

MEETING MINUTES

Approved 1/18/2024

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
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. 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

D. Reports

1. **21st Century - Janie Browning, After School/Federal Programs/Community Education**

Ms. Janie Browning, Federal Programs/Community Education Coordinator, present the 21st Century Afterschool Final State Department of Education and U.S. Department of Education Final Evaluation for 2023-2024. The system met or exceeded all goals. The program services 821 students each day.

A short video was presented to the board of the after-school programs conducting a family night at the Gadsden City Library.

Ms. Browning and Interim Superintendent Keith Blackwell recognized Willany Sayles, a 9th grade student at Gadsden City High School. Willany was chosen as one of ten nationwide Afterschool Ambassadors for 2024. Willany and her cohorts will spend the next eight months connecting and developing their advocacy skills to promote and improve the afterschool programs.

2. **Compliance Monitoring Report - Hector Baeza, Director of Federal Programs**

Hector Baeza, Director of Federal Programs, reported to the board the results of the 2023-2024 Compliance Monitoring.

- LEA Accounting and Reporting - Additional Information was requested and provided. **All Clear**
- Federal Programs - Additional Information was requested and provided. **All Clear**
- Transportation I - Additional Information was requested and Provided. **All Clear**
- Educator Certification - Additional Information was requested and provided. **All Clear**
- Career Technical Education - **All Clear**
- Counseling and Guidance - **All Clear**
- School Safety - **All Clear**
- Technology - **All Clear**
- Special Education Indicators - **Pending December 8th follow up visit**
- LEA System Profile/Fiscal Review - **All Clear**
- Transportation II - **All Clear**
- Health Services/Nursing - **All Clear**

E. Board Action

1. **Approval of Minutes**

a. **Regular Meeting - November 7, 2023**

The minutes of the November 7, 2023 regular meeting 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. Special Meeting - November 9, 2023

The minutes of the Special Board Meeting on November 9, 2023 were presented to the board for approval.

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
Mrs. Rita Smith - Yes

c. Special Meeting - November 14, 2023

The minutes of the Special Board Meeting from November 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
Mrs. Rita Smith - Yes

2. Surplus Property

Interim Superintendent Keith Blackwell recommended the board approve listed property from the Central Office and Emma Sansom Middle School as surplus items.

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

3. Out of State Field Trip

It was recommended the board approve an out-of-state field trip for GCHS Cheerleaders to travel to Orlando, Florida for a National Cheer Competition. The dates of travel would be February 8 thru 13, 2024.

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

4. Personnel Actions

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

Retirement:

	Effective
Jana Brooks Central Office Data Manager/Clerical	1/1/2024
Scott Greene Automotive Instructor GCHS Career Tech Center (#2324.125)	1/1/2024

Transfers:

Charlotte Byers <i>from</i> Floyd Elementary Instructional Aide <i>to</i> Floyd Elementary Custodian	11/14/2023
Lloyd Newcomb <i>from</i> Litchfield Middle ESSER Intervention teacher <i>to</i> Litchfield Middle Science Teacher (#2324.130)	1/4/2024
Katherine Hood <i>from</i> Litchfield Middle Title 1 Intervention teacher <i>to</i> Litchfield Middle ESSER Intervention teacher (#2324.131) <i>remainder of 23-24 school year only</i>	1/4/2024

Substitutes

Non-Certified

Terry Hood Noojin
Cory Djuan Williams

Certified

Tonya Hester Bogle
Mary Ashlyn Whitlow

Support

Shardae Marie Alyse Jackson-Redenius

After School

Samaya ZaKaria
Christina Glass
Kema Miller

5. Monthly Financial Report and Bank Reconciliation

Due to the absence of CSFO Cory Skelton, it was recommended the monthly financial report be tabled for this month. The October 2023 monthly financial will be presented at the January 2024 regular meeting 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

6. Executive Session

Interim Superintendent Keith Blackwell recommended the board convene an executive session, to discuss the sale of property owned by Gadsden City Schools, located at 607 S. 12 Street, Gadsden, Alabama, formerly known as Gadsden High School and the disclosure of confidential information relating to the potential buyer of said property.

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

F. Information Items

1. Old Business

Rev. Z. Andre' Huff requested information regarding the status of the Superintendent's application process. Board Attorney Ed Howard reported he had received applications and would initiate distributing the applications to the board members when the deadline of December 8, 2023, was reached. A special meeting was scheduled for Monday, December 18, 2023, at 12:00 p.m. at the Central Office, to discuss and take action on the Superintendent Application Process.

2. New Business

3. Next Regular Board Meeting

The next regular monthly board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 16, 2024 beginning at 5:00 p.m. at the Central Office.

G. Adjournment

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

Secretary/Superintendent

Date