

**MINUTES**  
**DOUGLAS COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**  
**OCTOBER 18, 2021**

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The Douglas County Board of Education met in regular session at the administrative offices located at 11490 Veterans Memorial Highway, Douglasville, Georgia. Board Members present were: Ms. Tracy Rookard, Chair (Post 3); Ms. Michelle Simmons, Vice Chair (Post 4); Mr. Devetrion Caldwell, (Post 1); and Mr. Glenn Easterwood (Post 5). Mr D.T. Jackson (Post 2) was absent.

Staff members present were Mr. Trent North, Superintendent; Dr. Michelle Ruble, Associate Superintendent of General Administration; Mr. Kwame Carr, Assistant Superintendent of District Operations; Mrs. Melanie Manley, Assistant Superintendent of Student Achievement; Mrs. Pam Nail, Assistant Superintendent of Student Services; Mr. Greg Denney, Chief Financial Officer; Mrs. Nell Boggs, Executive Director of Communications; and Mrs. Hannah Washington, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent.

**I. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A. The Board did go into Executive Session

On motion by Michelle Simmons, seconded by Devetrion Caldwell, unanimous approval was given to go into Executive Session.

**II. CALL TO ORDER**

**III. THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG**

**IV. MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION**

**V. MISSION, VISION, BELIEFS**

**VI. SETTING OF AGENDA**

On motion by Devetrion Caldwell, seconded by Michelle Simmons, unanimous approval was given to approve the agenda as presented.

**VII. BOARD RECOGNITION**

- A. Retired Educators Day Proclamation presented by Portia Lake
- B. Fairplay Middle School County Softball Champions presented by Fhonda Strong

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**VIII. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**

**Douglas County Board of Education Public Participation at Board Meetings Policy: BCBI**

*Meetings of the Board of Education are held to conduct the affairs and business of the school system. Although these meetings are not meetings of the public, the public is invited to attend all meetings and citizens are invited to address the Board at all regular meetings at the time shown on the agenda and in accordance with procedures established by the Board or the Superintendent. Public participation may be allowed in the discretion of the Board at certain additional meetings under procedures set by the Board. The Superintendent shall make available the procedures to allow citizens to address the Board at regular meetings in accordance with this policy. These procedures shall include a requirement that notice be given at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting and that the Chair shall have the discretion to limit the length of time for individual comments and the number of citizens speaking for or against an individual matter. These procedures shall be available at the Superintendent's office and shall be given, upon request, to anyone requesting a copy. All comments to the Board in accordance with this policy are to be brief and are intended for the Board to hear from citizens but not to take action.*

A. NONE.

**IX. NEW BUSINESS**

**X. CONSENT AGENDA**

*The Board receives the agenda approximately three to five days before their regular board meeting. The Board discusses items placed on the "Consent Agenda" at a previous meeting or in Executive Session as allowed under the Georgia Open Meetings Act. Before the Board voting session the Board may ask or answer any questions about items to be placed on the "Consent Agenda".*

- A. September 7, 2021 Work Session Board Meeting Minutes
- B. September 20, 2021 Board Meeting Minutes
- C. September 20, 2021 Executive Session Meeting Minutes
- D. Proposed revised calendar for 2022-2023
- E. June 2021 Financial Report
- F. July 2021 Financial Report
- G. August 2021 Financial Report
- H. Douglas County Five Year Plan Resolution
- I. Gym Floor Refinishing
- J. Chapel Hill High School Cooler Freezer Replacement
- K. Douglas County School System- 21st Century Community Learning Center Grant External Evaluation Services
- L. Certified Personnel
- M. Classified Personnel

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On motion by Michelle Simmons, seconded by Devettrion Caldwell, unanimous approval was given to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

**XI. ACTION AGENDA**

A. Synovia Solutions: Transportation

On motion by Michelle Simmons, seconded by Devettrion Caldwell, unanimous approval was given to approve Synovia Solutions: Transportation as presented.

**XII. INFORMATION ONLY**

A. Overnight and Out of State Field Trips

**XIII. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- A. Next Board Meeting: November 1, 2021 at 6pm
- B. Ms. Michelle Simmons, Mr. Glenn Easterwood and Mr. Devettrion Caldwell had no comments
- C. Ms. Rookard complimented the staff on a job well done and encouraged Douglas County students to continue to be patient
- D. Superintendent North provided an update on the COVID-19 numbers, tracking and management.
- E. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

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Trent North, Superintendent

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Tracy Rookard, Chair