

MINUTES
DOUGLAS COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
WORK SESSION
AUGUST 2, 2021

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: Mr. Devettrion Caldwell, (Post 1) Mr. D.T. Jackson, (Post 2) ; and Mr. Glenn Easterwood, (Post 5). Ms. Michelle Simmons, Vice Chair (Post 4) was absent.

Staff members present were Mr. Trent North, Superintendent; Mrs. Melanie Manley, Assistant Superintendent of Student Achievement; Mrs. Pam Nail, Assistant Superintendent of Student Services; Mr. Greg Denney, Chief Financial Officer; Mr. Kwame Carr, Assistant Superintendent of District Operations; Dr. Michelle Ruble, Associate Superintendent of General Administration; Police Chief Tracey Whaley; Mrs. Nell Boggs, Executive Director of Community Relations; Mrs. Melanie Nicholson, Senior Executive Assistant to the Superintendent; and Mrs. Hannah Washington, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent.

THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG was led by Ms. Rookard.

MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

- A. Ms. Rookard acknowledged Douglas County High School student, Tyler Fairley, who passed away on August 1, 2021

MISSION, VISION AND BELIEFS

SETTING OF AGENDA

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

BOARD RECOGNITION

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AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

Board 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.

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

WORK SESSION AGENDA

A. ARP Survey Data

1. Dr. Kristen Carroll presented the ARP Survey Data.
2. Kwame Carr, Todd Hindmon, Melanie Manley, and Pam Nail presented the ARPA Budget

B. Summer School Participation and Data

1. Mrs. Melanie Manley presented the summer school data.

C. COVID Data and Updates

1. Led by Board Chair, Ms. Rookard
2. Mr. North presented current COVID data from the CDC and CDPH:

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- a. Douglas County has moved back into a high transmission status
 - b. The current case rate is 341 cases per 100,000 residents which is 3 times higher than the CDC recommendation
 - c. Douglas County has a 2 week positivity rate of 15% - higher than all surrounding counties
 - d. Douglas County hospitalizations due to COVID over the past two weeks are more than 20 times higher
 - e. Douglas County has 35% of residents fully vaccinated
3. Mr. North made the recommendation to the Board to require masks in all Douglas County schools and facilities
 4. Ms. Rookard allowed each Board Member to speak regarding mandating masks at the schools
 - a. Ms. Rookard was in favor of a mask requirement
 - b. Mr. Caldwell was favor of a mask requirement
 - c. Mr. Easterwood was opposed to a mask requirement
 - d. Mr. Jackson was in favor of a mask requirement

WORK SESSION BOARD AGENDA ITEMS

- A. Minutes of Previous Meetings
 1. Minutes of July 19, 2021 Work Session/Regular Meeting
 2. Minutes of July 19, 2021 Executive Session
- B. Student Achievement & Leadership
- C. Program for Exceptional Children
- D. Finance
- E. Operations
 1. FY22 Capital Outlay Program
 2. Surplus
- F. Technology
- G. School Nutrition

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H. Student Services

1. FY22 21st Century Community Learning Centers Grants (CCLC)
2. LEXIA Learning Systems LLC Software Renewal
3. Renaissance Learning for Title I Schools
4. Curriculum Advantage (Classworks Suite) for Title I Schools
5. WriteScore for Title I Schools
6. Gaggle
7. Curriculum Associates – IREADY

I. General Administration

J. Human Resources

ACTION AGENDA

A. Georgia Vision Project Resolution

On motion by DT Jackson, seconded by Devettrion Caldwell, unanimous approval was given to approve the Georgia Vision Project Resolution as presented.

B. FY21 Local School Board Governance Annual Training Report and Exemplary Board Application

On motion by Devettrion Caldwell, seconded by DT Jackson unanimous approval was given to approve FY21 Local School Board Governance Annual Training Report and Exemplary Board Application as presented.

INFORMATION ONLY

A. Club for Chapel Hill High School

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Mr. North stated that he was not proponent of wearing masks

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B. Ms. Rookard stated thanks to the staff and requested a weekly update on COVID data

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8: 11 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board did not go into Executive Session.

Trent North, Superintendent

Tracy Rookard, Chair