

**MINUTES**  
**DOUGLAS COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**WORK SESSION/VOTING SESSION & BUDGET HEARING**  
**AUGUST 3, 2020**

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The Douglas County Board of Education met in regular session at the administrative offices located at 9030 Highway 5, 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 Ms. Rita Fasina-Thomas (Post 5).

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

#### MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

#### SETTING OF AGENDA

Ms. Simmons moved that Executive Session be moved on the agenda until the end of the meeting. On motion by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Mr. Jackson, unanimous approval was given to approve the agenda as written.

#### AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

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

In accord with its policy confirming the right and desirability of the public's expressing its point of view to the Board, delegations or individuals are welcome at all meetings, subject to the following regulations:

1. Matters relating to personnel, members of the Board, and other items which the law deems inappropriate for discussion must be submitted in writing and will be reviewed by the Board in Executive Session.
2. Matters concerning an individual school shall be discussed first with the principal of that school. If the problem cannot be resolved at the school, it shall then be brought to the Superintendent of Schools. If the problem cannot be resolved with the Superintendent of Schools, it may then be brought to the Board.

Citizens of the community have the expressed right and are encouraged to attend meetings of the Board to listen to and observe the deliberations of its members. The following regulations are adopted to preserve the orderly pursuit of business of the Board and to provide proper opportunities for legitimate and objective discussion and analysis of the issues presented. Board meetings are public meetings and not meetings of the public; however, any citizen may request the opportunity to communicate with the Board and be recognized to speak regarding appropriate issues.

**Persons desiring to communicate with the Board shall submit a written request to the Superintendent stating**

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**their name, home address, the topic about which they wish to speak and the group they represent, if applicable, no later than 4 o'clock on the Friday prior to the scheduled Board meeting. Please use the form provided for this purpose.**

The Board vests in its chairperson or other presiding officer authority to determine whether it is in the interest of the Board to allow any individual or group to make an oral presentation before the Board. Persons who are granted the opportunity to speak will be recognized by the chairperson at the appropriate time during the meeting. Speakers will be limited to three minutes. If there are numerous requests to address the Board the chairperson may select representatives to speak on each side of the issue. The Board also vests in its chairperson or other presiding officer authority to terminate the remarks of any individual who does not adhere to the guidelines established by the Board.

Personal complaints of school employees should follow the Complaints and Grievances procedures established by the Board.

Individuals and/or groups who addressed the Board previously may be denied the opportunity to address the Board again on the same topic.

The Board will usually not respond to comments or questions posed by citizens during the Board meeting, but will take those comments and questions under advisement. When appropriate, the comments and questions shall be referred to the Superintendent for consideration and a later response.

- A. Mr. Kevin Sanders addressed the board regarding the need for a more desirable board of education building. The board office shouldn't be any different from our schools. When companies look at relocating they look at our schools. The board should consider purchasing the Greystone Power property for a more suitable board of education location.
- B. Ms. Amy Alexander addressed the board regarding the reopening plan for the district. She is a supporter of the district and volunteer. She knows that the educational system can't be duplicated at home. She commended the board on purchasing devices for students. She asked that the \$25 technology fee be waived. She asked for re-evaluation of returning to school sooner than nine weeks. She asked for all 504 and IEP plans be revised. This was not done in the Spring.

#### WORK SESSION AGENDA

- A. Fall Sports Update

Mr. Eric Collins, District Athletic Director, provided an update to the Board on fall sports.

- B. Budget Update

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Mr. Greg Denney, Chief Financial Officer, provided a budget update to the Board.

**BUDGET HEARING**

No one was present for the budget hearing.

**WORK SESSION BOARD AGENDA ITEMS**

- A. Minutes of Previous Meetings
  - 1. Minutes of July 20, 2020 Executive Session
  - 2. Minutes of July 20, 2020 Work Session/Regular Board Meeting and Budget Hearing
- B. Student Achievement & Leadership
- C. Special Education
- D. Finance
  - 1. May 2020 Financial Reports
- E. Operations
  - 1. Surplus of Mobiles
- F. Technology
- G. School Nutrition
- H. Student Services
  - 1. FY21 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Center Grants
- I. General Administration
- J. Personnel and Policy

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**ACTION AGENDA**

A. 2020/21 Proposed Budget

On motion by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Ms. Fasina-Thomas, unanimous approval was given to approve the 2020/21 proposed budget.

B. Temperature Scanning Kiosks

On motion by Ms. Fasina-Thomas, seconded by Mr. Jackson, unanimous approval was given to purchase the temperature scanning kiosks as presented.

C. Purchase of Folding Chairs for In-School Instruction

On motion by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Ms. Fasina-Thomas, unanimous approval was given to approve the purchase of folding chairs as presented.

**INFORMATION ONLY**

A. GBRB-R(1) Administrative Procedure: Time Schedules/Work Load

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

On motion by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Ms. Fasina-Thomas, unanimous approval was given to go into Executive Session.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

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Trent North, Superintendent

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Tracy Rookard, Chair