Balance	\$ 68,042,593.26

d. Purchasing Report

Moved (Upshaw), seconded (Crockett) and carried by a vote of 7-0 to approve the Purchasing Report. The Financial Impact is:

ESSER III ARP Funds \$985,228.04

e. Surplus Vehicles

Moved (Johnson), seconded (Unruh) and carried by a vote of 7-0 to approve seven surplus vehicles due to high mileage and substantial repair. The financial impact will be based from bids on GOVDeals.com.

f. Personnel Report

Moved (Ivory), seconded (Johnson) and carried by a vote of 7-0 to approve the Personnel Report as presented.

g. Agreement with Snowco General Contractors Inc. for Feagin Mill Middle School Parking and Site Improvements

Moved (Crockett), seconded (Unruh) and carried by a vote of 7-0 to approve the agreement with Snowco General Contractors Inc. for the Feagin Mill Middle School parking and site improvements.

h. Policy Revision – Policy DJEA Purchasing Authority

Moved (Unruh), seconded (Johnson) and carried by a vote of 7-0 to approve the Policy Revision – Policy DJEA Purchasing Authority. The revised policy aligns the purchasing authority with policy DJED, which was revised in 2020.

i. Policy Revision – Policy FGG Facility Expansion Change Order

Moved (Ivory), seconded (Nichols) and carried by a vote of 7-0 to approve the Policy Revision - Policy FGG Facility Expansion Change Order. The revised policy aligns the requirements for construction change orders with policies DJEA and DJED.

j. Policy Revision – Policy JCD Student Conduct

Moved (Johnson), seconded (Crockett) and carried by a vote of 7-0 to approve the Policy Revision – Policy JCD Student Conduct. The revised policy clarifies the Student Code of Conduct by adding two definitions and two new behaviors.

k. Increase in School Meal Prices

Moved (Upshaw), seconded (Johnson) and carried by a vote of 7-0 to approve the increase in school meal prices. Student breakfast prices would increase from \$1.75 to \$2.00, elementary school lunches would increase from \$2.50 to \$2.75, and middle and high school lunch prices would increase from \$2.75 to \$3.00.

Adult breakfast prices would increase from \$2.00 to \$2.25, and adult lunch prices would increase from \$3.75 to \$5.25. Adult meal prices have not increased since August 2017.

XI. Persons Who Wish to Address The Board

a. Ms. Courtney Flores

Ms. Courtney Flores addressed the Board with concerns about the Autistic Program at Feagin Mill Middle where her son is a student. She provided handouts on neurodiversity in the public schools.

XII. Executive Session

During the Work Session held Monday, May 8, 2023, Chair Mrs. Helen Hughes requested a motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose of Personnel Matters and Superintendent Evaluation. The motion was made (Nichols), seconded (Upshaw) and carried by a vote of 7-0 to enter into Executive Session.

Moved (Unruh), seconded (Crockett) and carried by a vote of 7-0 to return to Open Session. Board Chair, Mrs. Helen Hughes completed an Affidavit stating that while in Executive Session no votes were taken and only the items listed were discussed.

XIII. Personnel Matters

Moved (Crockett), seconded (Upshaw) and carried by a vote of 7-0 to approve the Superintendent's recommendation for Mrs. Trathenia

Evans for the position of Assistant Principal for Instruction at Northside Middle School.

Moved (Nichols), seconded (Ivory) and carried by a vote of 7-0 to approve the Superintendent's recommendation for Mrs. Amanda Parker for the position of Assistant Principal for Discipline split between Bonaire Elementary and Bonaire Primary Schools.

XIV. Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the Board, Mrs. Helen Hughes requested a motion to adjourn the Regular Meeting. The motion to adjourn (Crockett), seconded (Nichols) and carried by a vote of 7-0 to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at approximately 2:11 PM.

Date Approved

Chair, Mrs. Helen Hughes

Superintendent, Dr. Mark Scott

Supporting documents and presentations are incorporated in the minutes by reference and are archived on the Board Meeting webpage at www.hcbe.net.