

MINUTES
DOUGLAS COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
WORK SESSION
MARCH 1, 2021

The Douglas County Board of Education met in a work session in the board room of the administrative office building at 9030 Highway 5. Ms. Tracy Rookard called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Board Members present were: Ms. Tracy Rookard, Chair (Post 3); Ms. Michelle Simmons, Vice Chair (Post 4); Mr. Devettrion Caldwell, (Post 1); and Mr. Glenn Easterwood, (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; Ms. Renee Davis, Assistant Superintendent of Student Services; Mr. Greg Denney, Chief Financial Officer; Mr. Kwame Carr, Assistant Superintendent of District Operations; Dr. Michelle Ruble, Assistant Superintendent of General Administration; Mrs. Nell Boggs, Executive Director of Community Relations; and Mrs. Melanie Nicholson, Secretary to the Superintendent.

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

MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION

BOARD RECOGNITION

- A. Recognition of Superintendent Trent North by Georgia Association of Educational Leaders

Mr. Robert Costley, executive director of the Georgia Association for Educational Leaders (GAEL), presented the GAEL Vision award to Superintendent Trent North. This year, GAEL recognized four superintendents across the state for their vision and leadership.

“Mr. North is a respected leader at the state level,” said Mr. Costley. “Whenever the governor calls meetings with educational leaders, Trent’s name is on the list. Because Mr. North is willing to share and collaborate, public education in the state of Georgia is better.”

Established in 1974, the mission of GAEL is to improve public education in Georgia through high quality leadership development, advocacy, and a resource network for educational leaders.

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AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION

None.

SETTING OF AGENDA

On motion by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Mr. Easterwood, the agenda was approved as presented.

WORK SESSION AGENDA

A. Strategic Research and Data Department

Dr. Kristen Carroll, Executive Director of data strategy for DCSS, presented an overview of the strategic research and data department, including goals for the department and methods for collecting, analyzing and using data.

BOARD AGENDA ITEMS

A. Minutes of Previous Meetings

1. Minutes of February 1, 2021 Whole Board Governance Training
2. Minutes of February 1, 2021 Work Session
3. Minutes of February 8, 2021 Board Meeting
4. Minutes of February 8, 2021 Executive Session

B. Student Achievement & Leadership

C. Program for Exceptional Children

D. Finance

1. 2021-22 Budget Adoption Timeline
2. December 2020 Financial Report
3. January 2021 Financial Report
4. Multi-Purpose Graduation Arena Construction Management Services
5. Alexander High School Performing Arts Center Construction Management Services

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E. Operations

1. Certificate of the Board of Education for Alexander High School
2. Certificate of the Board of Education for South Douglas Elementary School
3. Alexander High School Site Application
4. Surplus of Various Items

F. Technology

G. School Nutrition

1. Surplus of School Nutrition Items

H. Student Services

I. General Administration

F. Human Resources

INFORMATION ONLY

A. Douglas County School System Garage Sale

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mr. North stated that teachers are the next group to be vaccinated per the Governor. We will be working with the Cobb Douglas Public Health and vaccinating our employees on Friday, March 12 and Saturday, March 13. We are looking at mid-April for the second shot.

Important Dates

- Regular Board Meeting – March 15, 2021 7:00 p.m.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Board did not go into Executive Session.

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Trent North, Superintendent

Tracy Rookard, Chair