

**MINUTES**  
**DOUGLAS COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**WORK SESSION**  
**SEPTEMBER 8, 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); Mr. Devettrion Caldwell, (Post 1); Mr. D.T. Jackson (Post 2) and Ms. Rita Fasina-Thomas (Post 5). Ms. Michelle Simmons, Vice Chair (Post 4) 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. Renee Davis, 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

#### 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 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

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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.

#### WORK SESSION AGENDA

A. Update on Law Enforcement

Chief Tracey Whaley provided an update on the school system police department.

B. Update on First Day of Face to Face Learning

Mr. Kwame Carr, Assistant Superintendent of District Operations, provided an update on bus transportation for the first day of face to face learning for our elementary students.

Mr. North provided an update on feedback from our principals and reported that we had a great first day of face to face learning.

#### WORK SESSION BOARD AGENDA ITEMS

A. Minutes of Previous Meetings

1. Minutes of August 3, 2020 Work Session/Voting Session and Budget Hearing
2. Minutes of August 3, 2020 Executive Session
3. Minutes of August 17, 2020 Tax Millage Rate Public Hearing
4. Minutes of August 17, 2020 Regular Board Meeting & 2<sup>nd</sup> Tax Millage Rate Public Hearing
5. Minutes of August 17, 2020 Executive Session
6. Minutes of August 20, 2020 3<sup>rd</sup> Tax Millage Rate Public Hearing
7. Minutes of August 24, 2020 4<sup>th</sup> Tax Millage Rate Public Hearing and Special Called Board Meeting

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- B. Student Achievement & Leadership
- C. Special Education
  - 1. PSA/Aveanna Healthcare Contract
  - 2. Comprehensive Therapy Consultants Contract
- D. Finance
- E. Operations
  - 1. Purchase of PPE Supplies
  - 2. Surplus Items
- F. Technology
- G. School Nutrition
- H. Student Services
  - 1. Douglas County School System - 21<sup>st</sup> Century Community Learning Center Grant External Evaluation Services
- I. General Administration
- J. Personnel and Policy
- K. Police Department
  - 1. Radio System User License Agreement

**ACTION AGENDA**

**INFORMATION ONLY**

**BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

Ms. Fasina-Thomas thanked her fellow board members for the gift for her daughter.

Mr. Jackson congratulated the staff for a great start today for in person learning. He also

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commended Chief Whaley and the newly formed police department.

Ms. Rookard thanked the staff. This was a big day coming back for face to face learning. We are here to support you as a Board.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

On motion by Mr. Jackson, seconded by Mr. Caldwell, unanimous approval was given to go into Executive Session.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:46 p.m.

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Trent North, Superintendent

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Tracy Rookard, Chair