



Budget Hearing #1
09/04/2025 05:00 PM
Gadsden City Board of Education
Central Office

MEETING MINUTES

Attendance

Voting Members

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

Non-Voting Members

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

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

Chairman Millican called the budget hearing to order at 5:00 p.m. Board Member Rita Smith led with prayer, and a quorum was declared present.

B. Approval of Agenda

The agenda for the Budget Hearing #1 was presented to the board for approval.

Motion made by: Mr. Mike Haney

Motion seconded by: Mrs. Nancy Stewart

Voting:

Mr. Mike Haney - Yes

Hon. Allen Millican - Yes

Ms. Adrienne Reed - Not Present

Mrs. Rita Smith - Yes

Mrs. Nancy Stewart – Yes

*Ms. Adrienne Reed entered the meeting.

C. Budget Hearing

1. Review the Fiscal Year 2026 School System Budget

Chief School Financial Officer Cory Skelton informed the board members and the public that this is the first of two legally required budget hearings for the upcoming fiscal year. During tonight's meeting, Mrs. Skelton presented an overview of the proposed revenues and expenditures, highlighting key changes from the previous year and explaining how the budget aligns with district goals and state mandates. The second hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, September 9, 2025, and the budget will be presented for the board's approval. Copies of the budget documents are available to the public, and Mrs. Skelton encouraged anyone with questions or concerns to email her prior to the second hearing for clarification or further discussion.

D. The next regular board meeting and budget hearing #2 will be Tuesday, September 09, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. at Donehoo Elementary School

E. Adjournment

The budget hearing was adjourned on motion at 5:31 pm.

Motion made by: Mr. Mike Haney

Motion seconded by: Hon. Allen Millican

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

Superintendent/Secretary

Date