

Colbert County Schools  
Board Meeting  
November 18, 2021

The Colbert County Board of Education met on November 18, 2021 at the office of the Superintendent. The time of the meeting was 5:00 p.m. The Meeting was called to order by Member James.

November is the month that new officers are elected. The floor was opened for nominations for Board President. Member Saint nominated Jackie Witt. Member Burgess nominated David Yarber. Jackie Witt received 3 votes by Member Saint, Member Barnes, and Member Witt. David Yarber received 3 votes by Member James, Member Burgess, and Member Yarber. It was decided that the board president makes the decision on a tie vote. Member James passed down the board president position to David Yarber.

The floor was opened for nominations for Board Vice President. Member Saint nominated Jackie Witt. She was the only member nominated. The vote was unanimous for Member Witt to preside as Board Vice President.

Member Yarber presided over the meeting. All members were present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and an invocation was held.

Upon a motion by Member James and a second by Member Burgess, the agenda was approved.

Upon a motion by Member Burgess and a second by Member James, the minutes of the October 21, 2021 Board Meeting was approved.

Superintendent Hand addressed the board with his report. During this time Tiffani Fuqua presented assessment data for Cherokee Elementary and Vickie Osborn presented data for Leighton Elementary. FFA members were also recognized for their participation in National Competition.

In action items, Superintendent Hand recommended the approval of the Scholastic Month Payroll \$2,335,482.41 and the Bills and Accounts \$631,309.71 for October 2021. Member James moved that the recommendation be approved. Member Burgess seconded the motion and the recommendation was passed unanimously.

Superintendent Hand recommended the approval of proposed policy change 3.31 Administrators' Purchasing Limits. Member Burgess moved that the recommendation be approved. Member Witt seconded the motion and the recommendation was approved.

Superintendent Hand recommended the approval of Baseball Field Lease with Cherokee Dixie Youth. Member James moved that the recommendation be approved. Member Barnes seconded the motion and the recommendation was approved.

Superintendent Hand recommended the approval of the following overnight/out-of-state field trips: Cherokee High School Cheerleaders to Alabama State Cheer Competition in Birmingham, Alabama, December 5-7, 2021; Colbert Heights Pre-K to Disney on Ice, Tupelo Mississippi, December 3, 2021; Cherokee High School Science Club to Memphis Zoo, Memphis, Tennessee, November 17, 2021. Member Saint moved that the recommendation be approved. Member Witt seconded the motion and the recommendation was approved.

Superintendent Hand made the recommendation to approve the Student Mobility Transfer Request. Member Burgess moved that the recommendation be approved. Member Saint seconded the motion and the recommendation was approved.

Superintendent Hand recommended the approval of the amended Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent Salary Schedule. Member Saint moved that the recommendation be approved. Member Barnes seconded the motion and the recommendation was passed unanimously.

Upon a written recommendation, Superintendent Hand recommended the approval to accept the following retirement:

1. Rebecca McCrary, Custodian, Hatton Elementary School, effective January 1, 2022

Member James moved that the recommendation be approved, Member Burgess seconded the motion and the recommendation was passed unanimously.

Upon a written recommendation, Superintendent Hand recommended the approval to accept the following resignation:

1. Teresa Chaney, Special Needs Teacher, Colbert County High School, effective November 19, 2021
2. Kate Hathorn, 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Teacher, New Bethel Elementary, effective November 26, 2021
3. Rebecca Noles, Secretary/Bookkeeper, Leighton Elementary, effective November 12, 2021

Member Burgess moved that the recommendation be approved. Member James seconded the motion and the recommendation was passed unanimously.

Upon a written recommendation, Superintendent Hand recommended the approval of the following New Job Assignments:

1. Lorie Cornelius, from Kindergarten Teacher to 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Teacher Cherokee Elementary, effective January 6, 2022

Member Barnes moved that the recommendation be approved. Member James seconded the motion and the recommendation was passed unanimously.

Upon a written recommendation, Superintendent Hand recommended the approval of the following Transfer:

1. Michelle Ragan, from Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent to Secretary/Bookkeeper at Leighton Elementary, effective November 29, 2021

Member Burgess moved that the recommendation be approved. Member Barnes seconded the motion and the recommendation was passed unanimously.

Upon a written recommendation, Superintendent Hand recommended the approval of additional job duties 21<sup>st</sup> CCLC After School Program effective January 6, 2022.

1. Seth Lewey, Colbert Heights Elementary, Program Teacher  
Member James moved that the recommendation be approved. Member Witt seconded the motion and the recommendation was passed unanimously.

Upon a written recommendation, Superintendent Hand recommended the approval to employ the following:

1. Morgan Pate, 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Teacher, New Bethel Elementary, effective November 29, 2021
2. Dawn Moreland, Custodian, Leighton Elementary, effective November 19, 2021
3. Michael Pellitteri, Computer Technician II, effective November 29, 2021

Member Burgess moved that the recommendation be approved. Member James seconded the motion and the recommendation was passed unanimously.

In other business, Member Witt made a motion to enter into executive session. Member Saint seconded the motion and the board entered into executive session.

Once the board returned from executive session it was agreed that the vote for board president was not conducted properly. The floor was reopened for nominations for Board President. Member Saint nominated Jackie Witt and Member Burgess nominated David Yarber. Jackie Witt received 2 votes; Member Saint and Member Witt. David Yarber received 3 votes; Member James, Member Burgess, Member Barnes, and Member Yarber. Member Yarber will preside over the board as Board President.

Item seven on the agenda was looked over at the beginning. Superintendent Hand recommended the approval of the reconciled Monthly Financial Report for October 31, 2021. Member James moved that the recommendation be approved. Member Burgess seconded the motion and the motion was approved unanimously.

In other business, Member Saint made a motion to hire John McGee as board attorney, Member Witt seconded the motion and the motion was carried unanimously.

After no further business, Member Saint moved that the meeting adjourn. Member Witt seconded the motion and the motion carried.

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President, David Yarber

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Member, Sandra James

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Member, Thomas Barnes

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Member, Ricky Saint

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Member Thomas Burgess

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Member, Jackie Witt

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Secretary, Chris Hand