

Regular Meeting 03/14/2023 05:00 PM Gadsden City Board of Education Central Office https://www.nfhsnetwork.com/events/gadsden-city-highschool-gadsden-al/evt75aa166c0d Approved 4/11/2023

MEETING MINUTES

Attendees

Voting Members

Rev. Z. Andre' Huff, Board Member - District 3 Mrs. Nancy Stewart, Board Member - District 6 Hon. Allen Millican, Board Chairman - District 7 Dr. Nathan Carter, Vice Chairman- District 2 Mr. Mark Dayton, Board Member - District 5 Mr. Mike Haney, Board Member - District 4 Ms. Adrienne Reed, Board Member - District 1

Non-Voting Members

Mr. Tony Reddick, Superintendent Mrs. Christie Knowles, Board Attorney Ms. Nancy Foster, Superintendent Administrative Assistant Mrs. Cory Skelton, Chief School Financial Officer

A. Call to Order, Opening Prayer, Pledge of Allegiance

Chairman Allen Millican called the meeting to order. City of Gadsden Councilwoman, Tonya Latham opened with prayer. Chairman Millican led the pledge of allegiance.

B. Recognition of Visitors/Guests

1. Christina Caldwell - Alabama Community Education Association (ACEA) State Afterschool Teacher of the Year Award

Mr. Hector Baeza, Federal Programs Director, recognized Christina Caldwell, chemistry and physics teacher from Gadsden City High School, for receiving the Alabama Community Education Association (ACEA) state afterschool teacher of the year award.

2. Janie Browning - Election as President of the Alabama Community Education Association

Mr. Hector Baeza recognized Janie Browning, a kindergarten teacher from Striplin Elementary, on her election as president of the Alabama Community Education Association.

The board also recognized the scholars' bowl team from Gadsden Middle School and the Management Principles class from Gadsden City High School.

C. Approval of Agenda

Agenda was presented to the board for approval.

Motion made by: Mrs. Nancy Stewart Motion seconded by: Mr. Mark Dayton Voting: Rev. Z. Andre' Huff - Yes Mrs. Nancy Stewart - Yes Hon. Allen Millican - Yes Dr. Nathan Carter - Yes Mr. Mark Dayton - Yes Mr. Mike Haney - Yes Ms. Adrienne Reed - Yes

D. Reports

Superintendent Reddick reported a grant that was received for virtual dissection tables for the science department at Gadsden City High School.

Mr. Reddick also gave an update on G.R.A.C.E. Academy. Superintendent Reddick reported enrollment would begin for DRIVE Academy for CDL and forklift operations.

E. Board Action

1. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the February 7, 2023 regular board meeting were presented to the board for approval.

<u>Motion made by:</u> Mr. Mike Haney <u>Motion seconded by:</u> Dr. Nathan Carter <u>Voting:</u> Rev. Z. Andre' Huff - Yes Mrs. Nancy Stewart - Yes Hon. Allen Millican - Yes Dr. Nathan Carter - Yes Mr. Mark Dayton - Yes Mr. Mike Haney - Yes Ms. Adrienne Reed - Yes

2. **Surplus Property**

Superintendent Reddick recommended the board approve listed property from Mitchell Elementary, Maintenance Department, and Gadsden Middle School as surplus property.

Motion made by: Ms. Adrienne Reed Motion seconded by: Mr. Mark Dayton Voting: Rev. Z. Andre' Huff - Yes Mrs. Nancy Stewart - Yes Hon. Allen Millican - Yes Dr. Nathan Carter - Yes Mr. Mark Dayton - Yes Mr. Mike Haney - Yes Ms. Adrienne Reed - Yes

3. 2023-2024 GCS Calendar rev. 1

Student Days 1st Semester 84

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Student Days 2nd Semester

Teacher Inservice Days

Superintendent Reddick recommended the board approve the revision to the 2023-2024 Gadsden City Schools calendar presented to the board.

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<u>Motion made by:</u> Mr. Mike Haney <u>Motion seconded by:</u> Mrs. Nancy Stewart <u>Voting:</u> Rev. Z. Andre' Huff - Yes Mrs. Nancy Stewart - Yes Hon. Allen Millican - Yes Dr. Nathan Carter - Yes Mr. Mark Dayton - Yes Mr. Mike Haney - Yes Ms. Adrienne Reed – Yes

4. Summer Career Tech Middle School Camp

Superintendent Reddick recommended the board approve the Summer Career Tech Middle School Camp. **Dates:** May 30, 2023 thru June 2, 2023 **Time:** 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. **Location:** Gadsden City High School/Career Technical Department **Transportation:** Busses available from each middle school **Students:** 8th graders/Upcoming9th graders/ 100 participant cap **Cost:** No cost for students **Funding:** ALSDE CTE Middle School Grant & Local Sponsors

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5. Bid Approval for GCHS Band Program Equipment

Superintendent Reddick recommended the board award the bid for GCHS music chairs and dollies for the band program to Music and Arts in the amount of \$17,619.88.

The following bids were submitted. Technology International Inc - \$21,733.92 Hertz Furniture - \$18,424.00 Wenger Corporation - \$22,857.76 Music and Arts - \$17,619.88 School Specialty Furniture and Equipment - \$29,885.40 Gadsden Music - \$20,340.00 HCONE International Impex LLC \$20,871.88 <u>Motion made by:</u> Mr. Mark Dayton <u>Motion seconded by:</u> Dr. Nathan Carter <u>Voting:</u> Rev. Z. Andre' Huff - Yes Mrs. Nancy Stewart - Yes Hon. Allen Millican - Yes Dr. Nathan Carter - Yes Mr. Mark Dayton - Yes Mr. Mike Haney - Yes Ms. Adrienne Reed - Yes

6. Bid Approval for Thompson Elementary Reflooring

Superintendent Reddick recommended the board award the bid for removal of old flooring and installation of new LVT flooring at Thompson Elementary School to Greer Building Contractors in the amount of \$234,582.00.

Other bids received: P & C Construction - \$283,930.00

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7. Monthly Financial Report and Bank Reconciliation

CSFO Cory Skelton presented the board with the monthly financials for examination and approval. The financial data and cash balances presented are based on the reconciled bank statement to the general ledger as of January 31, 2023.

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8. Approval for Travel Reimbursement Meal Increase

Superintendent Reddick recommended the board approve the proposed increase for meal reimbursement when employees travel for professional development. The proposed increase is as follows:

	Current.	Proposed
Breakfast	\$8.00	\$ 8.00
Lunch	\$10.00	\$14.00
Dinner	\$16.00	\$22.00
Total	\$34.00	\$44.00

\$10.00 total increase

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9. Executive Session to discuss matters relating to the reputation, character and professional competence of certain individuals and pending legal litigation

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10. Legal Litigation

The board approved to authorize execution of pending legal litigation.

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11. Personnel Actions

a. Part A

Superintendent Reddick recommended the following personnel actions be approved:

Retirement:

Jacqueline McEldrerry - Floyd Elementary School 3rd grade teacher effective 6/1/2023

Carlos Esquivel - Central Office Custodian effective 4/1/2023

Resignation:

Regienia Wright - Adams Elementary School Custodian effective 3/3/2023

Amy Zuniga - Adams Elementary School CNP Manager effective 3/10/2023

Transfer:

Laura Turgeon from Floyd Elementary School Custodian to Central Office Custodian effective 4/01/2023 (12 month position)

New Employee:

Jeffrey "Blair" Mayfield - Systemwide SPE teacher effective 8/2/2023

Erin Simmons - Walnut Park Elementary School Aide effective 3/15/2023

Robert Pierce - Systemwide SPE Bus Aide effective 3/6/2023

Substitutes:

Cafeteria Neeley Brooke Winkler

Teachers Latasha Marbury

Support

Montana Taylor

Gadsden City Board of Education Community Education/ 21st Century After School Program 2022-2023

Substitutes Ajainay Tinker Sherry McClellan Usry Daryl Wallace - Aide

2023 Federal Summer School/Programs Positions Emma Sansom Middle School Reading and Math Boot Camp Effective 6/5/2023-6/24/2023

America Jayroe - Lead Teacher Shelly Mason - Lead Teacher

Gadsden City High School Title III, District EL

Effective 6/1/2023-6/15/2023 Brooke Burns - History Teacher Lisa McKenzie - English Teacher

Gadsden City High School Title III, District EL Effective 6/1/2023-6/29/2023

Angela Jones - Lead Teacher Frances Harp - Math Teacher Joresa Bothewell - Science Teacher

Parent Teacher Resource Center Title I, District EL Effective 5/30/2023-7/27/2023

Diana Hilton - EL Teacher Brandy Newton - Teacher Janie Browning - Tutor

GHS Annex Title I Inventory/Textbooks Program Effective 6/7/2023-7/27/2023 Jamie Whitaker - Teacher

Parent Teacher Resource Center Summer Program Effective 5/30/2023 - 7/27/2023 Kim Walker - Custodian

Parent Teacher Resource Center Title I Homeless Children and Youth Effecive 5/30/2023 - 7/27/2023 Lynne Whisenant - Homeless Liaison

Parent Teacher Resource Center Summer Nursing Care Effective 5/30/2023-7/27/2023 Kristi Matlock - Nurse

Parent Teacher Resource Center Interpreter Effective 5/30/2023-7/27/2023

Kelly Herrera -Interpreter

Substitutes:

Katie Watford - Elementary Augustin Martinez - Secondary Rachel Westcott - Elementary Lauren Wood - Elementary and Secondary Motion made by: Mr. Mike Haney Motion seconded by: Mrs. Nancy Stewart Voting: Rev. Z. Andre' Huff - Yes Mrs. Nancy Stewart - Yes Hon. Allen Millican - Yes Dr. Nathan Carter - Yes Mr. Mark Dayton - Yes Mr. Mike Haney - Yes Ms. Adrienne Reed - Yes

b. Part B

Superintendent Reddick recommended the following personnel action be approved

Non-Renewal Kevin Young - Principal Gadsden City High School effective 6/30/2023

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12. Superintendent Contract

Board Member Mike Haney made a motion that the superintendent's contract not be renewed. The motion failed to receive a second. No action was taken.

F. Information Items

1. Old Business

Board members expressed their appreciation for having the opportunity to read for students on Read Across America Day.

2. New Business

a. Change April board meeting date from Tuesday, April 4 to Tuesday, April 11th.

3. Next Regular Board Meeting Tuesday, April 11, 2023 beginning at 5:00 p.m. at Gadsden City High School Auditorium

G. Adjournment

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Date

Secretary/Superintendent