HANDBOOK

FOR THE

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

OF THE DELEGATE ASSEMBLY

JUNE 5, 2020

10:00 AM

VIA ZOOM

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GSBA Annual Business Meeting of the Delegate Assembly
Conducted by Zoom Meeting
10 AM
Friday, June 5, 2020

Agenda

Call to Order
Frank Griffin
GSBA President

Certification of Delegates
Valarie Wilson
GSBA Executive Director

Adoption of the Agenda

Report of the Treasurer
Ron Hopkins
GSBA Treasurer

Approval of Minutes, 2019 Annual Business Meeting

Adoption of Nominating Committee Report
Ron Hopkins
Chair, Nominating Committee

Election of Officers

Installation of Officers
Frank Griffin
GSBA President

Closing Remarks

Adjourn
President Katrina Young called the GSBA Annual Business Meeting of the Delegate Assembly to order at 3:30 p.m.

Valarie Wilson, GSBA Executive Director, certified 122 voting delegates in attendance, constituting a quorum.

President Young provided an overview on the use of the voting instruments being used at today’s session.

On motion of Mathew Honiotes, Hart County, seconded by Jimmy Atkins, Richmond County, the agenda was approved as presented (copy attached).

Ron Hopkins, GSBA Treasurer, presented GSBA's financial status for FY 2019, reporting that for the ten-month period ending April 30, 2019, GSBA’s total liabilities and net assets were $5,577,689. The delegates accepted this report as information (copy attached).

Phil Hartley, GSBA General Counsel, reviewed the Rules/Procedures provided in the Delegate Assembly Handbook. On motion of Bernard Morgan, Polk County, seconded by Naomi Buckner, Muscogee County, the Rules/Procedures were adopted as presented (copy attached).

On motion of Glennera Martin, Bulloch County, seconded by John Bailey, Emanuel County, the Minutes of the 2018 Delegate Assembly were approved.

Frank Griffin, GSBA President Elect and chair of the Lee County Board of Education, and Chair of the 2019 GSBA Governmental Operations Committee, reviewed the procedures for adopting the 2019-2020 GSBA Legislative Positions Recommendations of the Governmental Operations Committee.

Section I – GOVERNANCE OF EDUCATION

Bryan Preston, Coffee County, opposing the position, asked for 1.A.3 to be pulled out for a separate vote. Jimmy Atkins, Richmond County, made a motion to discuss the position. The delegates approved the position.

Position 1.C.4 – John Elger, Habersham County, opposing the position, asked for this position to be pulled out for a separate vote. Discussion from Ginger Bailey, Jones County and Jesse Goree, Clayton County gave approval for the position. The delegates approved the position.

Position 1.D.6 – Kristin Morrissey, Forsyth County, asked for this position to be pulled out for a discussion.
On motion of the Governmental Operations Committee, Chair, Frank Griffin, the delegates approved the positions in Section I by a majority vote.

Section II – THE STATE/LOCAL FUNDING PARTNERSHIP

On motion of the Governmental Operations Committee Chair, Frank Griffin, the delegates approved Section II by a majority vote.

Section III – IMPROVING STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

Position 3.A.1 – John Elger, Habersham County, who opposes the position, asked for the position to be pulled out for discussion and a separate vote. Sheron Daniel, Wayne County started the discussion, supporting the position. Jimmy Atkins, Richmond County, Annette Edwards, Henry County, Judy Teasley, Columbia County, Jesse Goree, Clayton County, spoke in favor of the position. Johnny Vines, Candler County, Glen Albright, Paulding County, Brian Salter, Thomaston-Upson Schools spoke in opposition. Irene Berens, Marietta City, discussed the position. Jackie Payton, Burke County made the call for question. The separate vote was approved by the majority of the delegates.

Position 3.B.14 – John Elger, Habersham County, who opposes the position, asked for the position to be pulled out for discussion. There was no further discussion.

On motion of the Governmental Operations Committee Chair, Frank Griffin, the delegates approved the positions in Section III by a majority vote.

Section IV – FEDERAL ISSUES

On motion of the Governmental Operations Committee Chair, Frank Griffin, the delegates approved the positions in Section IV by a majority vote.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT:

Tom Odom, Oconee County, Chair of the 2019 Nominating Committee, made the motion to approve the following report of the Nominating Committee. Since there were no nominations from the floor of the Delegate Assembly, the following slate of officers was elected by the delegates by a majority vote:

• President – Frank Griffin, Lee County – Term July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020 • President Elect -- Pat Hugley Green, Muscogee County -- Term July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020 • Vice President -- Bryan Preston, Coffee County -- Term July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020

Katrina Young installed the officers as per GSBA policy.

The following GSBA District Directors, elected at their District Meetings, were announced to the Delegate Assembly:

• Jimmy Atkins, District 10 Director, 3 year term – July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2022 • Rebecca Soto, District 11 Director, 3 year term - July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2022 • Teresa Blackshear, District 12 Director, 3 year term - July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2022 • District 13 meeting to elect the Director was
held following Delegate Assembly • Cornelius Ball, District 14 Director, 3 year term - July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2022

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:32 p.m.

Minutes taken by Nancy McLellan, GSBA Executive Assistant
Minutes edited by Valarie Wilson, GSBA Executive Director
Chairman Ron Hopkins called the Zoom meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

The following members were present and constituted a quorum:

Ron Hopkins, Chair, Member of Jefferson City Board of Education
Doug Roper, District 1, Vidalia City Board of Education
Teresa Gee Hardy, District 2, Grady County Board of Education
Ginger Swint, District 3, Marion County Board of Education
Wales Barksdale, District 4, Rockdale County Board of Education
Julia Bernath, District 5, Fulton County Board of Education
William Doss, District 6, Griffin-Spalding County Board of Education
Faith Collins, District 7, Rome City Board of Education
Sheron Daniel, District 8, Wayne County Board of Education
Elaine Wilson, District 9, Dawson County Board of Education
Gwen Tucker, District 10, Warren County Board of Education
Guy Dean Benson, District 11, Jefferson City Board of Education
Mamie Crawford, District 12, Butts County Board of Education
Gary Smith, District 13, Ben Hill County Board of Education
Cornelius Ball, District 14, Turner County Board of Education

Faith Collins had a previous scheduled appointment and left the meeting at approximately 12:30 p.m.
Staff Present: Mark Willis, GSBA Assistant Executive Director, Nancy McLellan, GSBA Executive Assistant

Mr. Hopkins explained the task of the committee and reviewed the bylaws and policies concerning the Nominating Committee’s role. The committee discussed the list of questions to be posed to the candidates. These discussions took place on Monday, April 20, 2020 during a Dry-Run Zoom meeting. Mr. Hopkins reviewed the assigned questions to the committee members prior to the interviews today.

Interviews took place for the following positions:

**President Elect**
Bryan Preston, Coffee County Board of Education
Dr. Joyce Morley, DeKalb County Board of Education

**Vice President**
Shakila Henderson-Baker, Newton County Board of Education
Michelle Simmons, Douglas County Board of Education
Lamar Allen, Effingham County Board of Education
Coleman Landers, Walton County Board of Education
The committee voted anonymously for the office of GSBA President Elect and selected Bryan Preston for the term July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021. If elected by the 2020 Delegate Assembly for this office, he will automatically assume the office of the President for the term July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022.

The committee voted anonymously for the office of Vice President and selected Shakila Henderson Baker for the term July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021.

These candidates will be presented by the Nominating Committee to the 2020 Delegate Assembly on June 5, 2020 during a Zoom Meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:18 p.m.

Minutes taken by Nancy McLellan, GSBA Administrative Assistant
Minutes edited by Valarie Wilson, GSBA Executive Director
President

Pat Hugley Green Muscogee County Schools board member since 2004, Ms. Hugley Green is the current Chair. She serves on the Audit Committee, the Executive Committee, the GSBA Governmental Operations Committee (GOC), and the NSBA Advocacy Institute. She has served on the Awards Committee, Finance, Property & Personnel Committee, and as a member of the Superintendent Search Committee, and as a Delegate for Muscogee County. In addition to her extensive service to her community, she has worked as an insurance professional for over 25 years. Ms. Green received her master’s degree in Leadership from Tennessee State University in Nashville. She is married with two children.

President Elect

Bryan Preston has served on the Coffee County Board of Education since 2010. He has served as Chair and Vice-Chair in the past. Bryan serves of the GSBA Board Chair Advisory Committee, the Governmental Operations Committee (GOC), the Audit Committee and the Executive Committee. He has served as a Delegate for Coffee County during GSBA’s Delegate Assembly. A proponent of local control, he is married to Mary Preston, an Elementary classroom teacher with over 30 years as a professional educator. Mr. Preston currently serves as Chair of the Personnel Committee at the First Baptist Church in Douglas.

Vice President

Shakila Henderson-Baker was first appointed by the GSBA Board of Directors to fulfill the remaining term of District 4 in July of 2016 before being elected to the position. She serves on the GSBA Governmental Operations Committee, the Audit Committee and Executive Committee. A native of Covington, Mrs. Henderson-Baker began her first term on the Newton County Board of Education January 2011. She graduated Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Political Science from Fort Valley State University and holds a Master of Science Degree in Psychology and Counseling from Troy University. She obtained her certification in Early Childhood Education at Piedmont College in Athens. Mrs. Henderson-Baker works as a Mental Health Clinician and Behavioral Specialist. She is an active volunteer in the community as an after-school tutor and one of the Coordinators for The Young Legends teen-mentoring group. She is a Charter and current member of the Chi Tau Omega Chapter of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., which serves both Newton and Rockdale Counties.
Georgia School Boards Association
2019 - 2020 Officers

President: Frank Griffin, Lee County
President Elect: Pat Hugley Green, Muscogee
Vice President: Bryan Preston, Coffee
Treasurer: Ronnie Hopkins, Jefferson City
Past President(s): vacant
Ex Officio Secretary: Valarie Wilson

2019-2020 District Directors

District 1: Lamar Allen, Effingham County
District 2: Teresa Harris, Grady County
District 3: Kia Chambers, Muscogee County
District 4: Shakila Henderson-Baker, Rockdale County
District 5: Dr. Mary Kay Murphy, Gwinnett County
District 6: Amy Dees, Coweta County
District 7: Elaina Beeman, Rome City Schools
District 8: Nicholas Ellis, Wayne County
District 9: Elaine Wilson, Dawson County
District 10: Jimmy Atkins, Richmond County
District 11: Rebecca Soto, Oconee County
District 12: Fred Wilson, Houston County
District 13: James Lanier, Dublin City Schools
District 14: Cornelius Ball, Turner County
Staff

Director of Board Development: Tony Arasi
Risk Management Administrative Assistant: Mary Bailey
Legislative Services Associate: Scott Bierman
Member Advocate: Ricky Brantley
Director of Finance: Charlton Calhoun
EBS Executive Assistant: Kate Cammack
EBS Customer Support Representative: Heather Chappel
Director of Risk Management: Cliff Cole
Safety & Risk Control Coordinator: David Colvard
Systems Architect Manager: Tim Covert
Member Engagement Specialist: Leigh Crow
Communications Coordinator: Donna Davis
EBS Administrative Assistant: Jeanne Fraizer
Business Opportunities Manager: Pam Harrison
Senior Board Development Specialist: Donna Hinton
Board Member Mentor: Sis Henry
Staff Accountant: Alicia Hernandez
Risk Management Consultant: Cliff Hood
Strategic Planning Services & Vision Project Manager: Lynita Jackson
Staff Assistant: Charlene James-Mobley
Communications Specialist: Bridgett J. Johnson
Member Advocate: Mickey Key
Director of Superintendent Searches: Samuel King
Staff Accountant: Kari Lewallen
EBS Customer Support Representative: Nancy McGinnis
EBS Training & Support Manager: Sandra McGuire
Executive Assistant: Nancy McLellan
EBS Customer Support Representative: Ashley Mosby
Director of Policy and Legislative Services: Angela Palm
Director of Communications: Justin Pauly
Claims Examiner: Christine Penrod
Direct of Member Engagement: Julie Rhame
Business Development Manager: Charlie Rigby
EBS Marketing Manager: Andy Ryff
Member Engagement Specialist: Bill Sampson
Assistant Director of Risk Management: John Shore
Member Advocate: Lori Sours
Board Member Mentor: Trudy Sowar
Policy Research Assistant: Riquel Stewart
Video Production Specialist: Chris Triplett
Front Office Assistant: Tonya Tuite
Policy Coordinator: Sandy Vanags
Staff Assistant: Martha White
Assistant Executive Director: Mark Willis
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