



MEETING MINUTES

Attendance

Voting Members

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

Non-Voting Members

Mr. Keith Blackwell, Superintendent
Mr. Ed Howard, Board Attorney
Mrs. Kelly Swafford, Superintendent Administrative Assistant

A. Call to Order

Chairman Millican called the work session to order at 8:14 a.m. Board member Rita Smith led the meeting with a prayer. All members were in attendance except Ms. Adrienne Reed who joined the meeting at 12:15 p.m.

B. Discussion Items

1. School Bus Updates

Superintendent Blackwell gave a status update on the system's new school buses for next year. He discussed the place of storage, bus drivers, delivery, and appearance.

2. Middle School Updates

Superintendent Blackwell discussed combining the three middle schools: Emma Sansom Middle, Gadsden Middle, and Litchfield Middle School.

3. Evaluations

Chairman Millican reviewed the evaluation results of Superintendent Blackwell and the Chief School Financial Officer, Cory Skelton.

C. Special Education Coordinator - Mrs. Tomasina Smitherman

Superintendent Blackwell introduced Mrs. Tomasina Smitherman, Special Education Coordinator. Mrs. Smitherman reviewed the number of students being served under the IDEA, teachers, and staff in the Gadsden City School System.

D. Other Business

- Maintenance Joe Billingsley reviewed the Capital Plan.
- Superintendent Blackwell offered updates on Gadsden City High School's dual enrollment and carpentry courses.
- Superintendent Blackwell plans to continue the "Together We Read" campaign for the elementary students.
- North East Orthopedics and Sparks Orthopedics combined and will continue to provide services.
- Federal Programs Director, Mr. Hector Baeza, and Coordinator Janie Browning discussed the involvement of federal programs in Gadsden City Schools.

E. Working Lunch

F. Whole Board Training - Monitor Your Financial Health

Alabama Association of School Boards, Lesley Poe, presented the Whole Board Training to the board on Monitoring Your Financial Health. All members were present and will conclude their required two hours of Whole Board Training for the 2025-2026 school year.

- Immediately following the training, the CSFO Cory Skelton gave a review of the financial reports and account reconciliations distributed at board meetings.

G. Next Regular Board Meeting, Tuesday, October 7, at the Central Office at 5:00 PM

H. Adjourn

With no further business, Chairman Millican adjourned the meeting.

Superintendent Signature

Date