



Regular Meeting & Budget Hearing #2
09/10/2024 04:30 PM
Gadsden City Board of Education
Central Office

MEETING MINUTES

Attendees

Voting Members

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
Mrs. Rita Smith, Board Member – District 2
Ms. Adrienne Reed, Board Member - District 1

Absent Members

Rev. Z. Andre' Huff, Board Member – District 3

Non-Voting Members

Mr. Keith Blackwell, Superintendent
Mr. Ed Howard, Attorney
Mrs. Cory Skelton, Chief School Financial Officer
Mrs. Kelly Swafford, Superintendent Administrative Assistant

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

Vice President Dayton called the meeting to order. Mrs. Rita Smith opened with prayer, followed by the pledge of allegiance to the flag. Roll was called and Vice President Dayton declared a quorum was present.

B. Recognition of Visitors/Guests

1. Vice President Dayton recognized City Council Member, Mr. Steve Smith.

C. Approval of Agenda

Motion made by: Mrs. Nancy Stewart

Motion seconded by: Ms. Adrienne Reed

Voting:

Rev. Z. Andre' Huff – Absent

Mrs. Nancy Stewart – Yes

Mr. Mark Dayton – Yes

Hon. Allen Millican - Absent
Mr. Mike Haney - Absent
Mrs. Rita Smith – Yes
Ms. Adrienne Reed – Yes

D. Reports

No reports were given.

E. Amend Agenda

Vice President Dayton requested to amend the agenda by moving the final budget review and financial report to the end of the board actions.

Motion made by: Ms. Adrienne Reed

Motion seconded by: Mrs. Rita Smith

Voting:

Rev. Z. Andre' Huff – Absent

Mrs. Nancy Stewart – Yes

Mr. Mark Dayton – Yes

Hon. Allen Millican - Absent

Mr. Mike Haney - Absent

Mrs. Rita Smith – Yes

Ms. Adrienne Reed - Yes

F. Board Action

1. Approval of Minutes – Regular Board Meeting for August 6, 2024

The minutes of the following meeting were presented to the board for approval.

Motion made by: Mrs. Nancy Stewart

Motion seconded by: Ms. Adrienne Reed

Voting:

Rev. Z. Andre' Huff – Absent

Mrs. Nancy Stewart – Yes

Mr. Mark Dayton – Yes

Hon. Allen Millican - Absent

Mr. Mike Haney - Absent

Mrs. Rita Smith – Yes

Ms. Adrienne Reed - Yes

2. Surplus Property

Superintendent Keith Blackwell recommended the board approve listed property from Gadsden Family Literacy Center, Floyd Elementary School,

Gadsden City High School, Systemwide AEDs, and Maintenance Department as surplus items.

Motion made by: Mrs. Rita Smith

Motion seconded by: Mrs. Nancy Stewart

Voting:

Rev. Z. Andre' Huff – Absent

Mrs. Nancy Stewart – Yes

Mr. Mark Dayton – Yes

Hon. Allen Millican - Absent

Mr. Mike Haney - Absent

Mrs. Rita Smith – Yes

Ms. Adrienne Reed - Yes

3. Board Member Increase in Compensation

Vice President Dayton asked for a motion to approve the state-funded increase in compensation for the board members from \$600 to \$900.

Motion made by: Mrs. Rita Smith

Motion seconded by: Mrs. Nancy Stewart

Voting:

Rev. Z. Andre' Huff – Absent

Mrs. Nancy Stewart – Yes

Mr. Mark Dayton – Yes

Hon. Allen Millican - Absent

Mr. Mike Haney - Absent

Mrs. Rita Smith – Yes

Ms. Adrienne Reed - Yes

4. Capital Plan

Superintendent Blackwell recommended the board approve the Capital Plan for 2024-2025. Mr. Joe Billingsley

Mr. Mike Haney arrived.

Motion made by: Mr. Mark Dayton

Motion seconded by: Mrs. Rita Smith

Voting:

Rev. Z. Andre' Huff – Absent

Mrs. Nancy Stewart – Yes

Mr. Mark Dayton – Yes

Hon. Allen Millican - Absent

Mr. Mike Haney - Yes

Mrs. Rita Smith – Yes

Ms. Adrienne Reed - Yes

5. Bids

Superintendent Blackwell recommended the board approve the following bids.

a. Windy Van Hooten Teaching Garden – renewal of bid for the four gardens located at Thompson, Eura Brown, Adams, and Striplin Elementary School.

Motion made by: Mr. Mike Haney

Motion seconded by: Ms. Adrienne Reed

Voting:

Rev. Z. Andre' Huff – Absent

Mrs. Nancy Stewart – Yes

Mr. Mark Dayton – Yes

Hon. Allen Millican - Absent

Mr. Mike Haney - Yes

Mrs. Rita Smith – Yes

Ms. Adrienne Reed - Yes

Hon. Allen Millican arrived. Vice President Dayton turned meeting over to Chairman Millican.

b. CNP Food Safety & Sanitation System (SFSPac) – combined bid with Etowah County Schools for Food Safety and Sanitation.

Motion made by: Mr. Mark Dayton

Motion seconded by: Mr. Mike Haney

Voting:

Rev. Z. Andre' Huff – Absent

Mrs. Nancy Stewart – Yes

Mr. Mark Dayton – Yes

Hon. Allen Millican - Yes

Mr. Mike Haney - Yes

Mrs. Rita Smith – Yes

Ms. Adrienne Reed - Yes

6. Personnel Action Recommendations

Superintendent Blackwell recommended the following personnel actions be approved.

PERSONNEL RECOMMENDATIONS

Resignation:

Demetrius Works – Gadsden Middle – 7th Grade Teacher

Lavonda Thomas – Thompson Elementary – Teacher

Padgett Linman – Adams Elementary – Math Coach

Effective Date:

08/16/2024

09/20/2024

09/13/2024

Shawnta Garrett – Gadsden City High – CNP Worker	08/20/2024
Karlie Duarte – Systemwide Special Ed Aide – Family Literacy Center	08/23/2024

Deceased:

Faye Myrtle Williams – Central Office Annex – Secretary/Receptionist	07/25/2024
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Declined Position:

Marisa Mullins – Mitchell Elementary – CNP Lunchroom

Family Medical Leave of Absences:

Shari Cowan – Floyd Elementary – CNP Lunchroom

Effective Date:

09/03/2024- 11/29/2024

Reemployment:

India Mostella (b/f) – Thompson Elementary – 4th Grade Teacher **#2425.128**

Effective Date:

08/08/2024

Pending Board Approval

Stephanie Green (w/f) – Systemwide Special Ed Aide **#2425.130**

08/19/2024

Home School: Striplin Elementary

Pending Board Approval

Verlinda R. Hood (b/f) – Special Education Bus Aide **#2425.116**

08/08/2024

Systemwide

Pending Board Approval

Robert L. Pierce(b/m) – Special Education Bus Aide **#2425.115**

08/08/2024

Systemwide/Adams Elementary

Pending Board Approval

Transfers:

From:

To:

Effective Date:

Beau Stewart (w/m)	Adams/Striplin Elementary	Striplin Elementary
	P.E. Teacher	P.E. Teacher

08/01/2024

Pending Board Approval

Zach Contris (w/m)	Systemwide Special Ed Teacher	Classroom Teacher
	Floyd Elementary	Floyd Elementary

08/01/2024

Pending Board Approval

Secundia Byers (b/f)	Systemwide Special Ed Aide	Registrar #2425.124
	Gadsden City High	Gadsden City High

08/13/2024

Pending Board Approval

New Personnel:

Effective Date:

Bruce Beasley (b/m) – Gadsden Middle – Secondary Social Science Teacher
#2425.134

08/19/2024

Pending Board Approval

Latoria Horton (b/f) – Donehoo Elementary School – Classroom Teacher
#2425.137

08/20/2024

Pending Board Approval

Rebekah Oglesby (w/f) – Systemwide Special Education Teacher
Home School: Floyd Elementary **#2425.010**

08/26/2024

Pending Board Approval

Charity Pankey (w/f) – Thompson Elementary School – Classroom Teacher
#2425.135

09/05/2024

Pending Board Approval

Lisa Clark (w/f) – Mitchell Elementary School – Lunchroom Worker
#2425.114

09/05/2024

Pending Board Approval

Angela Reaves (w/f) – Systemwide Special Education Aide
Home School: Floyd Elementary **#2425.133**

08/15/2024

Pending Board Approval

Zondtayvius Harbour (b/m) – Thompson Elementary School – Custodian
#2425.92

08/05/2024

Pending Board Approval

Keith Britton (w/m) – Walnut Park Elementary School – Custodian
#2425.129

08/12/2024

Pending Board Approval

Substitutes:

Re-applying Support Subs:

Sandra Sprinkle

Leathia Marshall

Re-applying Non-Certified Teacher Subs:

Rebecca Cashio

Loretta Jones

Delores Sullivan

Hannah Weaver

Re-applying Certified Teacher Subs:

Julia Hopper

Carrie Watson

New Certified Teacher Subs:

Laurie Mayben

Jill Partridge

New Non-Certified Teacher Subs:

Brian Isom

Kentara Rooks

Community Education/21st Century 2024-2025 Substitutes After-School Programs:

Sallie Waldrop w/f
Lilly Barber w/f
Neisha Johnson b/f
Heather Mabe w/f
Kacie Mabe w/f
Nicki Blount b/f
Sylvia Howard b/f
Jennifer White b/f
Kristian Caudle b/f
Sandra Cherry b/f
Nia Cherry b/f
Jerressa McGee b/f
Teneisha Ash b/f
Cristy Sullivan w/f
Dasha Moore b/f
Molly Jordan w/f
Leita Conner w/f
Conteria Williams b/f
Theresa Rudolph b/f
Paula Elliott w/f
Mary Ann McElroy w/f

Staci Simmons b/f
Alyssa Cleland Daniell w/f
Elaine Grey w/f
Sharron Underwood b/f
Alyson Noah w/f
Gina Stevens w/f
Afton Yarnell w/f (pending board approval)
Pamela Hayes w/f
Christian White b/f
Jasmine Guyton b/f
Chelsea Collins w/f
Iman Shalabi Middle Eastern/f
Flor Juarez h/f
Samuel Green b/m
India Mostella b/f
Katrina Johniken b/f
Angelikia Brasher b/f
Keri Amoussou b/f
Kristen Hollis w/f
Xavier Ray b/m
Leslie Guthrie w/f

Motion made by: Mr. Mark Dayton

Motion seconded by: Mr. Mike Haney

Voting:

Rev. Z. Andre' Huff – Absent
Mrs. Nancy Stewart – Abstain
Mr. Mark Dayton – Yes
Hon. Allen Millican - Yes
Mr. Mike Haney - Yes
Mrs. Rita Smith – Yes
Ms. Adrienne Reed - Yes

7. 2024-2025 Budget

CSFO Cory Skelton presented the proposed budget on September 6, 2024, the budget hearing #1. The Superintendent recommended the board approve the proposed 2024-2025 school system budget. No questions were presented.

Motion made by: Mr. Mark Dayton

Motion seconded by: Mrs. Nancy Stewart

Voting:

Rev. Z. Andre' Huff – Absent
Mrs. Nancy Stewart – Yes
Mr. Mark Dayton – Yes
Hon. Allen Millican - Yes
Mr. Mike Haney - Yes
Mrs. Rita Smith – Yes
Ms. Adrienne Reed - Yes

8. 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 July 31, 2024.

Motion made by: Mr. Mark Dayton

Motion seconded by: Mr. Mike Haney

Voting:

Rev. Z. Andre' Huff – Absent

Mrs. Nancy Stewart – Yes

Mr. Mark Dayton – Yes

Hon. Allen Millican - Yes

Mr. Mike Haney - Yes

Mrs. Rita Smith – Yes

Ms. Adrienne Reed - Yes

G. Information Items

1. Old Business

No old business to report.

2. New Business

a. Update on 2024-2025 Student Enrollment

An enrollment report was presented to the board as of 9/3/2024.

TUESDAY	Day 18	Day 24	
School	2024-2025	2023-2024	Change
Adams	427	408	19
Eura Brown	337	349	-12
Donehoo	219	221	-2
Floyd	361	345	16
Mitchell	256	296	-40
Striplin	391	391	0
Thompson	278	242	36
Walnut Park	198	205	-7
Elem Totals	2467	2457	10
ESMS	330	332	-2
GMS	434	461	-27
LMS	249	243	6
MS Totals	1013	1036	-23
GCHS	1343	1300	43
TOTAL	4823	4793	30

b. Fall Athletic Schedules and Pep Rally Schedules – Reminded of homecoming next week: 9/16-9/20/2024. School dismisses on Friday, Sept 20 at 11:30 a.m. and the parade begins at 1:00 p.m.

c. Updated Board Meeting Schedule

3. Next Regular Board Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, October 1, 2024, located at the Central Office. *Whole Board Training immediately following regular board meeting.

H. Adjournment

Motion made by: Mr. Mark Dayton

Motion seconded by: Mrs. Rita Smith

Voting:

Rev. Z. Andre' Huff – Absent

Mrs. Nancy Stewart – Yes

Mr. Mark Dayton – Yes

Hon. Allen Millican - Yes

Mr. Mike Haney - Yes

Mrs. Rita Smith – Yes

Ms. Adrienne Reed - Yes

Secretary/Superintendent

Date