

MEETING MINUTES

Attendees

Voting Members

Ms. Tracy Rookard, Chair
Mr. Devettrion Caldwell, Vice Chair
Ms. Michelle Simmons, Board Member
Mr. Glenn Easterwood, Board Member & Legislative Liaison

Non-Voting Members

Mr. Trent North, Superintendent
Dr. Chris Small, Executive Director of Operations
Chelsie Goodman, Assistant Superintendent
Pam Nail, Assistant Superintendent
Tracey Whaley, Chief of Police
Holly Timms, Chief Financial Officer
Shawnta Jones, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent

I. Call to Order

II. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

III. Moment of Silent Reflection

IV. Mission, Vision and Beliefs

V. District Strategic Goals

VI. Setting of Agenda

Motion made by: Mr. Devettrion Caldwell
Motion seconded by: Mr. Glenn Easterwood
Voting:
Unanimously Approved

VII. Board Recognition

VIII. Audience Participation

There was one audience participant, Sharon Bachtel, who spoke on the subject of math test scores and graduation rates.

IX. New Business

X. Work Session Presentations

A. Elevate Douglas

B. 2023-2024 School Year Update

XI. Board Agenda Discussion & Action Items

A. Minutes of Previous Meetings

1. June 5, 2023 Work Session/Board Meeting Minutes

Motion made by: Ms. Michelle Simmons

Motion seconded by: Mr. Glenn Easterwood

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

B. Communications

C. Finance

1. April FY23 Financial Report

Motion made by: Mr. Devetrion Caldwell

Motion seconded by: Ms. Michelle Simmons

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

2. May FY23 Financial Report

Motion made by: Mr. Devetrion Caldwell

Motion seconded by: Mr. Glenn Easterwood

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

D. General Administration

E. Operations

1. Georgia Department of Education New Site and Tear Down Rebuild Education Facility Application for LSHS

2. PT Solutions Athletic Trainer General Services Contract

Motion made by: Ms. Michelle Simmons

Motion seconded by: Mr. Devetrion Caldwell

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

F. Personnel

1. Classified Personnel Report

Motion made by: Mr. Devetrion Caldwell
Motion seconded by: Mr. Glenn Easterwood
Voting:
Ms. Tracy Rookard - Abstain
Mr. Devetrion Caldwell - Yes
Ms. Michelle Simmons - Yes
Mr. Glenn Easterwood - Yes

2. Certified Personnel Report

Motion made by: Mr. Devetrion Caldwell
Motion seconded by: Mr. Glenn Easterwood
Voting:
Ms. Tracy Rookard - Yes
Mr. Devetrion Caldwell - Yes
Ms. Michelle Simmons - No
Mr. Glenn Easterwood - Yes

G. Program for Exceptional Children

1. Various Contracts for 1:1 Nurses

Motion made by: Mr. Glenn Easterwood
Motion seconded by: Mr. Devetrion Caldwell
Voting:
Ms. Tracy Rookard - Yes
Mr. Devetrion Caldwell - Yes
Ms. Michelle Simmons - No
Mr. Glenn Easterwood - Yes

2. Contract with Comprehensive Therapy Consultants

Motion made by: Mr. Devetrion Caldwell
Motion seconded by: Mr. Glenn Easterwood
Voting:
Unanimously Approved

3. Contract with Spindle

Motion made by: Mr. Devetrion Caldwell
Motion seconded by: Mr. Glenn Easterwood
Voting:
Ms. Tracy Rookard - Yes
Mr. Devetrion Caldwell - Yes
Ms. Michelle Simmons - No
Mr. Glenn Easterwood - Yes

4. Contract with Stepping Stones Group for RBT

Motion made by: Mr. Devetrion Caldwell
Motion seconded by: Mr. Glenn Easterwood

Voting:
Unanimously Approved

H. School Nutrition

1. Meal Price Increase for 2024-2025 School Year

Motion made by: Mr. Devetrion Caldwell
Motion seconded by: Mr. Glenn Easterwood
Voting:
Unanimously Approved

I. Teaching and Learning

1. iReady for Elementary Schools

Motion made by: Mr. Devetrion Caldwell
Motion seconded by: Mr. Glenn Easterwood
Voting:
Unanimously Approved

J. Student Services

K. Technology

XII. Information Only

XIII. Board Member Comments and Announcements

- Mr. Glenn Easterwood thanked the public participant for attending the meeting and for expressing her concerns. He went on to add that although he is not satisfied with the current DCSS graduation rate; he is grateful for the number of students that do in fact walk across the stage each year. Some students do have challenges and obstacles that impact their success.
- Mr. Devetrion Caldwell expressed his appreciation for the Superintendent, staff and students for showing up and wanting to succeed. It's important that resources are in place to ensure they are getting the best. Additionally, he thanked everyone for all the hard work they put forth.
- Ms. Tracy Rookard stated that when she ran for office in 2013 the graduation rate was 69%; which was disturbing. While serving on the Board, she realizes that everyone is not equal; many students do it on their own. Ms. Rookard went on to extend her gratefulness for the students that are in attendance every day. She thanked the teachers and staff for their support.
- Ms. Michelle Simmons voiced that the Board is focused on student outcomes. Additionally, she stated that the Board also participates in Professional Development opportunities to help them grow. The Board just attended a conference recently and the professional development course addressed student outcomes and how that should be the focus of a Governance Board.
- Mr. Trent North stated that his ultimate joy is interacting with students. He takes pride in the Board, staff and the community. He is excited about the upcoming school year in addition to all that was accomplished over the summer break. Mr. North feels good about the changes that are being made within DCSS.

A. Next Board Meeting: August 14, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

XIV. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:49 p.m.

XV. Executive Session

The Board did not go into Executive Session.

Superintendent

Chairperson