

## MEETING MINUTES

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### Attendees

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#### Voting Members

Ms. Tracy Rookard, Chair

Mr. D.T. Jackson, Vice Chair

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

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### 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: Ms. Michelle Simmons

Motion seconded by: Mr. Glenn Easterwood

Voting:

Ms. Tracy Rookard - Not Present

Mr. D.T. Jackson - Yes

Ms. Michelle Simmons - Yes

Mr. Glenn Easterwood - Yes

### VII. Board Recognition

**VIII. Audience Participation**

**IX. New Business**

**X. Work Session Presentations**

**A. DCSS Forecasting and Planning for Growth**

**XI. Action Items**

**XII. Work Session Board Agenda Items**

**A. Minutes of Previous Meeting**

**1. September 5, 2023 Setting of the Tax Millage Rate Minutes**

**2. September 5, 2023 Meeting Minutes**

**3. September 18, 2023 Meeting Minutes**

**B. Communications**

**C. Finance**

**D. General Administration**

**E. Operations**

**1. Surplus of Various Items**

**F. Personnel**

**G. Program for Exceptional Children**

**H. School Nutrition**

**I. Student Services**

**1. FY 24 21st Century Community Learning Center Grant External Evaluator Services**

**J. Teaching and Learning**

**1. Waterford Reading and Family Academy**

**K. Technology**

**1. District Firewall Replacement**

**2. Erate Wireless Access Points**

### **XIII. Information Only**

#### **A. Overnight and Out of State Field Trips**

### **XIV. Board Member Comments and Announcements**

- Mr. Glenn Easterwood had no additional comments.
- Mr. D.T. Jackson had no additional comments.
- Ms. Michelle Simmons stated that when we have these public meetings, it's to engage, it's to ask questions of the executive team, it's to gain clarity and to assist in making informed decisions. She went on to add that this is an education agency; our goal is to create thinkers and ask questions. In addition, Ms. Simmons mentioned that while looking at the Board of Education calendar, the student achievement update should be presented at the next Board meeting. She thanked everyone and expressed that she is glad that we are building a relationship and partnership with Pre-K & with the Waterford Reading and Family Academy. Ms. Simmons is looking forward to those results as we move forward.
- Ms. Tracy Rookard thanked everyone for attending and participating at the Board meetings. She went on to add that the great thing about the DCSS Board and its structure is that "we do have access to our executives outside of the Board meetings." Ms. Rookard stated that she is grateful to every one of her Board members. She thinks everyone does an excellent job, always; and is very grateful and appreciative and want everyone's voice to be heard.
- Superintendent North gave thanks to Ms. Goodman and Dr. Small. He stated, "Tonight we are attacking two things that school systems don't really control." He added that while we can partner with the cities and the counties, at the end of the day, they are local authorities, and they get to do and make the decisions for whatever they choose to. Mr. North went on to say, "Our job is to try to create winning scenarios regardless of what their decisions are." Mr. North is excited about the direction in which DCSS is headed.

#### **A. Next Board Meeting: October 16, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.**

### **XV. Adjourn**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

### **XVI. Executive Session**

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Superintendent

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Chairperson