

MINUTES
DOUGLAS COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
WORK SESSION
JANUARY 10, 2022

The Douglas County Board of Education met in a work session in the Magnolia Room of the administrative office building at 11490 Veterans Memorial Highway, Douglasville, GA 30134. Ms. Tracy Rookard, Chair (Post 3) called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Board Members present were: Ms. Michelle Simmons, Vice Chair (Post 4); Mr. Devetrion 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; Police Chief Tracey Whaley; Mrs. Kenya Elder, Executive Director of Community Relations; 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. ELECTION OF BOARD OFFICERS

- A. Mr. North, Secretary to the Board, declared the floor open for Board Chair nominations.

On motion by Devetrion Caldwell, seconded by Michelle Simmons, unanimous approval was given to nominate Tracy Rookard for Board Chair.

- B. Tracy Rookard declared the floor open for nominations for Vice Chair. A nomination was received from the floor.

On motion by Devetrion Caldwell, seconded by Tracy Rookard, unanimous approval was given to nominate Michelle Simmons for Vice Chair.

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- C. Tracy Rookard declared the floor open for nominations for Legislative Liaison. A nomination was received from the floor.

On motion by Michelle Simmons, seconded by Tracy Rookard, unanimous approval was given to approve Devettrion Caldwell as Legislative Liaison.

- D. Tracy Rookard declared the floor open for nominations for Deputy Legislative Liaison. A nomination was received from the floor.

On motion by Devettrion Caldwell, seconded by Michelle Simmons, unanimous approval was given to approve DT Jackson as Deputy Legislative Liaison.

- E. Tracy Rookard declared the floor open for nominations for Sergeant at Arms. A nomination was received from the floor.

On motion by Michelle Simmons, seconded by Devettrion Caldwell, unanimous approval was given to approve Glenn Easterwood as Sergeant at Arms.

V. MISSION, VISION AND BELIEFS

VI. DISTRICT STRATEGIC GOALS

VII. SETTING OF AGENDA

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

VIII. BOARD RECOGNITION

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IX. 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.

X. NEW BUSINESS

XI. WORK SESSION PRESENTATIONS

A. Custodian Update

XII. WORK SESSION BOARD AGENDA ITEMS

A. Minutes of Previous Meetings

1. December 6, 2021 Work Session/Board Meeting Minutes

B. Communications

C. Finance

D. General Administration

E. Operations

F. Personnel & Policy

G. Program for Exceptional Children

H. School Nutrition

I. Student Achievement

J. Student Services

1. Matrix Management Services iHealth (COVID-19) Test Kits

K. Technology

1. Emergency Connectivity Fund Internet Hotspots for Title I Schools

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XIII. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Code of Ethics Adoption

On motion by DT Jackson, seconded by Devettrion Caldwell, unanimous approval was given to approve the Code of Ethics Policy as presented.

XIV. INFORMATION ONLY

- A. Whole Board Governance Training
- B. Overnight and Out of State Field Trips

XV. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. Glenn Easterwood, DT Jackson and Devettrion Caldwell had no comments
- B. Michelle Simmons wished everyone a Happy New Year
- C. Tracy Rookard reminded everyone the importance of remaining vigilant amidst the spread of COVID-19
- D. Trent North reminded the Board Members of Federal Monitoring on January 21st and COGNIA accreditation on March 6th-9th
- E. Next Board Meeting Date: January 18, 2022 at 7PM
- F. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

XVI. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- A. The Board did not go into Executive Session.

Trent North, Superintendent

Tracy Rookard, Chair