

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
Mrs. Rita Smith, Board Member – District 2

Non-Voting Members

Mr. Keith Blackwell, Interim Superintendent
Mr. Ed Howard, Board Attorney
Mrs. Cory Skelton, Chief School Financial Officer
Ms. Nancy Foster, Superintendent Administrative Assistant

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

Chairman Allen Millican called the meeting to order. Ms. Adrienne Reed opened with prayer, followed by the pledge of allegiance.

B. Recognition of Visitors/Guests

Chairman Millican acknowledged Council members Kent Back, Steve Smith and Tonya Latham in attendance.

C. Approval of Agenda

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
Mrs. Rita Smith - Yes

D. Reports

1. ESMS Presentation

Mrs. Marcia Farabee, Director of Curriculum introduced Emma Sansom Middle School Junior Achievement students. The students presented to the board their experience participating in a Career Explorations project. This is a 12-week curriculum course that prepares students to run a city. Emma Sansom Middle School was the first school in the state to have the opportunity to experience this pilot program.

2. Monitoring Update

Mr. Hector Baeza, Director of Federal Programs updated the board on Cognia compliance monitoring for Gadsden City Schools. Mr. Baeza reported all the evidence had been gathered and it is prepared to be uploaded to the system. Cognia has reported some technical issues with uploading. When this issue is corrected, the data will be uploaded. All of the system's evidence data is scheduled to be updated the week of October 16-20, 2023.

E. Board Action

1. Approval of Minutes

a. Budget Hearing #1 - September 7, 2023

The minutes of the September 7, 2023 Budget Hearing #1 were presented to the board for approval.

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

Mrs. Rita Smith – Yes

b. Regular Board Meeting & Budget Hearing #2 - September 12, 2023

The minutes of the Regular Board meeting including the Budget Hearing #2 on September 12, 2023, were presented to the board for approval.

Motion made by: Mrs. Rita Smith

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

Mrs. Rita Smith - Yes

2. Surplus Property

Interim Superintendent Keith Blackwell recommended the board approve listed property from Emma Sansom Middle, Eura Brown Elementary, Gadsden City High School, Floyd Elementary, and Adams Elementary, as surplus items.

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 - Yes

Mr. Mike Haney - Yes

Ms. Adrienne Reed - Yes

Mrs. Rita Smith - Yes

3. Personnel Actions

Interim Superintendent Blackwell recommended the following personnel actions be approved:

Resignation:

Kirsten Holland -Striplin Elementary School Teacher

9/29/2023

Reemployment:

Amanda Milam-Moses- Systemwide Enrichment Teacher – Eura Brown #2324.092

10/2/2023

Transfers:

Jessica Dillard *from* ESMS Science teacher *to* ESMS TEAMS Science Teacher 10/2/2023

Dasha Moore *from* Adams Elementary ESSER Intervention teacher-(one year only) 9/15/2023
to Adams Elementary School Title I Instructional Aide #2324.116

Cayia Wright *from* Thompson Elementary teacher 9/15/2023
to Thompson Elementary Extended Substitute

New Employee:

Sherry Usry - Striplin Elementary teacher ESSER Funded #2324.112-(one year only) 9/21/2023

Willie Juddine -Donehoo Elementary teacher #2324.115 10/09/2023

Sandra Cherry-Thompson Elementary teacher CSR funded #2324.111 (one year only) 10/2/2023

Adrienne Edwards- Adams Elementary ESSER Intervention teacher #2324.118(one year only) TBD

Montana Taylor-Donehoo Elementary Title I Instructional Aide #2324.114(one year only) 9/18/2023

Nauyerli Lake-Systemwide Instructional Aide Adams Elementary #2324.028(one year only) 9/18/2023

Lauren Ashley Fowler-Systemwide SPE Aide GCHS #2324.109 10/02/2023

Courtney Hernandez -Systemwide LPN School Nurse Thompson Elem #2324.113 TBD

Substitutes**Teachers**

Anthony Entrekin
 Ke'Sean Williams
 Janice Poleate

Support

Jeffery Collins

Nurse

Heather Mabe

Community Education/21st Century After School Programs**Substitutes**

Stephanie Bowley
 Vanesha Crawford
 Kelly Ryan
 Heather Mabe

Motion made by: Mrs. Rita Smith

Motion seconded by: Mr. Mark Dayton

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 Mr. Mark Dayton - Yes
 Mr. Mike Haney - Yes
 Ms. Adrienne Reed - Yes
 Mrs. Rita Smith – Yes

4. Monthly Financial Report and Bank Reconciliation

CSFO Cory Skelton presented to the board 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 August 31, 2023.

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

Mrs. Rita Smith - Yes

F. Information Items

1. Old Business

No old business to report.

2. New Business

A date will be determined for a work session in the near future to discuss the superintendent search process.

3. Next Regular Board Meeting - Tuesday, November 7, 2023

G. Adjournment

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

Mrs. Rita Smith - Yes

Secretary/Superintendent

Date