

**Summers County Board of Education  
Regular Meeting Minutes  
January 23, 2020, 6:00 p.m.**

**1. Roll Call**

The Summers County Board of Education met in a regular meeting on January 23, 2020, 6:00 p.m. in the board office conference room with Mr. Stanley Duncan, Board President presiding over the meeting with the following board members present: Mr. Jay McBride, Mr. Robert Angell, Mrs. Jackie Farley, and Mr. Kenny Brogan – by phone.

Other staff members present: Mrs. Kimberly Rodes, Superintendent; Mr. Eric Widdoes, Director; Mrs. Renae Jones, Director; Dr. Linda Knott, Director; Mr. Bryan Boone, Director; and Mrs. Lauren Crook, Business Manager.

**2. Invocation/Pledge of Allegiance**

The invocation was given by Mr. Angell followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**3. Approval of Agenda/Adjustments**

Mr. Duncan made a motion to move Item #6, Public Comment after Item #13 Superintendent's Report, seconded by Mr. Angell and by unanimous vote, this change was approved.

Mrs. Farley made a motion to pull out Item #11K to vote on separately, seconded by Mr. Angell and by unanimous vote, this change was approved.

Upon a motion by Mr. Duncan seconded by Mrs. Farley and by unanimous vote, the board approved the agenda with the changes.

**4. Approval of Minutes**

Upon a motion by Mrs. Farley, seconded by Mr. McBride and by unanimous vote, the board approved the following minutes, as recommended by the superintendent:

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**5. Presentations**

None

**6. Public Comment**

This item was moved after #13

**7. Approval of Bills**

Upon a motion by Mrs. Farley seconded by Mr. Angell and by a 3-0 vote (Mr. Duncan and Mr. Brogan abstained), the bills were approved for payment, as recommended by the superintendent:

**8. Approve Transfers and Supplements**

None

**9. Old Business**

Mr. Duncan made a motion to go into Executive Session at 6:06 p.m. (Pursuant to 6-9A-4 Paragraph 4), seconded by Mr. McBride.

Upon returning to regular session at 6:34 Mr. Duncan called the meeting back to order.

Mr. Duncan made a motion that no action be taken on Item #9A and tabled until the next board meeting, seconded by Mr. Angell and by unanimous vote:

A. **DISCUSSION AND/OR ACTION SUPERINTENDENT CONTRACT RENEWAL**

Upon a motion by Mr. Angell, seconded by Mrs. Farley and by a 4-0 vote (Mr. Duncan abstained), the board approved the following policy to be approved, as recommended by the superintendent:

B. **Approve Policy – VI-B-1 Instruction Materials and Resources Adoption**

**10. New Business**

A. **Discussion and/or Action to Approve Purchases over \$5,000**

Tiny house – supplies to begin the new house: Upon a motion by Mr. Duncan seconded by Mr. Angell and by unanimous vote, the board approved the Tiny house purchase of \$10,000, as recommended by the superintendent.

Energy Express - Upon a motion by Mr. Duncan seconded by Mrs. Farley and by unanimous vote, the board approved \$7,700 for Energy Express, as recommended by the superintendent.

CTE Screen Print – Upon a motion by Mr. Duncan, seconded by Mr. Angell and by unanimous vote, the board approved \$5,495 for a CTE Screen Print, as recommended by the superintendent.

CSI Rear Projection – Upon a motion by Mr. Duncan, seconded by Mrs. Farley and by unanimous vote, the board approved \$6,258 for the CSI Grant Rear Projection, as recommended by the superintendent.

Bid for the current Tiny house – Upon a motion by Mr. Angell, seconded by Mr. McBride the board approved the bid amount for the current Tiny house for \$6,000 and approved that the central office write the bid for the Tiny house.

Upon a motion by Mrs. Farley, seconded by Mr. Angell and by unanimous vote, the board approved the following new business, as recommended by the superintendent:

B. **Approve out of State Trip, Richard Woods, Oak Ridge TN, Retroactive to January 17, 2020**

**11. Personnel Items**

Upon a motion by Mr. Angell, seconded by Mrs. Farley and by unanimous vote, the board approved all personnel items except Item#11K, as recommended by the superintendent:

Upon a motion by Mr. Angell, seconded by Mr. McBride and by 4-0 vote (Mrs. Farley abstained and left the room for the vote), the board approved Item #11K, as recommended by the superintendent:

- A. Approve Medical Leave, **Ruth Gill** @ Hinton Area Elementary, effective January 2, 2020
- B. Approve Resignation, **Briana Miller**, Substitute Teacher, effective today
- C. Approve Resignation, **Nancy Auvil**, Substitute Teacher/Homebound Teacher, effective January 23, 2020
- D. Approve Resignation, **Marty Mann**, Alternative Education Teacher at Summers Middle School, effective today
- E. Kindergarten Teacher at Jumping Branch Elementary, remainder of the 2019-2020 school term, state scale, pending documentation and certification, **Pearl Knott**
- F. Homebound Teacher and Special Education Homebound Teacher, as needed, \$23.00 per hour, **Selina Foster, Haley Lane, Rhonnie Clay**
- G. Mentor Teacher, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Nine Weeks, \$300.00, **Kristin Richmond** ~ 5<sup>th</sup> Grade @ Talcott Elementary
- H. Substitute Aide/Bus Monitor, remainder of the 2019-2020 school term, state scale, **Brenda Allen**
- I. Substitute Custodians, remainder of the 2019-2020 school term, state scale, **Brenda Allen**
- J. Substitute Cook, remainder of the 2019-2020 school term, state scale, **Brenda Allen**
- K. Bus Operator – Bus #44, remainder of the 2019-2020 school term, state scale, **Joe Farley**
- L. Bus Operator – Bus #152, remainder of the 2019-2020 school term, state scale, **Elizabeth Brown**

**12. Approve In/Out of County Request**

None, no action taken.

**13. Superintendent's Report**

Update on CTE – Mrs. Jones is working on the application for an Electrical Program

**14. Public Comment**

Jack Jones – Substitute Teacher in Summers County commented how Summers County made the hiring process easy and was very knowledgeable. He commented on how Summers County Schools are like families and that this county is very unique.

Larry Cochran – Warehouse Clerk in Summers County commented on a hypothetical question he has posed to employees and non-employees of Summers County Schools if they would renew Ms. Rodes contract or not and that he received 3 different answers. He also commented on that fact that tabling the contract left employees confused and uneasy as to whom the next boss would be.

Greg Angell – Parent commented on a book that was given as a reading assignment at Summers County High School and how that is was inappropriate for high school aged children. He would also like to see a change to the 6-A-5 policy.

**15. Discussion of Next Agenda**

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6-A-5 on review for discussion or action

Discussion and/or Action concerning literary review

Next meeting is at Talcott Elementary February 13<sup>th</sup> @ 5:00 p.m.

**16. Adjournment**

Upon a motion by Mrs. Farley the meeting was adjourned at 7:18 p.m.