

MEETING MINUTES

Attendees

Voting Members

Ms. Tracy Rookard, Chair
Mr. D.T. Jackson, Vice Chair
Ms. Ruth Morgan, Board Member
Ms. Michelle Simmons, Board Member
Mr. Glenn Easterwood, Board Member & Legislative Liaison

Non-Voting Members

Mr. Trent North, Superintendent
Dr. Michelle Ruble, Associate Superintendent of General Administration
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
Portia Lake, Interim Executive Director of Communications
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. D.T. Jackson

Motion seconded by: Ms. Michelle Simmons

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

VII. Board Recognition

VIII. Audience Participation

IX. New Business

X. Work Session Presentations

A. School Improvement Update

B. Budget Planning and Preparation

1. FY25 Budget Timeline

XI. Board Agenda Discussion & Action Items

A. Minutes of Previous Meetings

Motion made by: Mr. D.T. Jackson

Motion seconded by: Mr. Glenn Easterwood

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

1. October 2, 2023 Meeting Minutes

2. October 16, 2023 Meeting Minutes

B. Communications

C. Finance

D. General Administration

E. Operations

1. Hunter Park Cart Path Project

Motion made by: Mr. D.T. Jackson

Motion seconded by: Ms. Michelle Simmons

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

2. Surplus Approvals for Board

Motion made by: Mr. D.T. Jackson

Motion seconded by: Ms. Michelle Simmons

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

F. Personnel

Motion made by: Mr. Glenn Easterwood

Motion seconded by: Mr. D.T. Jackson

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

1. Classified Personnel Report

2. Certified Personnel Report

G. Program for Exceptional Children

1. Southern Behavioral Group Contract for RBTs

Motion made by: Mr. D.T. Jackson

Motion seconded by: Ms. Michelle Simmons

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

2. Stepping Stones Contract for Occupational Therapist

Motion made by: Mr. D.T. Jackson

Motion seconded by: Ms. Michelle Simmons

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

H. School Nutrition

I. Teaching and Learning

J. Student Services

1. The Simple Vue Academy

K. Technology

XII. Information Only

A. Overnight and Out of State Field Trips

XIII. Board Member Comments and Announcements

- Ms. Rookard welcomed the newest Board member, Ms. Ruth Morgan, who was sworn in this afternoon prior to this meeting. She is a phenomenal person and leader in our community. She will be representing the recently vacated position of Mr. Devetrion Caldwell, District 1.
- Mr. Glenn Easterwood had no additional comments.
- Ms. Ruth Morgan stated that she was very happy to be serving the City of Douglasville and her community.
- Mr. D.T. Jackson had no additional comments.
- Ms. Michelle Simmons extended her thanks for the data. She is thankful for the progress that has been made during her time on the Board since 2014.
- Superintendent North stated that today was a good day for K-12 public education. He shared that he and his Cabinet spent some quality time with some school districts in the metro area. Mr. North went on to add that it was nice to hear that Superintendents are being deliberate about changing their narratives. It was a very productive meeting; a very first step in helping redefine and write a new narrative for those of us that serve the majority of students in public education in the state of Georgia.

A. Next Board Meeting: December 4, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

XIV. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

XV. Executive Session

The Board did not go into Executive Session.

Superintendent

Chairperson