

**MINUTES**  
**DOUGLAS COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**WORK SESSION/REGULAR MEETING AND 2<sup>ND</sup> BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING**  
**JUNE 21, 2021**

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The Douglas County Board of Education met in a regular session in the board room of the administrative office building at 9030 Highway 5. Ms. Tracy Rookard, Chair, (District 3), called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Board Members present were: Ms. Michelle Simmons, Vice Chair (District 4); Mr. Devettrion Caldwell, (District 1); Mr. D.T. Jackson (District 2) and Mr. Glenn Easterwood, (District 5).

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

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

#### MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

SETTING OF AGENDA: On motion by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Caldwell, unanimous approval was given to approve the agenda as presented.

#### AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

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

In accord with its policy confirming the right and desirability of the public's expressing its point of view to the Board, delegations or individuals are welcome at all meetings, subject to the following regulations:

1. Matters relating to personnel, members of the Board, and other items which the law deems inappropriate for discussion must be submitted in writing and will be reviewed by the Board in Executive Session.
2. Matters concerning an individual school shall be discussed first with the principal of that school. If the problem cannot be resolved at the school, it shall then be brought to the Superintendent of Schools. If the problem cannot be resolved with the Superintendent of Schools, it may then be brought to the Board.

Citizens of the community have the expressed right and are encouraged to attend meetings of the Board to listen to and observe the deliberations of its members. The following regulations are adopted to preserve the orderly pursuit of business of the Board and to provide proper opportunities for legitimate and objective discussion and analysis of the issues presented. Board meetings are public meetings and not meetings of the public; however, any citizen may request the opportunity to communicate with the Board and be recognized to speak regarding appropriate issues. **Persons desiring to communicate**

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**with the Board shall submit a written request to the Superintendent stating their name, home address, the topic about which they wish to speak and the group they represent, if applicable, no later than 4 o'clock on the Friday prior to the scheduled Board meeting. Please use the form provided for this purpose.**

The Board vests in its chairperson or other presiding officer authority to determine whether it is in the interest of the Board to allow any individual or group to make an oral presentation before the Board. Persons who are granted the opportunity to speak will be recognized by the chairperson at the appropriate time during the meeting. Speakers will be limited to three minutes. If there are numerous requests to address the Board the chairperson may select representatives to speak on each side of the issue. The Board also vests in its chairperson or other presiding officer authority to terminate the remarks of any individual who does not adhere to the guidelines established by the Board.

Personal complaints of school employees should follow the Complaints and Grievances procedures established by the Board.

Individuals and/or groups who addressed the Board previously may be denied the opportunity to address the Board again on the same topic.

The Board will usually not respond to comments or questions posed by citizens during the Board meeting, but will take those comments and questions under advisement. When appropriate, the comments and questions shall be referred to the Superintendent for consideration and a later response. None.

## 2<sup>nd</sup> BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING

Mr. Denney said there are no changes to the proposed FY21-22 Budget.

Ms. Rookard asked if there was anyone present that would like to address the Board regarding the budget. No one came forward.

## WORK SESSION AGENDA

### A. Board District Redistricting

The Board discussed the need for board district redistricting based upon new census data. Mr. North provided the Board with information regarding the redistricting process. After discussion, there was consensus from the Board on the following: 1) Board Chair Tracy Rookard will serve as the point person. 2) The Board would like to partner with the Reapportionment Office with the State of Georgia to facilitate the process.

The Board is requesting authorization from State Representative Kimberly Alexander to work with the Reapportionment Office with the State.

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NEW BUSINESS

BOARD AGENDA DISCUSSION & ACTION ITEMS

A. Minutes of Previous Meetings

1. Minutes of May 3, 2021 Work Session

On motion by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Caldwell, unanimous approval was given to approve the minutes of the May 3, 2021 Work Session as presented.

2. Minutes of May 17, 2021 Board Meeting

On motion by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Mr. Jackson, unanimous approval was given to approve the minutes of the May 17, 2021 Board Meeting as presented.

3. Minutes of May 17, 2021 Executive Session

On motion by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Mr. Jackson, unanimous approval was given to approve the minutes of the May 17, 2021 Executive Session as presented.

B. Student Achievement & Leadership

1. Career Technical Agriculture Education (CTAE)

On motion by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Caldwell, unanimous approval was given to approve the CTAE Consolidated Application as presented.

2. Gallopade for Middle Schools Social Studies

On motion by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Caldwell, unanimous approval was given to approve Gallopade for Middle Schools Social Studies as presented.

C. Finance

1. May 2021 Financial Report

On motion by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Caldwell, unanimous approval was given to approve the May 2021 Financial Report as presented.

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2. Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Budget Approval

On motion by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Caldwell, unanimous approval was given to approve the Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Budget as presented.

D. Operations

1. Surplus of Items

On motion by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Caldwell, unanimous approval was given to approve the surplus of items as presented.

E. School Nutrition

F. Student Services

G. Human Resources

1. Certified Personnel

On motion by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Caldwell, unanimous approval was given to approve the Certified Personnel as presented.

2. Classified Personnel

On motion by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Mr. Jackson, unanimous approval was given to approve the Classified Personnel as presented.

H. General Administration

1. First Reading Board Policy: Professional Personnel Sick Leave - GARH

This policy was reviewed and will be voted on at the July 19, 2021 Board Meeting.

2. First Reading Board Policy: Competitive Interscholastic Activities, Grades 6-12 – IDE(3)

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This policy was reviewed and will be voted on at the July 19, 2021 Board Meeting.

3. Second Reading Board Policy BCBI – Public Participation at Board Meetings

On motion by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Caldwell, unanimous approval was given to approve Board Policy BCBI – Public Participation at Board Meetings.

4. CustomTech DataViz Software

On motion by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Caldwell, unanimous approval was given to approve CustomTech DataViz Software as presented.

**INFORMATION ONLY**

- A. Over Night Out of State Field Trips
- B. BCBI-E(1) Public Participation Form

**BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Ms. Simmons said that in order to be an effective board that they don't have to be unanimous or agree on everything but once the collective board makes a decision we need to move forward in that direction. Ms. Simmons expressed concern for how our processes and systems will be different in light of the pandemic or will we go back to normal or be innovative and think outside the box? Ms. Simmons thanked everyone for attending.

Ms. Rookard thanked the staff for driving to the old central office location for the meeting and hopefully we will be able to meet in our new building soon.

Mr. North reported that after presenting the post COVID reopening to the Board and after discussion with principals and system level administrators, we will allow kindergarten, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students to learn from home.

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EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board did not go into Executive Session.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:03 p.m.

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Trent North, Superintendent

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Tracy Rookard, Chair