### PRESS RELEASE BUTTS COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION January 20, 2022

#### **BOARD MOVES FORWARD WITH SUPERINTENDENT SEARCH**

The Butts County Board of Education continues to work on selecting a new Superintendent of schools. Planning for the search began in October. Dr. Todd Simpson is retiring and the Board engaged King-Cooper and Associates, a superintendent search firm, to serve as consultants for the search. The position was advertised with an application deadline of January 7, 2022 and information about the search has been available on the school system website. The Board also conducted an online survey that was completed by over 350 community members and school district staff.

On Thursday, January 20, the Board began reviewing applications and planning the interview process. Interviews will begin in early February and continue for several weeks. After a first round of interviews, the Board will select a small number of candidates for a second round of interviews.

The Board received twenty-seven applicants for the position. Twenty-two of the applicants have a doctorate and all met the requirement of having a minimum of the six-year leadership certificate. Six of the applicants are superintendents or have superintendent experience. Also, in the search are fifteen assistant superintendents or system directors, and six principals. Twenty-three of the applicants are from Georgia school systems, and there is one each from Alabama, Illinois, South Carolina, and Tennessee.

"We are very pleased with the number and quality of applicants" stated Mr. Milliard Daniel, Board Chair. "This is a critical decision and the Board is committed to selecting another excellent leader for our school system," he continued.

PRESS RELEASE BUTTS COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION November 17, 2021

#### **BUTTS COUNTY SCHOOLS BEGIN SUPERINTENDENT SEARCH**

The search for the next Superintendent of the Butts County School System is underway. On Wednesday, November 17, the Board held their first planning session with a representative of King-Cooper and Associates, a Georgia firm that will assist the Board with the search.

The Board approved a tentative timeline for the search that includes a deadline of January 7, 2022 as the last date to accept applications. King-Cooper and Associates has mailed vacancy announcements about the search. The search announcement is posted on various internet sites. The Board is also developing a survey to receive input from employees and community members related to the qualities desired in the next superintendent. It is the Board's desire to conduct a thorough search process that involves the community and employees while maintaining the necessary confidentiality of applicants until finalists are selected.

In the coming weeks, the Board will also be developing a leadership profile that includes the skills and competencies desired of the next Superintendent. The profile will be important as the Board determines the best candidates to consider and interview for the position. Interviews should begin early February.

The need for a search for a new Superintendent was created when Dr. Todd Simpson announced his upcoming retirement at the end of the current school year. It is anticipated the search will take four to five months.

# BUTTS COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION SEEKS NEW SUPERINTENDENT

The Butts County Board of Education is seeking a new superintendent. The system enrollment is 3500 (K-12). King-Cooper and Associates will assist the Board of Education with the search for the new superintendent. Interested applicants should contact Frank King (770-468-2021), or Dr. Allen McCannon (706-614-8375) for additional information about the application process or visit <u>www.kingcooper.com</u>.

Completed application packages for this position must be received by the close of the business day **Friday**, **January** 7, 2021. The application materials should be emailed to the following address:

## FRANK KING <u>fking@charter.net</u>

For a candidate's application package to be considered, it must include the following:

- A formal letter of application
- One copy of a current resume
- A copy of the Georgia leadership certificate (Required only for Georgia candidates)
- Names, addresses, and two telephone numbers (office and home or cell) of four references