

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
Mr. Mark Dayton, Board Member - District 5
Mr. Mike Haney, Board Member - District 4
Ms. Adrienne Reed, Board Member - District 1

Absent

Mr. Nathan Carter, Board Member – District 2

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. Mr. Mike Haney opened with prayer, followed by the pledge of allegiance.

B. Recognitions

Chairman Millican recognized Mayor Craig Ford in attendance at the meeting. Mayor Ford addressed those in attendance by pledging his support of the students and the school system.

1. Gadsden City Schools Teacher of the Year Winners

Superintendent Reddick presented Gadsden City Schools Teachers of the Year for 2023-2024.

Elementary

Adams Elementary - Jackie Isom
Donehoo Elementary - Amy Pippin
Eura Brown Elementary - Erin Deck
Floyd Elementary - Gina Walls
Mitchell Elementary - Annalisa Brewster
Striplin Elementary - Jerresa McGee
Thompson Elementary - Blake Smith
Walnut Park Elementary - Rachel Westcott

Secondary

Emma Sansom Middle - Gerii Jackson
Gadsden Middle - Lesley Guthrie
Litchfield Middle - Blake Hall
Gadsden City High - Angela Jones

Systemwide Winners

Annalisa Brewster - Elementary Winner
Gerii Jackson - Secondary Winner

2. Student Awards and Achievements

Mitchell Elementary - Honor Chorus performed

Adams Elementary - Spelling Bee Winners: Willany Sayles and Melanie Sandoval

Floyd Elementary - Spelling Bee Winner: Caden Brooks

Donehoo Elementary - Beta Club Members

Blakely Deal, Kayden Bush, Eden Patterson, Joseph Pritchett, DeAngelo Marbury, Carlos Ramirez, Gianni Rosado, Aamir Swain, Tamar'e Stockdale, Cylee Williams

Eura Brown Elementary - National Elementary Honor Society Members

Ama Watts Alexander, Jake Barrow, Emma Jane Batista, Avery Cordi, Knox Ellis, Caroline Frederick, Jackson Fee, JJ Gilbert, Kate Harris, Daniel Holcomb, Leah Jaggears, Miles Kirkpatrick, Cruz Light, Gabe Loggins, Nima Maye, Preston Pruett, Bronner Skaggs, Xavier Tang, Michael Yother

Spelling Bee Winner: Michael Yother Spelling Bee Runner-up: Brooklyn Kwan

Thompson Elementary

Spelling Bee Winners: Simeon Avery, Spelling Bee Alternate: Harinah Cooper

Top AR Student: Simeon Avery

Highest Girl Scout Cookie Sales for Gadsden City Schools: Sapheria Brooks

Beta Club Members:

Cameron Anderson, Simeon Avery, Hayden Griffith, MarQuette McCurdy, Zaetaron Russell, Jeremiah Taylor, Jaihanna Wilson, LaJordyn Horton, Kaitlynn Miliner, Micah Boone, ZaHaiti Davidson, Trinity Kalemba, Carina Matias, Haylyn Taylor, Devon Wallace, A'yanna Wright, Andreyia Wright, Aiden Adams

Striplin Elementary - Student Leadership Team
Aliya Aguirre, Maggie Aultmann, Anika Catoe, Ava Johnson

Walnut Park Elementary - Spelling Bee Winner: Zoey Clem
Top AR Points - Penelope Gutierrez - 3rd grade, Sayra Berduo-4th grade,
Yael Anchonda Garcia - 5th grade

Gadsden Middle School - Scholars Bowl Team: Latika Prasadh, Andrew Nguyen, Lawndes
Robinson, William Edwards, Grey Stephens, Hudson Ellis

Litchfield Middle School - ACAP Recognition
6th grade - Amani Rutledge - Highest ACAP Reading Score, Marcy Pointer - Highest ACAP
Math Score
7th grade - Jayveon Duckett - Highest ACAP REading Score, T'Anah Dandridge - ACAPP
Reading Score
8th grade - Jasmin Cammeron - Highest ACAP Reading Score, Christian Sanches - Highest
ACAP Math Score
Spelling Bee Winners: Joequila Sumpter and Christian Sanchez

Emma Sansom Middle School - Robotics Team
Emily Barrett, Conner Brown, Mia Daugherty, Chloe McDaniel, Devyn Metivier, Collin Millican,
Key'Juan Sims, Kaiden Stephens, Brooklyn White, Kylie Worden, Steven Worden

State Superintendent's Art Award - Emily Barrett - 1st Place,
Nikison PongPang - Honorable Mention
Scholar's Bowl - Jameson Wood

GCHS - National Merit Finalist: William Roberts, Everett Roberts, Nintin Nagarajan
Auburn EAGLES - Chris Underwood
30 or High ACT Score - Mithun Rameshkumar - Perfect 36, Nintin Nagarajan, Everett Roberts,
Immad Tariq, Sally Whitt, William Roberts, Elise Sims, Morgan Keck, John Roberts, Anna Klairé
Ashley, Mallory Lacy, Ana Mendoza, Baylee Powell, Lillian Powers, Avery Solt, Reid Tumlin,
Peyton Wade, Jaedon Walker, Ansley Wilborn

C. Approval of Agenda

The meeting agenda was presented for approval.

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

Mr. Mark Dayton - Not Present

Mr. Mike Haney - Yes

Ms. Adrienne Reed – Yes

D. Reports

Superintendent Reddick gave a report on grants the school system has received or has applied to receive. One grant was approved to help fund the new GCHS Flag Football program that will begin play next fall at the high school. Also, a grant in the amount of \$85,000 has been submitted and is waiting for final approval for a security monitoring system at the new GCHS Sports Complex. GRACE Academy will begin the second cohort soon and is preparing for the upcoming Fall enrollment.

E. Board Action

1. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the regular board meeting on March 14, 2023, were 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

Mr. Mark Dayton - Yes

Mr. Mike Haney - Yes

Ms. Adrienne Reed - Yes

2. Surplus Property

Superintendent Reddick recommended the board approve as surplus the property listed from Litchfield Middle School, Floyd Elementary School, and Central Office Payroll Department.

Motion made by: Mr. Mike Haney

Motion seconded by: Mr. Mark Dayton

Voting:

Rev. Z. Andre' Huff - Yes

Mrs. Nancy Stewart - Yes

Hon. Allen Millican - Yes

Mr. Mark Dayton - Yes

Mr. Mike Haney - Yes

Ms. Adrienne Reed - Yes

3. Summer Enrichment Program Bid

Superintendent Reddick recommended the board approve the bid for a Summer Enrichment Program grades K-5, for the Gadsden City School System. This project is being funded through the ARP Act.

Two bids were received:

University Instructors LLC - \$339,942.89

Afterschool Labs - \$126,000.00

The recommendation is to approve the bid from Afterschool Labs in the amount of \$126,000.00

Motion made by: Mr. Mark Dayton

Motion seconded by: Mr. Mike Haney

Voting:

Rev. Z. Andre' Huff - Yes

Mrs. Nancy Stewart - Yes

Hon. Allen Millican - Yes

Mr. Mark Dayton - Yes

Mr. Mike Haney - Yes

Ms. Adrienne Reed - Yes

4. Career Tech Textbook Adoption 2022-2023

Superintendent Reddick recommended the board approve the state-approved textbooks for Career Technology chosen by Gadsden City Schools. All the textbooks on the state list have been approved and meet all state standards. This does not mean that all books on the state approved textbook list will be purchased, but only that they will be approved in case courses are added in the future.

In addition, the following textbooks were selected to be adopted for HVAC and Electrical for Gadsden City School System.

NCCER Core for Construction

NCCER HVAC Level 1

NCCER HVAC Level 2

NCCER HVAC Level 3

NCCER HVAC Level 4

NCCER Electrical Level 1

NCCER Electrical Level 2

NCCER Electrical Level 3

NCCER Electrical Level 4

Motion made by: Mr. Mark Dayton

Motion seconded by: Mr. Mike Haney

Voting:

Rev. Z. Andre' Huff - Yes

Mrs. Nancy Stewart - Yes

Hon. Allen Millican - Yes

Mr. Mark Dayton - Yes

Mr. Mike Haney - Yes

Ms. Adrienne Reed - Yes

5. Personnel Actions

Superintendent Reddick recommended the following personnel actions be approved:

Retiring:

Linda D. Allsup - Emma Sansom Middle School effective 5/1/2023

Elizabeth P. Boartner - Gadsden Middle School Receptionist effective 6/1/2023

FMLA:

Laura Bone - GCHS SPE teacher effective 4/21/2023 thru 5/26/2023

New Employee:

La'Toya Nicole Williams - Systemwide/Adams SPE Aide effective 4/12/2023

Tasha Hendricks - Adams Elementary School Custodian effective 4/5/2023

Hugh Thomas Jones, III - Floyd Elementary School Custodian effective 4/4/2023

Substitutes:

Teacher

April Marshall- Dorries

Tagan Love

Motion made by: Mr. Mike Haney

Motion seconded by: Mr. Mark Dayton

Voting:

Rev. Z. Andre' Huff - Yes

Mrs. Nancy Stewart - Yes

Hon. Allen Millican - Yes

Mr. Mark Dayton - Yes

Mr. Mike Haney - Yes

Ms. Adrienne Reed – Yes

6. Budget Amendment

Superintendent Reddick recommended the board approve Budget Amendment No. 1 presented by CSFO Cory Skelton.

GADSDEN CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION Fiscal Year 2023 Amendment No. 1		
	Funding Source	Amount
New Grants/Funding		
Foundation	1110	(37,830)
TEAMS	1132	120,581
Future Teachers of Alabama	1254	500
SPED Beahvioral Analyst	1256	77,760
ARI	1230	86,014
Mentoring	1279	39,600
Career Tech Middle Grades Expansion	1281	50,000
Career Coach	1284	93,191
Gifted	1286	30,000
Cybersecurity	1287	67,500
Feminine Hygiene	1416	841
PSCA	2120	403,718
High Cost Grant SPED	2241	104,602
Career Tech	3317	21,151
21st Century	4161	1,215,400
GRACE Electrical	6020	100,000
GRACE Carpentry	6021	100,000
GRACE Plumbing	6022	65,520
Fine Arts	6520	400,000
Elementary Aide (Local)	6524	180,000
SROs	6525	400,000
Capital Outlay	8410	(36)
GAP	8411	52,308
		<u>3,570,820.45</u>
Reclassifications/Corrections		
Specialized Treatment Center	1126	
State Nurses	1220	
ESL - STATE	1252	
ETF	1765	
Special Education	3210	
Preschool	3220	
Title I	4110	
Title II	4120	
Title III	4150	
TITLE IV - STUDENT SUPPORT	4160	
ESSER II	4296	
AFIP ESSER III	4298	
CNP	5101	
General Fund	6001	
Carryover		
Special Education	3210	390,759.00
Preschool	3220	11,049.09
Title I	4110	148,736.13
Title I School Improvement	4120	206,239.00
Title II Teacher/Principal Training	4130	167,143.52
ESSER II	4296	4,452,892.41
ESSER II Reserve	4297	192,453.25
ESSER III	4298	17,056,526.24
ESSER III Reserve	4295	919,960.47
IDEA ESSER III	4286	186,433.47
IDEA Preschool ESSER III	4287	20,815.33
ESSER Homeless I	4288	14,213.00
ESSER Homeless II	4289	49,343.00

Motion made by: Mr. Mark Dayton

Motion seconded by: Mrs. Nancy Stewart

Voting:

Rev. Z. Andre' Huff - Yes

Mrs. Nancy Stewart - Yes

Hon. Allen Millican - Yes

Mr. Mark Dayton - Yes

Mr. Mike Haney - Yes

Ms. Adrienne Reed – Yes

7. Monthly Financial Report and Bank Reconciliation

CSFO Cory Skelton presented the board with the monthly financial for examination and approval. The financial data and cash balances presented are based on the reconciled bank statement to the general ledger as of February 28, 2023.

Motion made by: Mr. Mark Dayton

Motion seconded by: Mr. Mike Haney

Voting:

Rev. Z. Andre' Huff - Yes

Mrs. Nancy Stewart - Yes

Hon. Allen Millican - Yes

Mr. Mark Dayton - Yes

Mr. Mike Haney - Yes

Ms. Adrienne Reed - Yes

8. Legal Counsel

On February 20, 2023 the board members met to interview three law firms for the position of Gadsden City School Board Attorney. The following names were submitted for each board member to select their choice to serve as legal counsel.

Sam Bone

Richard Rhea

Ed Howard

Mr. Ed Howard was chosen to represent Gadsden City Schools by a vote of 4 to 1, with one abstain.

Motion made by: Mr. Mike Haney

Motion seconded by: Mr. Mark Dayton

Voting:

Rev. Z. Andre' Huff - Yes

Mrs. Nancy Stewart - Yes

Hon. Allen Millican - Yes

Mr. Mark Dayton - Yes

Mr. Mike Haney - Yes

Ms. Adrienne Reed – Yes

F. Information Items

1. Old Business

Ms. Adrienne Reed thanked everyone for the support shown by Gadsden City Schools at Career Day.

2. New Business

Rev. Z. Andre' Huff had several questions regarding Summer School 2023. Chairman Allen Millican asked Mrs. Marcia Farabee, Director of Curriculum, to give a report of Summer School including the cost at the upcoming work session.

3. Work Session, Friday, April 21st - Gadsden City Board of Education 8:00 a.m.

4. Next Regular Board Meeting, Tuesday, May 2, 2023 - 5:00 p.m. Central Office

G. Adjournment

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

Mr. Mark Dayton - Yes

Mr. Mike Haney - Yes

Ms. Adrienne Reed – Yes

Date

Secretary/Superintendent