**COFFEE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**MINUTES OF**

**November 3, 2016**

A regular meeting of the Coffee County Board of Education was held on November 3, 2016, at 5:30 p.m. in the Board of Education Office, Elba, Alabama.

# MEMBERS PRESENT

Mike Bailey, Jimmy Clark, Larry Eddins, Shag LaPrade, Rubin McKinnon (entered meeting during the technology update), Brian McLeod, Galen McWaters, and Terry W. Weeks, Superintendent

# MEMBERS ABSENT

None

# STAFF PRESENT

Tami Crosby, Kevin Killingsworth, Heatherly Smith, Shannon Odom, Jennifer Piland and Donna Hataway

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Deputy Shawn Sawyer (SRO), Dale Marsh (Board Attorney), Linda Hodge (Elba Clipper) and Cassie Gibbs (Southeast Sun)

**CALL TO ORDER, PRAYER, AND PLEDGE**

Mr. Bailey called the meeting to order. Mr. Clark opened the meeting with prayer and Mr. LaPrade led the pledge.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

Mr. Clark made a motion to adopt the agenda as presented. A second was made by Mr. Eddins and passed unanimously.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF OCTOBER 6, 2016**

Mr. Bailey asked if there were corrections to the minutes of October 6, 2016. No corrections were noted; therefore, the minutes were approved as printed.

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR SEPTEMBER 2016**

A copy of the September 2016 financial report was provided in each member’s packet.

**ANNOUNCEMENT OF ANNUAL PUBLIC MEETING – PUBLIC INPUT**

Mr. Bailey announced that November is the month designated to hold the annual meeting to allow the public the opportunity to speak without having requested to appear before the Board. He then asked if anyone would like to address the Board. No one took the opportunity to address the Board.

**TECHNOLOGY UPDATE – TAMI CROSBY**

Technology Coordinator, Tami Crosby, discussed the following technology plans:

* Update infrastructure to support additional devices needed in schools
* Replace/Add devices in classrooms throughout the district

Mrs. Crosby advised board members that the updates will be funded as follows:

* E-Rate - $110,000
* Alabama Ahead Act Allocation - $44,960
* Capital Outlay - $250,000

(Mr. McKinnon entered the meeting during the above discussion.) Mr. Weeks stated he hopes to get approval in December to begin purchasing technology items.

**PERSONNEL**

Mr. Weeks recommended the following personnel action be approved as presented in writing.

**Certificated Personnel**

Grant a leave request from **Meagan Harrelson**, English Language Arts teacher at New Brockton High School. Mrs. Harrelson’s leave will begin on December 2, 2016, and end tentatively on February 1, 2017.

**Classified Personnel**

None

Mr. LaPrade made a motion to approve Mr. Weeks’ personnel recommendation. A second was made by Mr. Clark and passed unanimously.

**ELECTION OF BOARD OFFICERS**

Mr. Bailey opened the floor for nominations for Board President. Mr. McWaters nominated Mr. McLeod and Mr. Eddins nominated Mr. Bailey. A motion to close nominations was made by Mr. LaPrade, seconded by Mr. Clark, and passed unanimously. Voting for Mr. McLeod was: Mr. LaPrade, Mr. McWaters, Mr. Bailey and Mr. McLeod. Voting for Mr. Bailey was Mr. Clark, Mr. Eddins and Mr. McKinnon. Mr. McLeod was elected as Board President.

Mr. Bailey opened the floor for nominations for Vice President. Mr. LaPrade nominated Mr. McWaters. No additional nominations were made. Mr. Clark made a motion to close nominations. Mr. LaPrade made a second to the motion and it passed unanimously. The Board unanimously voted for Mr. McWaters to serve as Vice President.

**RECOGNITION OF BOARD MEMBERS**

Mr. Weeks expressed appreciation and gratitude to Mr. Clark for his service and dedication as a member of the Coffee County Board of Education from 1998 through 2016. Mr. Clark was presented with a plaque in recognition of his service.

Mr. Weeks presented a plaque to Mr. LaPrade in recognition of his service and dedication as a member of the Coffee County Board of Education from 2010 through 2016. Appreciation was expressed to Mr. LaPrade for his service.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

* Mr. LaPrade expressed his pleasure in working with everyone in the school system and gave special thanks to central office personnel for their support throughout his term of office.
* Mr. Clark noted that he has seen numerous accomplishments in our school system during his tenure as a board member. He thanked the administrators, teachers and staff for their hard work and thanked the central office staff for always supporting him.
* Board members expressed appreciation to both Mr. Clark and Mr. LaPrade for their dedication to the Coffee County School System. They recognized both men for their professionalism and for making the best interest of the employees and students a priority.
* Mr. Eddins congratulated the students honored at Zion Chapel’s “A” Club Breakfast. He also commended Kasey Vinson, art teacher at Zion Chapel School, for her excellent work in our system. Mr. Eddins noted that Mrs. Vinson is a true artist, evident by the murals she created at New Brockton Elementary School.
* Mr. McWaters noted that the Coffee County Soil and Water Conservation District and National Security recently hosted Wildlife Field Day for fifth graders from Coffee County, Enterprise and Elba Schools. He noted that our students were commended for good behavior and attentiveness throughout the day.
* Mr. Bailey stated it had been an honor to serve as Board President the past year.

**SUPERINTENDENT’S COMMENTS**

* Rachel Nowling of New Brockton Elementary School was selected as the system’s Teacher of the Month. Tammy Mullins, custodian at New Brockton High School was selected as the system’s Employee of the Month. Each honoree received a plaque and gift bag.
* Mr. Weeks congratulated the school bands for special awards received.
* All three volleyball teams advanced to the Super Regional Tournament.
* New Brockton and Kinston volleyball teams advanced to the state tournament, making the Top Eight.
* New Brockton football team plays in the first round at home tomorrow night.
* Mr. Weeks thanked Mr. Clark and Mr. LaPrade for their support.

**NOTICE OF NEXT REGULAR MEETING**

The next regular meeting will be held on December 1, 2016, 5:30 p.m.

**ADJOURN**

There being no additional business, the meeting adjourned.