

MEETING MINUTES

Attendees

Voting Members

Ms. Tracy Rookard, Chair

Mr. Devetrion 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

Kwame Carr, Assistant Superintendent of District Operations

Melanie Manley, Assistant Superintendent

Mrs. 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

Superintendent North and the Board Members discussed items as allowed under the Georgia Open Meetings Act (O.C.G.A. § 50-14-3(b)(2)) and (O.C.G.A § 50-14-2(1)).

Motion made by: Mr. Devetrion Caldwell

Motion seconded by: Mr. Glenn Easterwood

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

The Board adjourned Executive Session at 6:55 p.m.

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

Motion made by: Mr. D.T. Jackson

Motion seconded by: Mr. Devetrion Caldwell

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

VIII. Board Recognition

A. DCSS BOE Exemplary Board Status

B. LSHS Flag Football Champions

IX. Audience Participation

X. New Business

XI. Consent Agenda

Motion made by: Mr. D.T. Jackson

Motion seconded by: Mr. Devetrion Caldwell

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

A. December 5, 2022 Work Session/Board Meeting Minutes

B. December 5, 2022 Executive Session Minutes

C. Board Policy JBD: Absences and Excuses

D. School Calendars for 2023-2024, 2024-2025, and 2025-2026

E. Brighten Academy FY 23 State Charter School Facilities Grant Award (2)

XII. Action Items

A. Financial Report

Motion made by: Mr. Devetrion Caldwell

Motion seconded by: Ms. Michelle Simmons

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

1. November FY23 Financial Report

B. Personnel Reports

Madam Chair asked for Board consensus to take one vote for both Classified and Certified Personnel Reports. All agreed and the vote for Certified should reflect the unanimous vote for Classified.

1. Classified Personnel Report

Motion made by: Mr. D.T. Jackson
Motion seconded by: Mr. Devettrion Caldwell
Voting:
Unanimously Approved

2. Certified Personnel Report

XIII. Information Only

A. Overnight and Out of State Field Trips

XIV. Board Member Comments and Announcements

- Mr. Glenn Easterwood recognized two distinguished guests that he had in the audience. The two bright and exemplary students from his district were presented with gifts from the board.
- Mr. D.T Jackson had no additional comments.
- Mr. Devettrion Caldwell had no additional comments.
- Ms. Michelle Simmons had no additional comments.
- Ms. Tracy Rookard acknowledged Mr. Easterwood's guests and complemented them both for their courage to step forward and speak publicly. In addition, she thanked the staff and the Board for always coming together.
- Superintendent North updated the Board on the budget proposal discussed at the previous meeting. He along with a few other superintendents, were able to preview the Governor's budget for education. He believes the new budget will positively benefit the school system.

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

XV. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.