

MINUTES
DOUGLAS COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
SEPTEMBER 20, 2021

The Douglas County Board of Education met in regular session at the administrative offices located at 11490 Veterans Memorial Highway, Douglasville, Georgia. Board Members present were: Ms. Tracy Rookard, Chair (Post 3); 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 present via teleconference due to health matters.

Staff members present were Mr. Trent North, Superintendent; Mr. Greg Denney, Chief Financial Officer; Dr. Michelle Ruble, Associate 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 ; Mrs. Melanie Nicholson, Senior Executive Assistant to the Superintendent; and Mrs. Hannah Washington, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent.

I. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. The Board did go into Executive Session

On motion by D.T. Jackson, seconded by Devettrion Caldwell, unanimous approval was given to go into Executive Session.

II. CALL TO ORDER

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

IV. MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

V. MISSION, VISION, BELIEFS was led by Superintendent Trent North

VI. SETTING OF AGENDA

On motion by D.T. Jackson, seconded by Devettrion Caldwell, unanimous approval was given to approve the agenda as presented.

VII. BOARD RECOGNITION

VIII. AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

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

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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**

IX. NEW BUSINESS

X. CONSENT AGENDA

The Board receives the agenda approximately three to five days before their regular board meeting. The Board discusses items placed on the "Consent Agenda" at a previous meeting or in Executive Session as allowed under the Georgia Open Meetings Act. Before the Board voting session the Board may ask or answer any questions about items to be placed on the "Consent Agenda".

- A. August 2, 2021 Work Session Board Meeting Minutes
- B. August 16, 2021 Board Meeting Minutes
- C. August 17, 2021 at 8AM Tax Millage Rate Hearing Minutes
- D. August 17, 2021 at 6PM Tax Millage Rate Hearing Minutes
- E. August 24, 2021 Tax Millage Rate & Special Called Board Meeting Minutes
- F. Purchase of Seven School Buses
- G. AHS Performing Arts Center
- H. Surplus of Various Items
- I. FY22 Local Board Training Plan
- J. Certified Personnel
- K. Classified Personnel

On motion by D.T. Jackson, seconded by Devettrion Caldwell, unanimous approval was given to approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

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XI. ACTION AGENDA

A. ARPA Budget

On motion by D.T. Jackson, seconded by Devettrion Caldwell, 4 Board Members voted to approve the ARPA Budget as presented. Ms. Rookard abstained from the vote.

XII. INFORMATION ONLY

A. Overnight/Out of State Field Trips

XIII. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

- A. Ms. Rookard thanked the staff for continuing to journey through the pandemic Ms. Rookard also expressed gratitude towards Mrs. Melanie Nicholson, who will be retiring
- B. Ms. Simmons thanked the technology team for ensuring she could participate via teleconference
- C. Mr. Jackson thanked the Operations and Technology team for updating the digital platform for football scores. Mr. Jackson also acknowledged the final Board Meeting of Mrs. Melanie Nicholson.
- D. Mr. North thanked parents, teachers, community, and students for their cooperation through the pandemic. Mr. North explained that the school system monitors COVID via the transmission rate. Mr. North thanked the Student Services department for their hard work through the pandemic. Mr. North additionally expressed his gratitude for the guidance and knowledge provided to him by Mrs. Melanie Nicholson.
- E. Mr. Easterwood had no comment
- F. Mr. Caldwell had no comment
- G. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:08 p.m.

Trent North, Superintendent

Tracy Rookard, Chair