

OPP CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING  
SUPERINTENDENT'S OFFICE  
Tuesday, December 15, 2020, at 5:00 p.m.

A. Call to Order

Dr. Walter Burgess, Board President, called the meeting to order.

B. Roll Call

Those present:

Dr. Walter Burgess  
Mr. Merrill Culverhouse  
Dr. Katie Fuller  
Dr. Lori Stanfield

Those absent:

Mr. Andrew McCord

C. Approval of Agenda

- a. Dr. Lori Stanfield moved to accept the agenda as presented. Dr. Katie Fuller seconded the motion, which passed with a unanimous vote.

D. Approval of Financials

- a. Dr. Katie Fuller moved to accept the November 2020 Financial Report as presented by Mrs. Linda Harper, CSFO, Opp City Schools. Dr. Lori Stanfield seconded the motion, which passed with a unanimous vote. (Documentation Attached)

E. Awards & Resolutions

- a. None

F. Public Comments

- a. None

G. Old Business

- a. None

H. New Business

- a. Agreement to Purchase Property

Mr. Smithart recommended the Board approve the attached Real Estate Purchase Agreement with Bartholomew Properties, LLC, to purchase the property formerly known as the Colonial Bank (BB&T) Building located at 113 East Hart Avenue, Opp, Alabama. Dr. Katie Fuller moved to approve the attached Real Estate Purchase Agreement with Bartholomew Properties, LLC, to purchase the property located at 113 East Hart Avenue, Opp, Alabama. Mr. Merrill Culverhouse seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with Mr. Merrill Culverhouse, Dr. Lori Stanfield and Dr. Katie Fuller voting in favor of the agreement. Dr. Walter Burgess voted no. The motion carried.

- b. Authorization to Close Transaction

Mr. Smithart recommended the Board adopt the attached Resolution providing for the authorization of the Superintendent to finalize, sign, and record all paperwork necessary to complete the transaction to purchase the property located at 113 East Hart Avenue, Opp, Alabama. Dr. Katie Fuller moved for the Board to adopt the attached Resolution providing for the authorization of the Superintendent to finalize, sign, and record all paperwork necessary to complete the transaction to purchase the property located at 113 East Hart Avenue, Opp, Alabama. Mr. Merrill Culverhouse seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with Mr. Merrill Culverhouse, Dr. Lori Stanfield and Dr. Katie Fuller voting in favor of the Authorization to Close Transaction. Dr. Walter Burgess voted no. The motion carried and the resolution was adopted.

c. Loan Agreement

Mr. Smithart recommended the Board approve a loan in the amount of \$235,000.00 with CCB Community Bank to purchase and provide for renovations to the property located at 113 East Hart Avenue, Opp, Alabama, as per the attached proposal. The terms of the loan with CCB Community Bank is for a 5-year term at 1.25% interest with semi-annual payments. Dr. Lori Stanfield moved for the Board to approve a loan in the amount of \$235,000.00 with CCB Community Bank to purchase and provide for renovations to the property located at 113 East Hart Avenue, Opp, Alabama as stated above.

Dr. Katie Fuller seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken with Mr. Merrill Culverhouse, Dr. Lori Stanfield and Dr. Katie Fuller voting in favor of the loan with CCB Community Bank in the amount of \$235,000.00 to purchase the property located at 113 East Hart Avenue, Opp, Alabama. Dr. Walter Burgess voted no. The motion carried.

d. Personnel Report

Mr. Smithart recommended the Board approve the Personnel Report as presented and detailed below.

Additions to Substitute List  
Sharon Sanders – Substitute Teacher  
Gracyn Blair – Substitute Teacher  
Audrey S. Miller – Substitute Bus Driver

Contract for Services  
Lisha Weeks – Nursing Services

Dr. Lori Stanfield moved to accept the Personnel Report as presented and detailed above.

Mr. Merrill Culverhouse seconded the motion, which passed with a unanimous vote.

I. Superintendent's Report

- a. Mr. Smithart informed the Board that effective December 31, 2020 all of the federal monies and guidelines related to the COVID-19 Pandemic will be going away unless the federal government decides to do another round of stimulus money related to the pandemic. Mr. Smithart informed the Board that careful decisions will have to be made within our system regarding how to handle absences for quarantine as the 10 days will be going away on December 31<sup>st</sup>.
- b. Mr. Smithart also informed the Board that there is consideration of delaying the return to school following the Christmas holiday break to help offset the potential spread of COVID-19 with students and faculty returning to campus. If the decision is made to delay the return to school date, Mr. Smithart informed the Board that the week of January 4<sup>th</sup> would be a virtual week for students and that staff would report to work.
- c. Mr. Smithart also informed the Board that all basketball games are limited to 20% capacity per the recommendation of State Superintendent Mackey. Mr. Smithart notified the Board that Mr. Hightower is doing an excellent job on meeting this goal.

J. Adjourn

- a. There being no further business, Dr. Walter Burgess moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Merrill Culverhouse seconded the motion, which passed with unanimous vote.

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Mr. Michael Smithart, Superintendent

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Dr. Walter Burgess, Board President

