

NEWS RELEASE
BUTTS COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
February 23, 2022

BOARD OF EDUCATION NAMES SUPERINTENDENT FINALIST

After a lengthy search that began in November, the Butts County Board of Education has named Mr. Brent Lowe as the finalist for the Superintendent of Butts County Schools. Mr. Lowe (45) has twenty-three years of public education experience, and the past seven years has served as a superintendent. He has also been a teacher, coach, athletic director, central office administrator, and assistant superintendent.

The naming of the finalist culminates four months of intense search activity by the Butts County Board of Education. In November, the Board employed search consultants King-Cooper and Associates. With the help of the search firm, the position was advertised, twenty-seven applications reviewed, candidates screened, and lengthy interviews conducted. With the naming of the finalist, the Board must now wait at least fourteen days before taking an official vote to employ Mr. Lowe

Mr. Lowe is a graduate of Brewton Parker College with a B. S. Degree in secondary education. He also has a Master's Degree in School Administration and Supervision and an Educational Specialist degree from Albany State University.

He began his educational career as a coach and teacher at Crawford County High School in 1999 before serving fifteen years in the Pulaski County School System. He taught seven years at Hawkinsville High School and served as Social Studies Department Chair from 2005-2007. He also helped coach two state championship football teams and was State Assistant Coach of the Year in 2003 and 2004. In 2007, he was promoted to Director of Operations for Pulaski County Schools and became Assistant Superintendent of Pulaski Schools in 2012. Among his duties as Assistant Superintendent, he served as Federal Programs Director, Facilities Director, Curriculum Director and Professional Learning Coordinator.

He was appointed Superintendent of Schools in Crawford County in September, 2015. A major project in Crawford County has been the planning, financing and construction of a new \$35 million high school. The school system has also made progress in all areas, including curriculum and instruction, personnel, finance and operational components of the system.

Mr. Lowe has also been active in both the Pulaski and Crawford County communities. In Pulaski County, he served as President of the Chamber of Commerce, and Chair of the Pulaski School Building Authority, co-founder of the Ocmulgee Order, and a member of the Pulaski County Education Foundation. In Crawford County, he has also been active in the Chamber of Commerce, serving as President from 2018-2020. He is also an active member of Kiwanis and on the Board of the Middle Georgia Regional Commission.

Mr. Lowe has been married sixteen years to his wife, Brandi. She has been an elementary school teacher and high school academic coach and they have triplets Cal, Clint, and Maggie. He enjoys hunting, fishing, and spending time with his family.

The Board must now wait fourteen days before taking a formal vote. If approved by the Board of Education, an official date to begin work will be negotiated.

Millard Daniel, Chair of the Board of Education, stated “We are delighted to have someone of Mr. Lowe’s experience and ability to be our next superintendent. He is committed to Butts County, has a record of successful leadership and will also bring new ideas to our school system. We have had a very deliberate and thorough search process, and I appreciate how well the Board has worked together through the search process”.

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 www.kingcooper.com.

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
[**fking@charter.net**](mailto:fking@charter.net)

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