

Social Circle City Schools
Meeting Minutes

September Board Meeting
09/09/2021 06:30 PM
154 Alcova Drive
Social Circle, GA 30025
Middle School Activity Center

Mr. John Callahan - Chairman
Ms. Sabrina Sanford-Flint - Vice Chair
Dr. Robbie Hooker - Superintendent

Attendees

Voting Members

Mr. John Callahan, Chair
Mr. Rico Jackson, Board Member
Mr. Michael O'Connor, Board Member
Ms. Sabrina Sanford-Flint, Vice Chair
Mr. Steve Trantham, Board Member

Non-Voting Members

Ms. Lowana Bell, Board Member
Mr. Randy Carithers, Board Member
Dr. Robbie Hooker, Superintendent

I. Call Meeting to Order

Chairman John Callahan called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM with six members present: Ms. Lowana Bell, Mr. Randy Carithers, Mr. Rico Jackson, Mr. Michael O'Connor, Ms. Sabrina Sanford-Flint and Mr. Steve Trantham.

II. Prayer

III. Pledge of Allegiance

IV. Approval of Agenda

The agenda was unanimously approved as-is with the exception of one addition. Dr. Hooker requested to add a COVID Update, by Dr. Carrie Booher, during the Board Comment Section.

Motion made by: Mr. Michael O'Connor

Motion seconded by: Ms. Sabrina Sanford-Flint

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

V. Minutes

Motion made by: Mr. Michael O'Connor

Motion seconded by: Ms. Sabrina Sanford-Flint

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

VI. Board Comment Section

A. Overview of Recent Whole Governance Board Training - John Callahan

Chairman John Callahan gave an overview of the recent training the board received last month. He shared detailed information about the building of a new elementary

school at what is now Stephens Park. At this time, the school is scheduled to open August 2024 and will house Primary and Elementary students (Pre-K - 5th grade). The current elementary school building will be renovated for 6th and 7th graders, while 8th - 12th graders will remain at their current location at 154 Alcova Drive, Social Circle. The total estimated cost for all is \$25,000,000. We are expecting an \$18,000,000 bond that should be paid back within 10 years from SPLOST funds. Additionally, we are expecting \$7,000,000 from the state.

B. Fundraising Support for Middle School Football Player, Brody Sorrell

Chairman Callahan shared information about middle school student and football player, Brody Sorrell. Brody suffered an extensive leg injury while at practice that has resulted in numerous surgeries. A friend of the family has set up a GoFundMe account - Love, Prayers and Support to Brody and Family - and the link can be found on our school Facebook page.

As an addition to the agenda, Dr. Carrie Booher, Associate Superintendent, gave a brief COVID update. In addition to sharing the DPH suggested guidelines for vaccinated individuals, and those who may become exposed, Dr. Booher shared that we have seen a significant decrease in positive cases this last week. As always, those exact numbers will be released in the weekly Friday update.

VII. Special Recognition

A. SCCS Student Recognition

Five students were recognized by each of their principals as this month's *Star Student*.

- Christian Jackson (SCPS)
- Lainey Spell (SCES)
- Marquez Upton (SCMS)
- Harley Bass and Olivia Cross - also recognized as AP Scholars (SCHS)

B. Advanced Placement (AP) Testing Recognition - Tim Armstrong & Aaron Robinson

Mr. Aaron Robinson, CTAE/Assessment Director, recognized the 30+ high school students that scored 3 or better (on a scale from 1-5) on the Advanced Placement (AP) tests. A passing score enables these students to earn college credit for the associated course.

Biology	Government	Psychology
John Baker	Sarah Cohenour	Emily Hardwar*
Harley Bass*	Sean Crews	Noah King
Olivia Cross*	Colby Dalton	Rhiannon Lacy
Caylie Ferguson*	Jackson Hicks	Connor Mason*
Mason Forrester	Jesany Johnston	Cayden Owen
Emily Hardwar*	Kelan Joiner	Antonio Polk
Madison Hope	Addison Leftwich	Clara Sorrow
Ethan Kellum*	Ambry Lofton	Jacob Williams*
Jacob Linder	Brayden Mitchell	Gavin Winston
Patrick Middlebrooks	Matthew Riley	Kobi Worthington
Kirsten Oglesby	Luke Smith	
Sarah Ray	Ryan Zapatka	

U.S. History	English Lit & Comp	Calculus AB
Natalie Bardy Harley Bass* Madison Chambers Olivia Cross* Caylie Ferguson* Ethan Kellum	Connor Mason* Jacob Williams	Connor Mason

*Student excelled in two or more subjects

VIII. Public Participation

A. Paul Vanstone

The Board heard comments from Mr. Paul Vanstone regarding the requirement of masks by students who have been exposed to COVID-19.

IX. Break

Chairman John Callahan called a short break so that guests could leave the meeting if they wished to do so.

X. Finance

A. Monthly Financial Report - Mrs. Nicole Cross

CFO, Mrs. Nicole Cross, presented the monthly financial report for July 2021.

Motion made by: Mr. Steve Trantham

Motion seconded by: Ms. Sabrina Sanford-Flint

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

B. Freshway - Change for Schools - Mrs. Nicole Cross

CFO, Mrs. Nicole Cross, gave an update on contributions made from Freshway - Change for Schools.

XI. Superintendent's Report

A. Current Count

Dr. Robbie Hooker, Superintendent, shared the district's current number of students (1,942) and the number of students who are attending face-to-face (1,926).

B. 2020-21 EOG/EOC Milestones Report - Aaron Robinson

Mr. Aaron Robinson, CTAE/Assessment Director, presented to the Board the 2020-21 End-Of-Grade/End-Of-Course Milestones Report.

C. FY22 CTAE and Perkins Local Plan - Aaron Robinson

Additionally, Mr. Robinson shared the FY22 CTAE and Perkins Local Plan which provides details of the funds previously approved by the Board.

Motion made by: Mr. Steve Trantham

Motion seconded by: Ms. Sabrina Sanford-Flint

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

D. Superintendent Comments

Dr. Hooker acknowledged the 35 students recognized for their excellence in AP testing and hopes we have even more students to recognize in the future. He thanked

not only the high school staff for their commitment to these students, but the primary, elementary and middle school staff members who are preparing these students, even at a very young age, for such rigorous courses.

XII. New Business / Action Items

A. Action Item - Update Board Policy GAE: Complaints and Grievances

Motion made by: Mr. Michael O'Connor

Motion seconded by: Ms. Sabrina Sanford-Flint

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

B. Action Item - Proposed Virtual Day (Election Day)

Motion made by: Mr. Michael O'Connor

Motion seconded by: Ms. Sabrina Sanford-Flint

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

C. For Review - Updating Board Policy BCBK - Executive Sessions

XIII. Executive Session

On a motion by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Ms. Sanford-Flint, a unanimous affirmative vote was made for the Board to enter Executive Session to discuss personnel issues. On a motion by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Ms. Sanford-Flint, a unanimous affirmative vote was made for the Board to reenter regular session.

A. Main Personnel Recommendation List

Recommendation for Certified Staff:

A. Dianna Maynard - Speech-Language Pathologist (SCPS & SCHS)

Recommendations for Classified Staff:

A. Tami Garrison - Paraprofessional - Special Education (SCHS)

B. Kathryn Parkman - Paraprofessional (SCMS)

C. Cynthia Smith - Bus Driver

D. Jamie Sutton - Payroll/Benefits Coordinator

Resignations:

A. Lori O'Kelley - Paraprofessional (SCMS)

B. Patricia Wheelis - Paraprofessional - Special Education (SCHS)

Motion made by: Mr. Rico Jackson

Motion seconded by: Ms. Sabrina Sanford-Flint

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

B. Recommendations for Certified Staff

C. Recommendations for Classified Staff

XIV. Adjourn

Motion made by: Mr. Rico Jackson

Motion seconded by: Ms. Sabrina Sanford-Flint

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

Chairperson

Secretary