

MEETING MINUTES

Attendees

Voting Members

Ms. Tracy Rookard, Chair
Mr. Devettrion Caldwell, Vice Chair
Mr. D.T. Jackson, Board Member & Deputy Legislative Liaison
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
Melanie Manley, Assistant Superintendent
Dr. Chris Small, Executive Director of Operations
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. Executive Session

Ms. Michelle Simmons moved to amend the agenda by recommending that the Executive Session be moved to the end of the agenda. Board members were in favor.

Superintendent North and the Board Members discussed items as allowed under the Georgia Open Meetings Act (O.C.G.A. § 20-2-757).

Motion made by: Mr. Devettrion Caldwell

Motion seconded by: Mr. D.T. Jackson

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

II. Call to Order

III. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

IV. Moment of Silent Reflection

V. Mission, Vision, and Beliefs

VI. District Strategic Goals

VII. Setting of Agenda

Ms. Michelle Simmons moved to amend the agenda by recommending that item I. Executive Session, be moved to the end of the agenda. Board members were in favor.

Motion made by: Mr. Devetrion Caldwell

Motion seconded by: Mr. D.T. Jackson

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

VIII. Board Recognition

A. Youth Leadership Douglas

B. Governor's Honors Program (GHP) finalists

C. Chapel Hill Middle School Boys Soccer Championship

Will be recognized at a later date.

D. Fairplay Middle School Girls Soccer Championship

Will be recognized at a later date.

IX. Second Public Hearing on Proposed FY24 Budget

X. Audience Participation

There were three audience participants who spoke on the subject of the proposed FY24 budget. Participants included Sharon Bachtel, Carol Newborn and Debbie Ritchie.

XI. New Business

XII. Consent Agenda

Motion made by: Mr. D.T. Jackson

Motion seconded by: Mr. Devetrion Caldwell

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

A. 2024 Board of Education Meeting Dates

B. March 25, 2023 Budget Work Session Minutes

C. April 10, 2023 Work Session/Board Meeting Minutes

D. April 10, 2023 Executive Session Minutes

E. April 17, 2023 Board Meeting Minutes

F. April 17, 2023 Executive Session Minutes

G. March FY23 Financial Report

H. Video Security System Upgrade & Replacement

I. Purchase of School Buses

J. Purchase of Mobile Restroom Trailers

K. DCHS Storm Drainage System Replacement

L. Bid Renewal for DCSS/GEC Royal Produce 2023-2024

M. Bid Renewal GFL Waste Management

N. Bid Renewal for Imperial Dade Paper Company

O. Bid Renewal for Gordon Food Service

P. Bid Renewals of Georgia Education Cooperative

Q. Surplus

XIII. Action Items

A. Final Adoption of FY2024 Budget

Motion made by: Mr. Devetrion Caldwell

Motion seconded by: Mr. D.T. Jackson

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

B. Classified Personnel Report

Motion made by: Mr. Devetrion Caldwell

Motion seconded by: Mr. D.T. Jackson

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

C. Certified Personnel Report

Motion made by: Mr. Devetrion Caldwell

Motion seconded by: Mr. D.T. Jackson

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

XIV. Information Only

A. Overnight and Out of State Field Trips

XV. Board Member Comments and Announcements

- Mr. Glenn Easterwood had no additional comments.
- Mr. D.T. Jackson had no additional comments.
- Mr. Devetrian Caldwell had no additional comments.
- Ms. Michelle Simmons is in agreement with saving and that Board meetings should be video recorded. However, she pointed out that the audio recordings are accessible on our website to everyone in the community. Ms. Simmons added that the role of the school Board is to focus on improving student outcomes and to represent the vision and values of the community.
- Ms. Tracy Rookard had no additional comments.
- Superintendent North provided some transparency regarding community concerns.

A. Next Board Meeting: June 5, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

XVI. Adjournment

The meeting recessed into Executive Session at 7:39 p.m.

Superintendent

Chairperson