

MINUTES
DOUGLAS COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
WORK SESSION/REGULAR MEETING & BUDGET HEARING
JULY 20, 2020

The Douglas County Board of Education met in regular session at the administrative offices located at 9030 Highway 5, Douglasville, Georgia. Board Members present were: Ms. Tracy Rookard, Chair (Post 3); Ms. Michelle Simmons, Vice Chair (Post 4); Mr. Devettrion Caldwell, (Post 1); and Ms. Rita Fasina-Thomas (Post 5). Mr. D.T. Jackson (Post 2) was absent.

Staff members present were Mr. Trent North, Superintendent; Mrs. Melanie Manley, Assistant Superintendent of Student Achievement; Mr. Greg Denney, Chief Financial Officer; Dr. Michelle Ruble, Assistant Superintendent of General Administration; Ms. Pam Nail, Assistant Superintendent of Student Services; Mr. Kwame Carr, Assistant Superintendent of District Operations; Mrs. Nell Boggs, Executive Director of Communications; and Mrs. Melanie Nicholson, Secretary to the Superintendent.

MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

SETTING OF AGENDA

On motion by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Ms. Simmons, unanimous approval was given to approve the agenda as written.

WORK SESSION AGENDA

A. RAMP Presentation

Dr. Omar Wray and Mrs. Mitzi Blackstone, Counselors from Alexander High School; Ms. Margaret Redmond and Ms. Jackie Hix, Counselors from Chapel Hill High School; and Ms. Chandra Peyton and Ms. Keisha White, Counselors from Factory Shoals Middle School, presented information on the RAMP program for counselors in the Douglas County School System. Each school identified goals to help at risk students improve their grades, attendance and completion of grade/graduation.

B. COVID 19 and School Reopening Update

Mr. North presented information from the Cobb Douglas Board of Health and updated the Board on reopening virtual learning on August 17.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

On motion by Ms. Simmons, seconded by Mr. Caldwell, unanimous approval was given to go into Executive Session at 7:50 p.m.

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The Board reconvened the meeting in regular session at 8:50 p.m.

BOARD AGENDA DISCUSSION & ACTION ITEMS

A. Minutes of Previous Meetings

1. Minutes of June 15, 2020 Virtual Work Session and Regular Board Meeting

On motion by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Ms. Fasina-Thomas, unanimous approval was given to approve the minutes of the June 15, 2020 Virtual Work Session and Regular Board Meeting as presented.

B. Student Achievement & Leadership

1. Career, Technical, Agricultural Education (CTAE) Consolidated Application for FY2021

On motion by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Ms. Simmons, unanimous approval was given to approve the Career, Technical, Agricultural Education (CTAE) Consolidated Application for FY2021 as presented.

C. Special Education

D. Finance

1. Public Hearing on FY20/21 Budget

Mr. Denney presented the preliminary FY20/21 Budget for tentative approval. No one was present at the Budget Hearing.

On motion by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Ms. Fasina-Thomas, unanimous approval was given to tentatively approve the FY20/21 Budget as presented.

2. Spending Resolution - August

On motion by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Ms. Simmons, unanimous approval was given to approve Spending Resolution for August as presented.

3. 2020/21 System Software Costs Approval

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On motion by Ms. Simmons, seconded by Mr. Caldwell, unanimous approval was given to approve the 2020/21 System Software Costs as presented.

4. Approval of Resolution Declaring Election Results of June 9, 2020

On motion by Ms. Fasina-Thomas, seconded by Mr. Caldwell, unanimous approval was given to approve the resolution declaring the election results of June 9, 2020 as presented.

E. Operations

F. Technology

1. Internet Hotspots

On motion by Ms. Fasina-Thomas, seconded by Mr. Caldwell, unanimous approval was given to approve the purchase of internet hotspots as presented.

G. School Nutrition

1. School Nutrition Surplus Items

On motion by Ms. Fasina-Thomas, seconded by Ms. Simmons, unanimous approval was given to approve the School Nutrition Surplus Items as presented.

H. Student Services

1. LEXIA Learning Systems LLC Software Renewal

On motion by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Ms. Simmons, unanimous approval was given to approve LEXIA Learning Systems LLC Software Renewal as presented.

2. DCSS SWSS Contract Amendment – Exhibit B

On motion by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Ms. Fasina-Thomas, unanimous approval was given to approve the contract amendment – Exhibit B for the DCSS SWSS as presented.

3. Temperature Scanning Kiosks

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On motion by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Ms. Simmons, unanimous approval was given to approve the purchase of temperature scanning kiosks as presented.

I. General Administration

J. Communications

1. Approval of 2020-2021 Revised Calendar

On motion by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Ms. Fasina-Thomas, unanimous approval was given to approve the revised 2020-2021 calendar as presented.

K. Personnel & Policy

1. Certified and Classified Personnel

On motion by Ms. Simmons seconded by Mr. Caldwell, unanimous approval was given to approve the certified and classified personnel as presented.

INFORMATION ONLY

A. Douglas County High School GMP

B. Student Discipline JD-R(2) and JD-R(3)

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Ms. Rookard congratulated the 2020 graduates. We are grateful and proud that we are able to honor the graduates.

Mr. North thanked the staff and said that the Board was very complimentary of our Learning by Design plan and our balanced budget.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:39 p.m.

Trent North, Superintendent

Tracy Rookard, Chair