

*Columbia County Board of Education
Regular Session
February 8, 2022
5:30 p.m.*

The Columbia County Board of Education met at 5:30 p.m., Tuesday, February 8, 2022, at the Columbia County Board of Education. The following Board of Education members were present:

*Mr. David Dekle, Chairman
Ms. Lee Ann Meyer, Vice-Chairman
Mr. David Alalof, Board Member
Ms. Kristi Baker, Board Member
Ms. Judy Teasley, Board Member*

Call to Order

Chairman David Dekle called the meeting to order.

Invocation

West Acres Baptist Church Executive Pastor Josh Heath led the Invocation.

Pledge of Allegiance

Westmont Elementary Fifth Grade 4-H Presidents led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of the Agenda

Board Member Judy Teasley made a motion to amend the agenda as presented, by tabling Board Policy BD, Policy Development, and Board Policy GAHB, Political Activities, seconded by Board Member David Alalof, and approved by Chairman David Dekle, Vice-Chairman Lee Ann Meyer, Board Member David Alalof, Board Member Kristi Baker, and Board Member Judy Teasley.

- 5. Special Recognitions
 - a. Georgia Association of Colleges for Teacher Education (GACTE) Region 8 Mentor Teacher of the Year
 - b. Greenbrier High School State Varsity Cheerleading 5A Third Place

Special Recommendation

Superintendent Flynt recommended for approval Mr. Michael Hopkins, Jr. for the Assistant Director position of Special Services. Vice-Chairman Lee Ann Meyer made a motion to approve Mr. Michael Hopkins, Jr. for the Assistant Director position of Special Services, seconded by Board Member Kristi Baker and approved by Chairman David Dekle, Vice-Chairman Lee Ann Meyer, Board Member David Alalof, Board Member Kristi Baker, and Board Member Judy Teasley.

- 7. Board Comments and Acknowledgements

Business Section

Superintendent Flynt requested final approval of Consent Items 8a-f, as presented. Board Member David Alalof made a motion for final approval of Consent Items 8a-f, as presented, seconded by Vice-Chairman Lee Ann Meyer, and approved by Chairman David Dekle, Vice-Chairman Lee Ann Meyer, Board Member David Alalof, Board Member Kristi Baker, and Board Member Judy Teasley.

- 8. Final Approval of Consent Items.....Chairman Dekle
 - a. Minutes of January 25, 2022, Regular Session Meeting
 - b. December Financials
 - c. Employee Travel
 - d. Fundraisers
 - e. Program/Camp/Employee Participation Requests
 - f. Use/Lease of Facilities

9. Board Policies
- a. Policy BD, Policy Development
 - b. Policy GAHB, Political Activities

Board Member Judy Teasley made a motion to table Policy BD, Policy Development, and Policy GAHB, Political Activities, for further study, seconded by Board Member David Alalof and approved by Chairman David Dekle, Vice-Chairman Lee Ann Meyer, Board Member Kristi Baker, Board Member David Alalof and Board Member Judy Teasley

Tentative Approval of Board Policy JAA(2), Gender Equity in Sports

Superintendent Flynt recommended tentative approval for an amendment to Board Policy JAA(2), to modify the Sports Equity Coordinator to Title IX Coordinator to reflect consistency with other policies involving Title IX, and to define gender as it relates to sport participation, as presented. Vice-Chairman Lee Ann Meyer made a motion to approve an amendment to Board Policy JAA(2), to modify the Sports Equity Coordinator to Title IX Coordinator to reflect consistency with other policies involving Title IX, and to define gender as it relates to sport participation, seconded by Board Member Kristi Baker and approved by Chairman David Dekle, Vice-Chairman Lee Ann Meyer, Board Member David Alalof, Board Member Kristi Baker, and Board Member Judy Teasley.

BOARD POLICY

Descriptive Code: JAA (2)

GENDER EQUITY IN SPORTS

Date: UNDER REVISION

~~It shall be the policy of the~~ **The Columbia County Board of Education** ~~to prohibits~~ discrimination based on gender, **defined in this policy as a person's sex assigned at birth**, in its elementary and secondary school athletic programs. In accordance with the Georgia Equity in Sports Act, it ~~shall be~~ **is** the policy of the Board to undertake all reasonable efforts to provide equal athletic opportunities for ~~members of~~ both genders.

In accordance with the Georgia Equity in Sports Act, ~~it shall also be the policy of the Board~~ **will** not ~~to~~ participate in, sponsor, or provide coaching staff for interscholastic sports events which are conducted under the authority of, conducted under the rules of, or scheduled by any athletic association unless the charter, bylaws, or other governing documents of such athletic association comply with the Georgia Equity in Sports Act.

~~It shall be the policy of the~~ **The Board** ~~to~~ **school district** **will** conduct an ongoing assessment of its athletic programs to determine whether there are equal athletic opportunities for members of both genders. If it is determined that there are not equal athletic opportunities for members of both genders, the school district will conduct an athletic interest survey to determine student interest in various sports.

The ~~Superintendent shall designate an individual, known as the sports equity~~ **Title IX** Coordinator, ~~to~~ **will** coordinate compliance with the Georgia Equity in Sports Act **within the school district**. ~~The Superintendent, at his or her discretion, may also designate school level coordinators to assist the sports equity coordinator.~~ The school district ~~shall~~ **will** annually notify all its students of the name, office address, and office telephone number of the sports equity **Title IX** Coordinator. This notification ~~shall~~ **will** be included in the student handbook. In addition, each school ~~shall~~ **will** post ~~in a conspicuous location~~ a notice of nondiscrimination in sports based on gender.

The sports equity **Title IX** Coordinator ~~shall~~ **will** investigate any complaint received by the local school system **district** alleging noncompliance with the Georgia Equity in Sports Act. ~~Such investigation shall be in accordance with the grievance procedures for resolution of complaints regarding gender equity in sports, as adopted by the Board.~~

PROCEDURE: YES

ADOPTED: 7/10/01(NEW)
REVISED:

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Tentative Approval of Board Policy KHE, Public Gifts to the Schools/Improvements to Facilities

Superintendent Flynt recommended tentative approval for an amendment to Board Policy KHE to increase the donation amount from \$500.00 to \$1,000.00 in which a school principal has the authority to approve. Vice-Chairman Lee Ann Meyer made a motion to approve an amendment to Board Policy KHE to increase the donation amount to schools from \$500.00 to \$1,000.00 in which a school principal has the authority to approve, seconded by Board Member David Alalof and approved by Chairman David Dekle, Vice-Chairman Lee Ann Meyer, Board Member David Alalof, Board Member Kristi Baker, and Board Member Judy Teasley.

BOARD POLICY	Descriptive Code: KHE
PUBLIC GIFTS TO THE SCHOOLS/ IMPROVEMENTS TO FACILITIES	Date: UNDER REVISION

Gifts/school initiated improvements which may serve to enhance and extend the work of the schools may be received by the district. It will be the general policy of the district to direct those who desire to make contributions to consider equipment or services that are not likely to be acquired from public fund expenditures.

Tangible or intellectual property contributed to the schools becomes the property of the district and is subject to the same controls and regulations that govern the use of other school-owned property.

Contributions/or school initiated improvements of property or services that may involve costs for installation, maintenance or continuous financial commitment from school funds will be presented by the Superintendent for Board consideration and approval. This would include facility additions, modifications, renovations and site improvements.

1. The school principal may approve any cash donation less than \$500 **1,000** or contributions of small items which will have no initial or continuous costs to the school district, such as books.

The Superintendent of Schools shall establish procedures to assure that gifts, donations or improvements will:

- Have a purpose consistent with school and district ideology;
- a. Not add to staff work load;
 - b. Not have an undesirable or hidden budgetary impact;
 - c. Not conflict with any school or public law;
 - d. Not imply endorsement of any business or product.

PROCEDURE: YES

ADOPTED: 1/08/85
REVISED: 11/24/98, 8/10/99, 10/23/07

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Textbook Adoption for Mathematics

Superintendent Flynt recommended approval of a six-year Textbook Adoption for Mathematics for elementary schools to Curriculum Associates in the amount of \$2,995,801.28, middle schools to Curriculum Associates in the amount of \$1,485,499.48, and high schools to McGraw Hill for Algebra I, Geometry, and Algebra II in the amount of \$934,560.00, for Precalculus to Savvas/Pearson, AP Calculus to Cengage, Statistics and AP Statistics to Bedford, Freeman and Worth, and AMDM to Dana Center, in the amount of \$340,536.06, for a total cost of \$5,756,396.82, as presented. Vice-Chairman Lee Ann Meyer made a motion to approve a six-year textbook adoption for Mathematics for elementary schools to Curriculum Associates in the amount of \$2,995,801.28, middle schools to Curriculum Associates in the amount of \$1,485,499.48, and high schools to McGraw Hill for Algebra I, Geometry, and Algebra II in the

amount of \$934,560.00, for Precalculus to Savvas/Pearson, AP Calculus to Cengage, Statistics and AP Statistics to Bedford, Freeman and Worth, and AMDM to Dana Center, in the amount of \$340,536.06, for a total cost of \$5,756,396.82, seconded by Board Member David Alalof, and approved by Chairman David Dekle, Vice-Chairman Lee Ann Meyer, Board Member David Alalof, Board Member Kristi Baker and Board Member Judy Teasley.

Building Program

Superintendent Flynt presented the project update.

Bid Results

Superintendent Flynt recommended approval of the bid results for Emergency Radio Signal Repeaters for Brookwood, Cedar Ridge, Greenbrier and Riverside Elementary Schools, Greenbrier and Lakeside High Schools, and the Support Department Complex to PakNet in the amount of \$331,275.15, as presented. Board Member David Alalof made a motion to approve the bid results for Emergency Radio Signal Repeaters for Brookwood, Cedar Ridge, Greenbrier and Riverside Elementary Schools, Greenbrier and Lakeside High Schools, and the Support Department Complex to PakNet in the amount of \$331,275.15, seconded by Board Member Kristi Baker, and approved by Chairman David Dekle, Vice-Chairman Lee Ann Meyer, Board Member David Alalof, Board Member Kristi Baker, and Board Member Judy Teasley.



February 1, 2022

To: Dr. Steven Flynt, Superintendent
From: Alex Casado, Chief Financial Officer

RE: Recommendation for Emergency Radio Signal Repeaters

On September 1, 2021, the Columbia County School District (CCSD) Purchasing Department solicited sealed competitive bids under Request for Proposal number HC-10-14-2021A. The purpose of the request was to collect pricing for emergency radio repeaters for the District’s buildings. The solicitation was sent out to more than 15 vendors, posted on the CCSD website and Georgia Procurement Registry website.

Bids were received prior to final December 8, 2021 bid closing. The following summarizes the results from the bidders:

Vendor	Extended Price
Bakers Communications	\$474,660.00
Teleco	\$520,376.73
MCA	\$772,068.63
PakNet	\$331,275.15

The locations chosen have several spots where the radio signal is inadequate. The locations are: Greenbrier High, Greenbrier Elementary, Support Complex, Lakeside High, Brookwood Elementary, Cedar Ridge Elementary, and Riverside Elementary.

Previous installations for PakNet include Coffee County BOE, Burke County Board of Commissioners, and Bishop Gadsden Retirement Community.

FMO, School Safety, and the Business Department recommend award to PakNet for the estimated amount of \$331,275.15.

If a recommended award winner is unable or does not desire to accept award or fails in meeting the requirements of this award, with agreement from CFO and Purchasing, the award recommendation is to go to the next bidder that represents the best interest for the CCSD.

Bid Results

Superintendent Flynt recommended approval of the bid results for Energy Recovery Units Package 2 for Baker Place, Brookwood, Cedar Ridge and River Ridge Elementary Schools to

Stiles Heating and Cooling in the amount of \$1,650,000.00, as presented. Board Member Kristi Baker made a motion to approve the bid results for Energy Recovery Units Package 2 for Baker Place, Brookwood, Cedar Ridge and River Ridge Elementary Schools to Stiles Heating and Cooling in the amount of \$1,650,000.00, seconded by Vice-Chairman Lee Ann Meyer, and approved by Chairman David Dekle, Vice-Chairman Lee Ann Meyer, Board Member David Alalof, Board Member Kristi Baker, and Board Member Judy Teasley.

TALLY SHEET Columbia County School District CCSD ERU Replacements Package 2 (River Ridge ES, Brookwood ES, Cedar Ridge ES, Baker Place ES) Job #21081 BID DATE: January 27, 2022, TIME: 2:00 P.M.				
CONTRACTOR	BID BOND INCLUDED	ADDENDA 1 & 2 ACKNOWLEDGED	BASE BID	ALTERNATE #1 Owner Preferred HVAC Controls
Spartan Mechanical	✓	✓	\$1,711,740.00	\$0
Gold Mech.	✓	✓	\$1,738,450.00	\$0
Stiles Heating & Cooling	✓	✓	\$1,650,000.00	\$0

I CERTIFY THAT THIS IS A CORRECT TABULATION OF BIDS AS READ ALOUD, AND I CERTIFY THAT I HAVE PERSONALLY CHECKED THE TABULATION AGAINST THE PROPOSAL FORMS SUBMITTED ON JANUARY 27, 2022.

COLUMBIA COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT

PFA ENGINEERING, INC.

BY: _____

By: 

(Print name and title)

Daniel McAlister, Engineer Project Manager

Bid Results

Superintendent Flynt recommended approval of the bid results for the Support Department Complex Re-Roof Phase IV Project to Roofing Professionals Inc. in the amount of \$824,900.00, as presented. Board Member David Alalof made a motion to approve the bid results for the Support Department Complex Re-Roof Phase IV Project to Roofing Professional Inc. in the amount of \$824,900.00, seconded by Board Member Kristi Baker and approved by Chairman David Dekle, Vice-Chairman Lee Ann Meyer, Board Member David Alalof, Board Member Kristi Baker, and Board Member Judy Teasley.

COLUMBIA COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
Reroof Phase IV Project
BID OPENING – January 25, 2022 at 2:00 pm

Bidder Name	Bid Bond	Addendum Acknowledged	Base Bid	Bid completed, Signed and Dated
Bone Dry Roofing	Yes	Yes	\$1,236,000.00	Yes
Roofing Professionals Inc.	Yes	Yes	\$824,900.00	Yes
Skyline Construction	Yes	Yes	\$1,121,060.00	Yes
Team Craft Roofing	Yes	No	\$1,447,295.00	Yes

I certify that this is a correct tabulation of bids as read aloud, and I certify that I have personally and visually checked the tabulation against the proposal forms submitted. The apparent low bidder is Roofing Professionals Inc.


Signature-Dan Troutman

01/27/2022
Date

Superintendent Reports and Announcements

Superintendent Flynt presented the following reports and announcements.

12. Superintendent Reports.....Superintendent Flynt

a. School Year 2021-2022 Update

Superintendent Flynt presented information pertaining to summer school for 2022, which will be held at Lakeside High School, June 1-July 12, Monday through Thursday, from 7:30 a.m. – 12:10 p.m. Summer school graduation is scheduled for July 12, 5:00 p.m.

b. COVID-19 Update

c. Open House Dates and Times for 2022-2023

Superintendent Flynt shared Open House Dates and Times for 2022-2023 as follows: High School open house will be held Thursday, July 28, for middle school, Monday, August 1, and for elementary school Tuesday, August 2. All open houses will be held from 4:30 -6:30 p.m.

d. Permissive Waiver Transfer Requests by School for 2022-2023

e. Student Teacher Achievement Recognition (STAR) Program, North Harlem Elementary Cafeteria, February 10, 7:00 p.m.

f. Work Force Skills Competition and Showcase, February 11-12

g. Professional Learning Day/Student Holiday, February 18

h. Presidents' Day, February 21

i. Pre-K Registration Period, February 28-March 25

j. Middle School Parent Night for Rising 6th Graders, March 1, 6:00-7:30 p.m.

k. Career and College Expo, Exhibition Center, March 8, 4:00-7:30 p.m.

l. Board of Education Board Meeting, Columbia County Exhibition Center, March 8, 4:00 p.m.

m. Columbia County Student Art Exhibit, Columbia County Library, March 1-31, Reception, March 8, 5:30 -6:30 p.m.

n. Early Dismissal, March 10

o. Student/Teacher Holiday, March 11

p. School Board Appreciation Week, March 14-20

q. Report Cards, March 16

r. Special Olympics, Lakeside High School, March 18, 10:30 a.m.

s. Pre-K Drawing, March 31

Public Participation

Chairman David Dekle called upon six participants who requested to speak during Public Participation. Ms. Julie Miller spoke regarding support for students with emotional needs. Ms. Priscilla Bence shared her support for a resolution regarding CRT. Ms. Ashely Lee spoke in support of a resolution regarding CRT among other topics. Ms. Katie Allen shared concerns regarding DEI, IReady, and SEL. Ms. Janet Duggan discussed sexually explicit materials in media centers and shared excerpts from a book she shared that is on media center shelves. Ms. Sandy Steed shared concerns of food and students sitting for long periods of time.

Executive Session

At this time, a motion for the Board to retire into Executive Session was made by Board Member David Alalof, seconded by Board Member Judy Teasley, and approved by Chairman David Dekle, Vice-Chairman Lee Ann Meyer, Board Member David Alalof, Board Member Kristi Baker, and Board Member Judy Teasley.

Upon returning from Executive Session, Vice-Chairman Lee Ann Meyer made a motion that Chairman David Dekle be directed to execute an affidavit, as called for by Georgia Law, affirming that no subject was discussed during Executive Session, which violated the Open Meeting Laws of the State of Georgia. The motion was seconded by Board Member David Alalof, and approved by Chairman David Dekle, Vice-Chairman Lee Ann Meyer, Board Member David Alalof, Board Member Kristi Baker, and Board Member Judy Teasley.

Personnel Recommendations

Vice-Chairman Lee Ann Meyer made a motion for approval of the personnel list to include the Personnel Recommendations which was discussed in Executive Session, seconded by Board Member David Alalof, and approved by Chairman David Dekle, Vice-Chairman Lee Ann Meyer, Board Member David Alalof, Board Member Kristi Baker, and Board Member Judy Teasley.

Board Items

Superintendent Flynt confirmed that a book in which excerpts were shared during public participation is not in media centers.

Adjourn

There being no further business, Board Member David Alalof made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Board Member Kristi Baker, and approved by Chairman David Dekle, Vice-Chairman Lee Ann Meyer, Board Member David Alalof, Board Member Kristi Baker, and Board Member Judy Teasley.

David Dekle, Chairman

Dr. Steven Flynt, Secretary