

MINUTES
DOUGLAS COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
NOVEMBER 1, 2021

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. Devettrion Caldwell, (Post 1); Mr. D.T. Jackson (Post 2); and Mr. Glenn Easterwood (Post 5).

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; Ms. Renee Davis, 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. CALL TO ORDER

II. THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

III. MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

IV. MISSION, VISION, BELIEFS

V. SETTING OF AGENDA

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

VI. BOARD RECOGNITION

VII. 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

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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.

VIII. WORK SESSION PRESENTATIONS

- A. Elevate Douglas Presentation, presented by Mr. Chris Pumphrey
- B. Synergy Presentation, presented by Mr. Jason Boudrie

IX. NEW BUSINESS

- A. 2022 Board Meeting Dates

On motion by DT Jackson, seconded by Michelle Simmons, unanimous approval was given to approve the item as presented.

X. BOARD AGENDA DISCUSSION & ACTION ITEMS

- A. Minutes from Previous Meeting
 - 1. October 4, 2021 Work Session Minutes

On motion by Devettrion Caldwell, seconded by DT Jackson, unanimous approval was given to approve the item as presented.

- 2. October 18, 2021 Board Meeting Minutes

On motion by Michelle Simmons, seconded by DT Jackson, unanimous approval was given to approve the item as presented.

- 3. October 18, 2021 Executive Session Minutes

On motion by DT Jackson, seconded by Devettrion Caldwell, unanimous approval was given to approve the item as presented.

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B. Communications

C. Finance

1. September 2021 Financial Report

On motion by Devetrion Caldwell, seconded by DT Jackson, unanimous approval was given to approve the item as presented.

2. Bond Resolution

On motion by DT Jackson, seconded by Michelle Simmons, unanimous approval was given to approve the item as presented.

3. State Aid Intercept Resolution

On motion by DT Jackson, seconded by Michelle Simmons, unanimous approval was given to approve the item as presented.

4. Resolution to Douglas County Commissioners

On motion by DT Jackson, seconded by Michelle Simmons, unanimous approval was given to approve the item as presented.

D. General Administration

E. Operations

1. Multipurpose Graduation Arena Demo of Previous Central Office Bldg

On motion by DT Jackson, seconded by Michelle Simmons, unanimous approval was given to approve the item as presented.

2. Surplus of Various Items

On motion by DT Jackson, seconded by Michelle Simmons, unanimous approval was given to approve the item as presented.

3. FY2022 Facilities Grant for Brighten Academy

On motion by DT Jackson, seconded by Devetrion Caldwell, unanimous approval was given to approve the item as presented.

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F. Personnel & Policy

1. Certified Personnel

On motion by DT Jackson, seconded by Michelle Simmons, unanimous approval was given to approve the item as presented.

2. Classified Personnel

On motion by DT Jackson, seconded by Devetrion Caldwell, unanimous approval was given to approve the item as presented.

G. Program for Exceptional Children

1. ProCare Therapy Contract for AU Flex Teacher

On motion by DT Jackson, seconded by Devetrion Caldwell, unanimous approval was given to approve the item as presented.

H. School Nutrition

I. Student Services

J. Student Achievement

K. Technology

1. Emergency Connectivity Fund Grant

On motion by DT Jackson, seconded by Devetrion Caldwell, unanimous approval was given to approve the item as presented.

XI. INFORMATION ONLY

A. Literacy for Learning, Living, and Leading in Georgia (L4GA Grant)

B. Overnight and Out of State Fields

XII. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Vice Chair Michelle Simmons, Mr. Devetrion Caldwell and Mr. Glenn Easterwood had no comments

B. Mr. DT Jackson gave birthday wishes to the Executive Director of School Nutrition, Danielle Freeman

C. Chair Tracy Rookard thanked the staff for all the hard work put into submitting the recent grants that have been received. Ms. Rookard also recognized the members of the National Council of Negro Women (NCNW) that were in attendance for the meeting

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- D. Superintendent Trent North provided an update on COVID numbers
- E. Next Board Meeting Date: Monday, December 6, 2021 at 6p
- F. There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

XIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- A. The Board did not go into Executive Session

Trent North, Superintendent

Tracy Rookard, Chair