



Regular Meeting
11/07/2023 05:00 PM
Gadsden City Board of Education
Central Office
Approved 12/5/2023

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
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. Mrs. Rita Smith opened with prayer, followed by the pledge of allegiance.

B. Recognition of Visitors/Guests C.

Approval of Agenda

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

D. Reports – No reports were given

E. Board Action

1. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the October 3, 2023, regular meeting were presented to the board for approval.

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

2. Surplus Property

Interim Superintendent Keith Blackwell recommended the board approve listed property from Adams Elementary, GCS Annex, Emma Sansom Middle, Floyd Elementary, GCHS and Gadsden Middle Schools, as surplus items.

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

3. Out of State Field Trip

a. ESMS Band/Choir - Atlanta GA

It was recommended the board approve an out-of-state field trip for Emma Sansom Band and Choral to travel to Atlanta, Georgia for students to visit the Georgia Aquarium and Six Flags for a possible public performance. The dates to travel would be May 10, 2024 thru May 11, 2024.

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

b. GCHS Baseball Team - LaGrange, GA

It was recommended the board approve GCHS Baseball team travel out of state to LaGrange, Georgia to compete in the Toyota Invitation Baseball Tournament. The dates of the even at February 29, 2024 thru March 2, 2024.

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

4. Property Transfer - Deed/MOU - K. Blackwell/J. Billingsley

Interim Superintendent Keith Blackwell recommended the board transfer the property known as Joseph T. Robinson Park, owned by Gadsden City Schools., to the City of Gadsden,

Board member Z. Andre Huff made a motion to table the recommendation until he had time to speak with the residents of the community where the property is located.

The recommendation was tabled.

Motion made by: Rev. Z. Andre' Huff
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 Mrs. Rita
Smith - Yes

5. Personnel Actions

a. Part A

Interim Superintendent Keith Blackwell recommended the following personnel actions be approved:

Retirement:

	Effective
Tracey Abney - Litchfield Middle School Secondary Teacher	01/01/2024
Kevin Troup - Walnut Park Elementary School PE Teacher	10/01/2023
Carol Ross McCord - GCHS Science Teacher	06/01/2024

Resignation:

Allison Biddle Poole -Thompson Elementary 3rd Grade Teacher	11/10-2023
Aurielle Smith - Adams Elementary SPE Aide	10/11/2023
Elementary Custodian	Roshone King - Floyd 11/01/2023

Reemployment:

Taja Underwood - Social Worker Systemwide – 1 0/31/2023 *remainder of 2023-2024 school year only*

Transfer:

Kareem Ali Smith *from* GCHS Football Coach/PE Teacher
to GCHS Football Coach/Instructional Aide 10/01/2023

New Employee:

Audrey Ciara Fleming - Walnut Park Elementary PE Teacher	11/01/2023
Niambi Cherry - Thompson Elementary Teacher	11/13/2023
Kimlyn Lovett - Donehoo Elementary CNP Worker	10/23/2023

City Council Tutoring 2023-2024

Adams Elementary

Rashida Starr
Niesha Johnson
Terri Jo Dean
Reginald Tillis
Cheryl Bowman
Tameka Stephens
Cybil Smith
Shatae Martin
Becca Rhea
Adrienne Edwards

Elaine Gray

Conteria Williams

Eura Brown

Cindy Garner
Vicky Prter
Shelly Patterson
Patrice Mosley
Chris Weaver
Julie Hibbs
Anessa
Henderson
Jennifer Strain

Walnut Park

Alison Correll
Kim Wells Brackett
Alyson Noah
Gena Barns
Crystal Johnson (*sub*)
Marcia Thompson (*sub*)
April Adcock (*sub*)
Stacy Holcomb (*sub*)

Thompson

Kristian Caudle
VanKedra Wilson

Donehoo

Cory Dunn
Dawn Rains
Teneisha Ash
Chelsea Collins
Christonia Calhoun
Terrie Dickson (*sub*)
Brittany Higgins (*sub*)
Emani Steward

Floyd

Amanda Clay
Valerie Johnson
Samantha Owens

Mitchell

Jennifer Wright
Kim Fleming
Annalisa Brewster

Striplin

Vallery Taylor
Angela Glass
Brianna Roberson
Grace Walton
Samuel Green

Boys and Girls Club

Katrina Johniken
Christina White
April Johnson

Community Sites

Devone Maness
Mandisa Perry
Taja Underwood
Cassandra Veasy
Mary Moody
Vallery Taylor

b. Part B

Interim Superintendent Keith Blackwell recommended the following personnel actions be approved:

Termination of Employment:

Natasha Davison - Systemwide preschool SPE Aide Gadsden Family Literacy Center 11/23/2023

Lauren Ashley Fowler - Systemwide Special Education Aide GCHS 11/23/2023

6. 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 September 30, 2023.

Motion made by: Rev. Z. Andre' Huff

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

7. Amend Agenda

A motion was made to amend the agenda to add an action item.

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

8. Post the Superintendent Position

Board member Nancy Stewart made a motion to post the position of Gadsden City Schools Superintendent.

Motion made by: Mrs. Nancy Stewart

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 Mrs.

Rita Smith – Yes

F. Information Items

1. Old Business

Chairman Allen Millican reminded everyone of the public work session that would take place immediately following the board meeting to discuss the superintendent search process.

a. Work Session immediately following board meeting to discuss the superintendent search process

The work session was scheduled to take place, Tuesday, November 7, 2023, immediately following the regular board meeting.

2. New Business

There was no new business discussed.

3. Next Regular Board Meeting - December 5, 2023 - Central Office

G. Adjournment

Motion made by: Mrs. Nancy Stewart Motion

seconded by: Hon. Allen Millican 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