



# OCONEE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

## MINUTES SPECIAL SESSION May 5, 2008

- CALL TO ORDER** The special session of the Oconee County BOE was held in the Conference Room, 34 School Street, Watkinsville, GA, on Monday, May 5, 2008, at 5:00 p.m. Chair, Chris Franklin, called the meeting to order.
- ROLL CALL** Present: Chris Franklin, Mack Guest, Tommy Malcom, David Weeks and David Williams
- Special note: some votes were 4-0 due to the fact that Tommy Malcom was late arriving and David Weeks left early
- AMENDED AGENDA** On motion of Mack Guest, second by David Williams, the Board voted 4-0 to amend the following agenda items: item VI, 4C was struck from the agenda; Policy BCAB was added as item V, 3.
- AGENDA APPROVAL** On motion of David Williams, second by Mack Guest, the Board voted 4-0 to approve the amended meeting agenda.
- EXECUTIVE SESSION** On motion of David Weeks, second by Mack Guest, the Board voted 4-0 to go into Executive Session at 5:02 pm for the purpose of discussing personnel.
- On motion of David Williams, second by David Weeks, the Board voted 5-0 to reconvene in Open Session at 6:00 pm.
- On motion of Tommy Malcom, second by Mack Guest, the Board voted 5-0 to approve the personnel report as submitted:

<u>Name</u>	<u>School</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Certification</u>	<u>New/Replace.</u>	<u>Last Employer</u>
Brodrick, Susan	CFES	Teacher	T5	Replacement (7/31/08)	Oconee County
Tinnell, Lori	MBES	Paraprofessional		Replacement (7/31/08)	OCSS Substitute
Costigan, Renee	MBMS/NOHS	Teacher	T6	New (7/31/08)	Gwinnett County
Guidry, Lara	MBMS	Teacher	T5	New (7/31/08)	Gwinnett County
Hutto, Ken	NOHS	Teacher	T5	New (7/31/08)	Clarke County
Krieger, Robert	NOHS	Teacher	T4	New (7/31/08)	Barrow County
Schafer, Kathryn	NOHS	Teacher	T5	New (7/31/08)	Walton County
Hanson, Rachael	OCHS	Teacher	T4	Replacement (7/31/08)	Houston County
McClellan, Kim	OCHS	Teacher 50%	T5	New (7/31/08)	Oconee County
West, Darren	OCHS	Teacher	T4	Replacement (7/31/08)	Newton County
Youngblood, Michael	OCHS	Teacher/Head Basketball Coach	T4	New (7/31/08)	Hall County
Redwine, Dana	OCPS	Paraprofessional		Replacement (7/31/08)	OCSS Substitute
Tomlinson, Janet	System	Teacher	T5	New (7/31/08)	OCSS/GA DOE

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**TRANSFERS:**

Morse, Stephanie	FROM: CFES Title I Paraprofessional	TO: CFES Regular Ed. Paraprofessional (7/31/08)
Black, Paige	FROM: MBMS Nurse 4 hrs.	TO: MBMS Nurse 7 hrs. (7/31/08)
Maldonado, Esperanza	FROM: NOHS Food Service Asst.	TO: MBMS Food Service Asst. (4/21/08)
Paul, Tina	FROM: NOHS Paraprofessional	TO: NOHS Attendance Secretary (7/31/08)
Hayes, Tony	FROM: System Maintenance	TO: System Technology (5/6/08)

**RESIGNATIONS:**

Schultz, Alisa	MBES	Teacher	Resignation (5/28/08)	Another job/UGA
Donaldson, Brian	OCHS	Teacher	Resignation (5/28/08)	Moving out of state
Funderburke, Ashley	OCHS	Teacher	Resignation (5/28/08)	Another job/Greene County
Cole, Michelle	OCMS	Teacher	Resignation (4/28/08)	Personal reasons
Davis, Jimmy	OCMS	Paraprofessional	Resignation (5/27/08)	Personal reasons
Hutchens, Lauren	OCPs	Teacher	Resignation (5/28/08)	Desires transfer to upper grade
Page, Richard	Transportation	Bus Driver	Resignation (4/15/08)	Personal reasons

**RETIREMENTS:**

Williams, Beth	System	Asst. Supt. for Human Resources	Retirement (6/30/08)
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**TERMINATIONS:**

Parks, Elaine	CFES	Custodian	Termination (4/18/08)
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**SUBSTITUTES (CLASSROOM):**

Jackson, Meredith	Lawrence, Sara	Peden, David	Pizarek, Lisa
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**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

Dr. Dohrmann informed the Board that a tentative budget would be submitted for approval at the May 12, 2008 regular session and that they would be asked to adopt the final budget at the June 9, 2008 regular session. This would give Mr. Morrison the month of May to advertise as dictated by law and forego the need for a special session at the end of June and the work session in July. The millage rate is expected to stay at 16.5 mils + 1.0 mils for debt reduction (OCHS, MBMS) = 17.5 mils. The local digest figures have not been received at this point.

The Superintendent announced that a charter petition for the Oconee School of Math and Science was received on April 15, 2008 and that he was asking the Board to take the petition under consideration and to render a decision at the June 9, 2008 meeting. The school system welcomes any input on the matter. Dr. Dohrmann recognized the Board of the proposed school and said that they would be welcome to speak to the Board at the regular session on May 12<sup>th</sup>. He then introduced Dr. Ismailcem Budak Arpinar, CEO of Oconee Science Academy, Inc. and President of the Board for the proposed Oconee School of Math and Science. Dr. Arpinar introduced Dr. Caner Kazanci, Secretary; Ibrahim Demir, Member and Dr. Samir Trabelsi, Member of the Board. Also in attendance was Namik Sercan, acting as counsel for their Board. The fifth board member is Dr. Michelle Garfield Cook who was in Oxford, England and unable to attend.

Dr. Dohrmann pointed out the need to amend Policy BCAB (Regular Board Meetings) to reflect the 5 pm start time.

PRESENTATIONS  
AND DISCUSSIONS

Human Resources: Beth Williams announced that there were 25.5 new certified positions approved by the Board for the upcoming school year and 42 replacement positions, for a total of 67.5 positions. There are currently seven openings: Malcom Bridge Elementary School (one SLP), North Oconee High School (one Athletic Trainer), Oconee County High School (one Athletic Trainer), Oconee County Middle School (7<sup>th</sup> grade Math teacher – a teacher had been hired, but resigned when her house did not sale) and at the Central Office (one Asst. Supt. of Instruction – interviews Wednesday, one Director of Assessment and School Improvement – interviews next week, and one Asst. Supt. for Human Resources – will be advertised Tuesday, May 6<sup>th</sup>). Dr. Dohrmann thanked Mrs. Williams for her years of service to the school system and wished her well on her retirement.

Office of Finance: Randy Morrison announced that the final Audit Report had been received with an accompanying letter outlining recommendations. It was a clean audit and the recommendations are being addressed internally. He distributed a tentative budget for all July 1, 2008 – June 30, 2009 funds to the Board and went over various points outlined in the budget. There were some questions from the Board regarding how much expenditures had increased over the last year, when the school system could expect to receive taxes, what accounting methods were set up for uncollected taxes and what constituted special collections.

Office of Instruction: The Board had requested that the report on Technology and Special Education be held until next week. Dr. Wright stated that they were well pleased with the Carnegie Learning Program chosen for the *9-12 Math textbook adoption*. She announced that Honors Government will be taught in 9<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> grades next year and asked if there were any questions regarding the *Honors Government textbook adoption*; there were none. The *CTAE textbook adoption* information was not available at the meeting, but is now posted on the e-BOARD site. Dr. Hale stated that a *technology surplus* listing is conducted twice a year. This surplus is made up of outdated and donated equipment. The Technology Department is currently looking for a company to pick up the equipment and perhaps pay the system for the equipment. If this does not work out, the school system will use the Clarke County disposal. There may be a few employees who bid on some of the equipment.

Student Support Services: *Grounds Maintenance Bid-On* March 26<sup>th</sup>, the Board requested that Dr. Jackson look into a bid for Grounds Maintenance. A pre-bid conference was held on April 9<sup>th</sup> and the final bid was held on April 23<sup>rd</sup>. There were four companies who qualified: Georgia Landscapes, Inc., Green Grass Lawn Service (although they did not have all requested documentation), Ruppert Nurseries and GCA Services Group. Dr. Jackson went over the bids presented by each group. With the exception of Green Grass Lawn Service, all of the companies' bids were over what is expended by the current Oconee County School System Grounds Department. In addition to a lower annual expense (which included salaries and benefits), the system also has \$53,307 in equipment and a building valued at \$750,000. *Local Facilities Plan-On* April 29<sup>th</sup>, the

Comprehensive Facilities Survey Team for the Oconee County School System met and reviewed the facilities of the school system. They are responsible for reviewing the Local Facilities Plan and making recommendations that provide equal educational opportunity for all students of Oconee County. Dr. Jackson highlighted various aspects of the plan. The final summary included \$4,321,028 of State Entitlement funds and \$34,209,273 of all local funding. Steve McCune with Southern A&E provides a review of the facilities as part of the service provided to the county at no additional charge. The Local Facilities Plan drives the money received from the state allotment. *Student Handbook/Code of Conduct*-changes were made to rules 2, 6, 18 and 21 in the *Code of Conduct*. Dr. Jackson outlined some of the changes and the reasons for them. *North Oconee High School Field Trip Request*- Brian Bishop is requesting permission to take the NOHS Volleyball team to the University of Florida for a clinic and tournament on July 18-20, 2008.

ADJOURNMENT

On motion of David Williams, second by Tommy Malcom, the Board voted 4-0 to adjourn at 6:57 p.m.

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