

**MINUTES**  
**DOUGLAS COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**WORK SESSION**  
**SEPTEMBER 7, 2021**

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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. Devettrion 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. 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**

**MISSION, VISION AND BELIEFS**

**BOARD RECOGNITION**

**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.

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- A. Jennifer Black
  - a. Spoke regarding concerns with staff communication
  
- B. Holly Leasure
  - a. Was not present to speak

**NEW BUSINESS**

**WORK SESSION PRESENTATIONS**

- A. Professional Learning Summer 2021
  - a. Presented by Mrs. Melanie Manley

**WORK SESSION BOARD AGENDA ITEMS**

- A. Minutes of Previous Meetings
  - 1. August 2, 2021 Work Session Board Meeting
  - 2. August 16, 2021 Board Meeting
  - 3. August 17th at 8AM Tax Millage Rate Hearing
  - 4. August 17th at 6PM Tax Millage Rate Hearing
  - 5. August 24th Tax Millage Rate Hearing
- B. Student Achievement & Leadership
- C. Program for Exceptional Children
- D. Finance
- E. Operations
  - 1. Purchase of Seven School Buses
  - 2. AHS Performing Arts Center
    - i. Presented by Southern A&E, and Carroll Daniel
  - 3. Surplus of Various Items
- F. Technology
- G. School Nutrition
- H. Student Services
- I. General Administration
  - 1. FY22 Local Board Training Plan
  - 2. ARPA Budget
- J. Human Resources

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**INFORMATION ONLY**

- A. Overnight/Out of State Field Trips
- B. LSHS Football Booster Bylaws
- C. Board Regulation Questioning Students on School Premises
- D. Douglas County School System Multipurpose Arena
  - 1. Presented by RLR and RA-LIN

**BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- A. Next Board Meeting Date: September 20, 2021 at 7PM
- B. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Board did not go into Executive Session.

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Trent North, Superintendent

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Tracy Rookard, Chair