**COFFEE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**

**MINUTES OF**

**OCTOBER 26, 2015**

A special meeting of the Coffee County Board of Education was held on October 26, 2015, at 12:00 noon in the Board of Education Office, Elba, Alabama.

# MEMBERS PRESENT

Mike Bailey, Jimmy Clark, Larry Eddins, Shag LaPrade, Rubin McKinnon (entered meeting as noted under *Approval of bid for Kinston Gymnasium Addition and Renovation*), Galen McWaters, Brian McLeod, and Terry Weeks (Interim Superintendent)

# MEMBERS ABSENT

None

# STAFF PRESENT

Donna Hataway and Carol Mooney

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Linda Hodge (Elba Clipper), Courtney Gilley (Enterprise Ledger), Cassie Gibbs (Southeast Sun), and James Tarbox (Board Attorney)

**CALL TO ORDER, PRAYER AND PLEDGE**

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

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF OCTOBER 1, 2015**

Mr. LaPrade provided Board members the opportunity for the reading of the minutes of October 1, 2015. No member wished to have the minutes read and no changes were requested, therefore the minutes were approved as printed.

**APPROVAL OF BID FOR KINSTON GYMNASIUM ADDITION AND RENOVATION**

Bids for Kinston gymnasium addition and renovation were opened at the Coffee County Board of Education on October 22, 2015, 2:00 p.m. The following bids were received:

Company Bid

Bullard-Cook, Inc. $ 898,000

Pemberton, Inc. $ 952,000

Wyatt Sasser Construction $ 925,640

Diversified General Contractors $1,077,799

Mr. Weeks recommended the low bid of $898,000 from Bullard-Cook, Inc. be awarded. A motion was made by Mr. Clark and seconded by Mr. Bailey to approve the recommendation. (Mr. McKinnon entered the meeting at this point.) After a brief discussion, the Board voted unanimously to accept Mr. Weeks’ recommendation.

**SUPERINTENDENT SEARCH**

Mr. LaPrade reported that AASB informed him that the Board has no further obligation in regard to the applicants for the superintendent position. Law requires posting and announcement of the vacancy and those requirements have been met. The Board will announce the name of the finalist and vote during the November 12 meeting. A committee will then be selected to negotiate a contract with the finalist.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Mr. Weeks recommended the Board enter executive session to discuss a student matter. Mr. Tarbox certified that the proposed executive session as recommended by the superintendent involves a matter in which the Board may have pending litigation. A motion was made by Mr. Bailey and seconded by Mr. Clark to enter executive session. Board members cast individual votes in unanimous agreement to enter executive session. Mr. Weeks estimated executive session to last approximately 15 minutes. Executive session began at 12:11 p.m. and the meeting returned to open session at 12:38 p.m. Mr. LaPrade stated that no votes were taken and no decisions were made.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

Board members made the following comments:

* Kinston and New Brockton football teams advance to the playoffs.
* Kinston and New Brockton volleyball teams competed at Super Regionals last week and made the Elite 8. Both teams will compete in the state tournament this week.
* School bands were congratulated for successful marching seasons.
* Mr. McWaters toured Kinston’s tunnel house last week. He expressed appreciation to Commissioner Dean Smith for his assistance and commended Scott Crosby for the great job he is doing at Kinston.
* Fifth graders visited National Security for Forestry Wildlife Day.
* New Brockton FFA helped plant strawberries at Country Best Farm last week.

**SUPERINTENDENT’S COMMENTS**

Mr. Weeks reported on the following items and extended congratulations to various individuals and groups:

* Congratulations to Caroline Hataway for achieving the highest overall score at the Coffee County Honor’s Boll.
* Appreciation expressed to Gray Harrison and Meagan Driggers for organizing the Honor’s Boll.
* Congratulations to New Brockton’s band for earning superior ratings, the first in more than six years.
* Congratulations to Zion Chapel’s band for receiving 2’s in a recent competition. The drum major, percussion, color guard, majorettes, and dance line received 1’s. Their dance line and majorettes were named Best in Class and the dance line scored highest in the competition.
* Congratulations to Kinston’s band for receiving superior ratings in two recent competitions. Color guard, band, majorettes, and dance line received Best in Class in their division.
* Congratulations to New Brockton’s and Kinston’s volleyball teams. Both teams competed in Super Regionals and advanced to state, part of the Elite 8.
* New Brockton will host the first round of football playoffs on November 6.
* Kinston football team plays at Maplesville in the first round of playoffs. This is the sixth year straight they have competed in the playoffs.
* Parent-Teacher Visitation was held last week with great participation. Kinston had 336 visits, New Brockton Elementary had 285 visits, New Brockton High had 160 visits, and Zion Chapel had 578 visits.
* The Board is invited to breakfast at Zion Chapel to honor 90+ students who made the *All A Club*.

**NOTICE OF NEXT REGULAR MEETING**

The next regular meeting will be held on November 12, 2015, 5:30 p.m.

**ADJOURN**

There being no additional business, the meeting adjourned.