

**Social Circle City Schools**  
**Meeting Minutes**

**August Board Meeting**  
**08/12/2021 06:30 PM**  
154 Alcova Drive  
Social Circle, GA 30025  
Middle School Activity Center

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

**Attendees**

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**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

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**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**

Motion made by: Mr. Michael O'Connor

Motion seconded by: Ms. Sabrina Sanford-Flint

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

**V. Minutes**

The Board unanimously approved the minutes of all meetings held in July.

- Tax Increase Hearing #1
- Tax Increase Hearing #2
- Regular Board Meeting

Motion made by: Mr. Steve Trantham

Motion seconded by: Ms. Sabrina Sanford-Flint

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

**VI. Board Comment Section**

Chairman Callahan welcomed everyone back to the new 2021-22 school year. He shared the opening football (scrimmage) game will be held Friday, August 13, 2021.

## **VII. Public Hearing - Tax Increase Hearing #3**

For the third and final public tax increase hearing, Chairman Callahan shared the millage rate of 19.278 will remain the same for the upcoming year.

There was no public discussion of the millage rate.

## **VIII. Break**

Chairman Callahan called a very brief break for those who wished to leave.

## **IX. Finance**

### **A. Monthly Financial Report**

CFO, Mrs. Nicole Cross, explained there was no Financial Report to share due to the process of closing out Fiscal Year 2021. Once all July and August revenue and expenses are processed, the final ending financial report for FY21 will be available. This report should be available to share no later than October.

### **B. Freshway - Change for Schools**

Mrs. Nicole Cross presented the Freshway-Change for Schools report. She explained the school does not receive any contributions during the summer months. (June contributions were sent to First Baptist Christian School - Social Circle.) Contributions to the school system will resume in August.

## **X. Superintendent's Report**

### **A. Current Count**

Dr. Hooker shared the current enrollment for each school:

- Primary School: 509
- Elementary School: 370
- Middle School: 480
- High School: 594

He further explained we will have more accurate enrollment information after the first ten days of schools once any withdrawals have taken place. Compared to last year, we currently have an increase of 104 students.

### **B. Safety and Technology Update - Todd Hilton**

Todd Hilton, Director of Safety and Technology, provided to the board an update on Safety and Technology. The following highlights were included in his report:

- 80+ cameras installed in the Middle/High School,
- New cameras have been added to the athletic complex,
- 20+ cameras in the Primary and Elementary Schools,
- New cameras being installed on the playgrounds,
- Vape Detectors will soon be installed in the Middle/High School,
- Staff members all have Centegix badges that can be worn to call for assistance with the press of a button. These badges are able to alert local officials and can also be used to immediately lock down the school should there be an immediate need to do so,
- Lockdown drills are tested quarterly, fire drills are tested monthly, weather drills are ongoing,
- School Resource Officers (SRO) are located in all our school buildings,
- K-9 Unit makes periodic visits to our Middle/High School to assist administrators

Mr. Hilton shared that the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is scheduled to perform a safety audit, in September, to provide feedback in areas that we may need to enhance.

As for technology, Mr. Hilton shared we currently have more than 2700 chromebooks thanks to the Facebook grant we received. The additional units are used to replace those that are damaged or misplaced. Additional grant money has been set aside for the purchase of new chromebooks next year.

The website was recently updated to provide much requested information directly on the homepage.

Further, Mr. Hilton shared information about the GoGuardian program installed on all of our chromebooks. GoGuardian is a tracking program that allows filters to avoid inappropriate use of our devices, a tracking system to track a device that may be lost or stolen and can identify those who may be speaking of or visiting sites that suggest self-harm or violence. An alert is sent to personnel who can immediately address each situation.

Upon completion of his update, Chairman Callahan asked if the busses are equipped with cameras and Mr. Hilton confirmed all busses do have cameras.

**C. Superintendent Comments**

Superintendent Dr. Hooker began by thanking the faith-based community for their support on the first day of school. Volunteers were on each campus and helped welcome the students back to school. Additionally, he thanked the faculty and staff for a great opening and welcoming the families, new and returning students, and attributed the successful start to both preplanning and the leadership at each campus.

**D. COVID Update**

To provide a COVID update, Dr. Hooker shared information from last school year and where we are currently in the 2021-22 school year.

- During the 2020-21 school year, 91 students tested positive (5%); 1036 students were quarantined (56%)
- Currently, 8 students have tested positive (.41%);
- Quarantines are optional for vaccinated/asymptomatic close contacts

**XI. New Business / Action Items**

**A. For Review - Updating Board Policy GAE: Complaints and Grievances**

Superintendent Dr. Robbie Hooker shared the reason Board Policy GAE: Complaints and Grievances is being updated. Its amendment is to coincide with the recently approved Policy GBIA: Teacher Evaluation Appeals.

This policy amendment will sit for 30 days and board members will vote for approval in the September meeting.

**B. Action Item - Millage Rate FY22 - Final Approval**

Based on the Superintendent's recommendation, the board unanimously approved the millage rate of 19.278 mils for fiscal year 2022.

Motion made by: Mr. Steve Trantham

Motion seconded by: Ms. Sabrina Sanford-Flint

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

**C. Surplus Technology**

Todd Hilton, Director of Safety and Technology, presented a list of technology that is no longer used by the school system.

The board unanimously approved to surplus the listed items.

Motion made by: Mr. Michael O'Connor

Motion seconded by: Ms. Sabrina Sanford-Flint

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

**XII. Executive Session**

On a motion made by Mr. O'Connor, seconded by Ms. Sanford-Flint, a unanimous affirmative vote was made to enter Executive Session to discuss personnel items.

On a motion made by Mr. O'Connor, seconded by Ms. Sanford-Flint, a unanimous affirmative vote was made to re-enter regular session.

**A. Main Personnel Recommendation List**

**B. Recommendations for Certified Staff**

On a motion made by Mr. Trantham, seconded by Ms. Sanford-Flint, a vote was made to approve the following personnel actions:

Voting:

Mr. John Callahan, Yes

Mr. Rico Jackson, Yes

Mr. Michael O'Connor, Yes

Ms. Sabrina Sanford-Flint, Yes

Mr. Steve Trantham, Yes

Recommendations for Certified Staff:

A. Christina Bishop - Certified Teacher (SCPS)

B. Joy Miller - Certified Teacher (SCMS)

Resignation:

A. Serrita Carr - CTAE Teacher (SCHS)

**C. Recommendations for Classified Staff**

On a motion made by Mr. Trantham, seconded by Ms. Sanford-Flint, a vote was made to approve the following personnel actions:

Voting:

Mr. John Callahan, Yes

Mr. Rico Jackson, Yes

Mr. Michael O'Connor, Yes

Ms. Sabrina Sanford-Flint, Yes

Mr. Steve Trantham, Yes

Recommendations for Classified Staff:

A. Andria Fuesting - Aftercare (SCPS)

B. Lisa Mitchell - Substitute - School Food Service (SCHS)

C. Lori O'Kelley - Paraprofessional (SCMS)

D. Jamie Tarpkins - Paraprofessional (Alternative School)

E. Lashaunda Taylor - Substitute - School Food Service (SCHS)

F. Lorraine Thrower - Substitute - School Food Service (SCHS)

Resignation:  
A. LaTabetha Fears - Aftercare (SCPS)

**D. Superintendent's Evaluation**

**XIII. Adjourn**

Motion made by: Mr. Rico Jackson

Motion seconded by: Ms. Sabrina Sanford-Flint

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

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Chairperson

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Secretary