

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE SOCIAL CIRCLE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Social Circle Middle School Activity Center
154 Alcova Drive, Social Circle GA, 30025
October 15, 2020

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

Voting Members

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

Non-Voting Members

Dr. Robbie Hooker, Superintendent
Ms. Lowana Bell, Board Member

On a motion by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Ms. Sanford-Flint, a unanimous affirmative vote was made to approve the agenda.

Voting:

Mr. John Callahan, Yes
Ms. Sabrina Sanford-Flint, Yes
Mr. Steve Trantham, Yes
Mr. Rico Jackson, Yes
Mr. Michael O'Connor, Yes

On a motion by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Ms. Sanford-Flint, a unanimous affirmative vote was made to approve the minutes of the September 10, 2020 mtg.

Voting:

Mr. John Callahan, Yes
Ms. Sabrina Sanford-Flint, Yes
Mr. Steve Trantham, Yes
Mr. Rico Jackson, Yes
Mr. Michael O'Connor, Yes

Public Participation: The Board heard comments from Adoris Gibbs regarding the SCCS mascot.

Board Comment Section: Chairman Callahan shared that all Social Circle City Schools students will continue to receive one free breakfast and one free lunch daily for the rest of the school year. Secretary of Agriculture, Sonny Perdue, announced that this temporary flexibility is being provided as the country recovers from the COVID-19 pandemic. Chairman Callahan spoke about the statement that Dr. Hooker sent out regarding the decision concerning the changing of the Redskin mascot.

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

On a motion by Mr. Trantham, seconded by Ms. Sanford-Flint, a unanimous affirmative vote was made to approve the monthly financial report for June and August as presented.

Voting:

Mr. John Callahan, Yes

Ms. Sabrina Sanford-Flint, Yes

Mr. Steve Trantham, Yes

Mr. Rico Jackson, Yes

Mr. Michael O'Connor, Yes

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

The Superintendent presented reports on but not limited to:

Superintendent Comments

- Current Student Count
- Food Nutrition

The federal government has extended the free meal programs until the end of the school year.

- Redskin Response

As superintendent, I appreciate the feedback we received at our board meetings concerning the changing of the Redskin mascot. We have heard presentations both in favor of changing the mascot and against changing the mascot. The governance team has determined that the mascot will remain the Redskins due to the following considerations:

- The focus of the safety and health of our students and staff is our number one priority.
- The cost involved with changing the mascot.
- The majority of the community supported maintaining the mascot.

- Town Hall Meeting

I would like to thank all of our stakeholders for participating in the town hall meeting last Thursday. We are planning to have three more town hall meetings this school year to share with the community. Our goal is to keep the community informed about what is happening in our district and to also get input from the community as to what topics they would like to discuss during the meeting.

- Governance Team

Thank you to this Governance Team. As a unit, we will continue to model for our community and grow into becoming a high performing governance team. Your decisions are always made in what is in the best interest of the students.

On a motion by Mr. O'Connor, seconded by Ms. Sanford-Flint, a unanimous affirmative vote approved the Local Board of Education Training Plan FY 2021.

Voting:

Mr. John Callahan, Yes

Ms. Sabrina Sanford-Flint, Yes

Mr. Steve Trantham, Yes

Mr. Rico Jackson, Yes

Mr. Michael O'Connor, Yes

On a motion by Mr. Trantham, seconded by Ms. Sanford-Flint, a unanimous affirmative vote approved the FY20 Deficit Fund Balance Nutrition Program.

Voting:

Mr. John Callahan, Yes

Ms. Sabrina Sanford-Flint, Yes

Mr. Steve Trantham, Yes

Mr. Rico Jackson, Yes

Mr. Michael O'Connor, Yes

On a motion by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Ms. Sanford-Flint, a unanimous affirmative vote approved the Surplus Property.

Voting:

Mr. John Callahan, Yes

Ms. Sabrina Sanford-Flint, Yes

Mr. Steve Trantham, Yes

Mr. Rico Jackson, Yes

Mr. Michael O'Connor, Yes

On a motion by Mr. O'Connor, seconded by Ms. Sanford-Flint, a unanimous affirmative vote approved the Overnight Field Trip State playoffs @ Gordon Lee High School- 10/23/20-10/24/20.

Voting:

Mr. John Callahan, Yes

Ms. Sabrina Sanford-Flint, Yes

Mr. Steve Trantham, Yes

Mr. Rico Jackson, Yes

Mr. Michael O'Connor, Yes

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.

Voting:

Mr. John Callahan, Yes

Ms. Sabrina Sanford-Flint, Yes

Mr. Steve Trantham, Yes

Mr. Rico Jackson, Yes

Mr. Michael O'Connor, Yes

On a motion by Mr. O'Connor, seconded by Ms. Sanford-Flint, a unanimous affirmative vote was made to approve the following personnel actions:

Voting:

Mr. John Callahan, Yes

Ms. Sabrina Sanford-Flint, Yes

Mr. Steve Trantham, Yes

Mr. Rico Jackson, Yes

Mr. Michael O'Connor, Yes

Recommendation:

A. Rosie Davis – SCPS School Nutrition Worker

B. Emma Brown – Substitute School Nutrition Worker

There being no further business to be brought before the Board, a motion to adjourn was made by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Ms. Sanford-Flint, a unanimous affirmative vote was made to adjourn.
Voting:

Mr. John Callahan, Yes

Ms. Sabrina Sanford-Flint, Yes

Mr. Steve Trantham, Yes

Mr. Rico Jackson, Yes

Mr. Michael O'Connor, Yes

John Callahan, Chairman

Dr. Robbie Hooker, Secretary