

**MINUTES**  
**DOUGLAS COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**  
**OCTOBER 19, 2020**

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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); Mr. D.T. Jackson (Post 2) and Ms. Rita Fasina-Thomas (Post 5).

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; 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 Mr. Jackson, 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 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**

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**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.

#### UNFINISHED BUSINESS

#### NEW BUSINESS

#### CONSENT AGENDA

- A. Minutes of September 8, 2020 Executive Session
- B. Minutes of September 8, 2020 Regular Board Meeting
- C. Minutes of September 21, 2020 Regular Board Meeting
- D. Minutes of September 21, 2020 Executive Session
- E. Grease Trap Pumping Contract
- F. Board Policies GAAA: Equal Opportunity Employment and GAEB: Sexual Harassment of Employees
- G. Board Policies JAA: Equal Educational Opportunities and JCAC: Sexual Harassment of Students
- H. Certified Personnel
- I. Classified Personnel

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

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**ACTION AGENDA**

**A. Purchase of Property**

On motion by Ms. Simmons, seconded by Mr. Jackson, unanimous approval was given to approve the purchase of property located at the current GreyStone Power property on Veterans Memorial Highway as presented in Executive Session.

**B. Antomage Lab for Lithia Springs High School**

On motion by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Ms. Fasina-Thomas, unanimous approval was given to approve the purchase of the Antomage Lab for Lithia Springs High School as presented.

**C. Surplus of School Nutrition Property**

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

**D. June 2020 Financial Report**

On motion by Mr. Caldwell, seconded by Mr. Jackson, unanimous approval was given to approve the June 2020 Financial Report as presented.

**INFORMATION ONLY**

**A. Douglas County High School Sports Complex**

**BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Ms. Rookard thanked the staff for their hard work and is grateful for the purchase of the property. This has been a long process with a lot of deliberation. This is what is best for our community.

Mr. North said that our team is excited about the move to the GreyStone Property. We can't say thank you enough.

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There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

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Trent North, Superintendent

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Tracy Rookard, Chair