



Gadsden City Board of Education
March Regular Meeting
03/06/2025 05:00 PM
Adams Elementary School
919 Riley Street, Gadsden, AL

MEETING MINUTES

Attendees

Voting Members

Hon. Allen Millican, Board Chairman-District 7
Mr. Mark Dayton, Vice Chairman – District 5
Ms. Adrienne Reed, Board Member – District 1
Mrs. Rita Smith, Board Member – District 2
Rev. Z. Andre' Huff, Board Member – District 3
Mike Haney, Board Member – District 4
Mrs. Nancy Stewart, Board Member – District 6

Non-Voting Members

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

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

1. Chairman Millican called the meeting to order at 05:00 p.m. Mrs. Rita Smith led with prayer, followed by the pledge of allegiance to the flag. Chairman Millican declared a quorum was present.

B. Recognition of Visitors/Guests

Superintendent Blackwell acknowledged Mr. James Thornton and expressed gratitude for his commitment and effort at the Gadsden City basketball concession stand. Mr. Thornton has managed the concession stand since 2006. He was awarded a lifetime athletic pass in recognition of his ongoing dedication to the school's basketball program.

Chairman Allen Millican then introduced Mr. Ali Sullivan, the principal of Adams Elementary, and thanked him for hosting the board meeting.

1. Principal Sullivan welcomed everyone to Adams Elementary School and introduced the staff and Ms. Samantha Roper, the music instructor. The students sang a song for the board members and guests.

C. Approval of Agenda

Motion made by: Mr. Mike Haney

Motion seconded by: Mr. Mark Dayton

Voting:

Hon. Allen Millican – Yes

Mr. Mark Dayton - Yes

Ms. Adrienne Reed – Yes

Mrs Rita Smith – Yes

Rev. Z. Andre' Huff – Yes

Mr. Mike Haney – Yes

Mrs. Nancy Stewart - Yes

D. Reports

1. No reports

E. Board Action

1. **Approval of Minutes**

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

- a. **Regular Board Meeting on February 04, 2025.**

Motion made by: Mr. Mark Dayton

Motion seconded by: Mrs. Rita Smith

Voting:

Hon. Allen Millican – Yes

Mr. Mark Dayton - Yes

Ms. Adrienne Reed – Yes

Mrs Rita Smith – Yes

Rev. Z. Andre' Huff – Yes

Mr. Mike Haney – Yes

Mrs. Nancy Stewart – Yes

- b. **Special Called Board Meeting on February 20, 2025**

Motion made by: Ms. Adrienne Reed

Motion seconded by: Rev. Z. Andre' Huff

Voting:

Hon. Allen Millican – Yes

Mr. Mark Dayton – Yes

Ms. Adrienne Reed – Yes

Mrs. Rita Smith – Yes

Rev. Z. Andre' Huff – Yes

Mr. Mike Haney – Yes

Mrs. Nancy Stewart - Yes

2. **2025-2026 School Calendar**

Motion made by: Mr. Mark Dayton

Motion seconded by: Mr. Mike Haney

Voting:

Hon. Allen Millican – Yes

Mr. Mark Dayton – Yes

Ms. Adrienne Reed – Yes

Mrs. Rita Smith – Yes

Rev. Z. Andre' Huff – Yes

Mr. Mike Haney – Yes

Mrs. Nancy Stewart – Yes

3. **Reinstatement of Sick Leave Days (On-the-job-injury)**

Superintendent Blackwell asked the board to approve McSchone Jackson's reinstatement of eighty-six days for an on-the-job-injury that occurred at Gadsden City High School.

Motion made by: Mrs. Nancy Stewart

Motion seconded by: Mr. Mark Dayton

Voting:

Hon. Allen Millican – Yes

Mr. Mark Dayton – Yes

Ms. Adrienne Reed – Yes

Mrs. Rita Smith – Yes

Rev. Z. Andre' Huff - Yes

Mr. Mike Haney – Yes

Mrs. Nancy Stewart – Yes

4. **Textbook Adoption for Science and Career Technology**

Superintendent Blackwell recommended the board approve the adoption of the State approved textbooks for Science and Career Technology.

Motion made by: Mrs. Rita Smith

Motion seconded by: Mr. Mike Haney

Voting:

Hon. Allen Millican – Yes

Mr. Mark Dayton – Yes

Ms. Adrienne Reed – Yes

Mrs. Rita Smith – Yes

Rev. Z. Andre' Huff – Yes

Mr. Mike Haney – Yes

Mrs. Nancy Stewart - Yes

5. Personnel Action Recommendations

Superintendent Blackwell recommended the following personnel actions be approved:

RETIREMENT

<u>Retirement:</u>		<u>Effective Date:</u>
Paulette Weaver (w/f)	Floyd Elementary School 4 th Grade Teacher	06/01/2025

RESIGNATION

<u>Resignation:</u>		<u>Effective Date:</u>
Saniesha Deloney (b/f)	Systemwide Special Education Aide Adams Elementary School	02/14/2025
Lillian Grace Walton (w/f)	Floyd Elementary School Classroom Teacher	02/19/2025

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

<u>Leave of Absence:</u>		<u>Effective Date:</u>
Emma Dilley (w/f)	Emma Sansom Middle School Strings Teacher	March 14, 2025 – May 23, 2025
Alice Buggs (b/f)	Donehoo Elementary School LPN/Nurse	January 6, 2025 – April 4, 2025

(PART A) REEMPLOYMENT

<u>Reemployment:</u>		<u>Effective Date:</u>
(A-1) Madisyn Horton (b/f)	Floyd Elementary School Classroom Teacher 2425.187	03/10/2025

(PART B) TRANSFERS

<u>Transfers:</u>	<u>From:</u>	<u>To:</u>	<u>Effective Date:</u>
(B-1) Megan McCright (w/f)	Gadsden Middle School Science Teacher	Gadsden Middle School TEAMS Science Teacher	03/07/2025

(B-2) Micah Swain (b/f)	Floyd Elementary Title I Instructional Aide	Floyd Elementary K-2 Auxiliary Teacher 2425.184	02/20/2025- 05/23/2025 only Pending Board Approval
-------------------------	--	---	---

(PART C) NEW PERSONNEL

<u>New Employee:</u>		<u>Effective Date:</u>
(C-1) Jonathan McKinney (b/m)	Striplin Elementary School K-2 Auxiliary Teacher 2425.183	03/03/2025 Pending Board Approval
(C-2) Jarvis McKee (b/m)	Gadsden City High School Systemwide Instructional Special Ed Aide 2425.185	02/13/2025 Pending Board Approval
(C-3) Brenda Jimenez (h/f)	Floyd Elementary School Title I Instructional Aide 2425.189 Remainder of school year only	02/28/2025- 05/23/2025 Pending Board Approval
(C-4) Halexix Wyatt (w/f)	Adams Elementary School K-2 Auxiliary Teacher 2425.182	03/04/2025 Pending Board Approval

SUBSTITUTES

<u>New Certified Sub:</u>	<u>New Non-Certified Sub:</u>	<u>After School Sub:</u>
Evelyn Dunn David Ritschard	Crystal Lawson	Tameka Stephens
 <u>Re-applying Non-Certified Teacher:</u> Arielle McBride		
 <u>New Support Sub:</u> William Avery		

**THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE ARE THE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR
2025 FEDERAL SUMMER SCHOOL/PROGRAMS POSITIONS**

TITLE I/III/ESL DISTRICT SUMMER EL/STATE EL PROGRAMS
***PARENT TEACHER RESOURCES CENTER/ADAMS ELEMENTARY/GADSDEN CITY HIGH SCHOOL**
PRESCHOOL – 12TH
JUNE 2 – JUNE 26, 7:30 A.M. – 12:30 P.M.
MAY 27 – JULY 24, 8:00 A.M. – 12:00 P.M.
MAY 29 – JUNE 26, 7:30 A.M. – 12:30 P.M.
(ACTIVITY SCHEDULE TO BE DETERMINED)

<u>NAME:</u>		<u>EFFECTIVE DATE:</u>
Michelle Funderburg	-b- Math Teacher	05/29/25-06/26/25

Motion made by: Mr. Mark Dayton

Motion seconded by: Mr. Mike Haney

Voting:

Hon. Allen Millican - Yes

Mr. Mark Dayton - Yes

Ms. Adrienne Reed – Yes

Mrs. Rita Smith – Yes
Rev. Z. Andre' Huff – Yes
Mr. Mike Haney – Yes
Mrs. Nancy Stewart - Yes

6. Monthly Financial Report and Bank Reconciliation

CSFO Cory Skelton presented the monthly financial report to the board for review and approval. The financial data and cash balances presented are based on the reconciled bank statement and the general ledger as of January 31, 2025.

Motion made by: Mr. Mark Dayton

Motion seconded by: Mr. Mike Haney

Voting:

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

F. Information Items

1. Old Business
 - a. Read Across America was a success. Superintendent Blackwell expressed gratitude to the students, board members, central office staff, and city officials who read to elementary students on Wednesday, March 5, 2025. 168 readers participated. Each board member spoke about the appreciation of reading for elementary school students.
2. New Business
 - a. Spring Break is March 24 – March 28, 2025
3. **Next Regular Board Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 08, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. at Gadsden City High School.**

G. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:42 p.m. on motion by Mrs. Nancy Stewart

Secretary/Superintendent

Date