



Special Called Meeting
06/11/2026 04:00 PM
Gadsden City Board of Education
Central Office

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

Absent

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, Roll Call

Chairman Millican called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. Board Member Rita Smith led with prayer, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Roll was called, and Chairman Millican declared a quorum was present.

Chairman Millican recognized Police Chief Lamar Jaggears, and Former Superintendent Mr. Tony Reddick in the audience.

B. Approve Agenda

The agenda for the Special Called Board Meeting was presented for approval.

Motion made by: Mr. Mike Haney

Motion seconded by: Mrs. Nancy Stewart

Voting results: Unanimously Approved

Yes: Mr. Mike Haney

Yes: Rev. Z. Andre' Huff

Yes: Hon. Allen Millican
Yes: Ms. Adrienne Reed
Yes: Mrs. Nancy Stewart
Yes: Mrs. Rita Smith

C. Board Actions

1. Personnel Recommendation

Superintendent Blackwell recommended that the board approve the following personnel recommendations.

Resignation:

Cheryl Motes, w/f, Donehoo Elementary School, Teacher, effective 07/01/2026

Deceased:

Bruce Beasley, b/m, Gadsden Middle School, Social Studies Teacher, effective 05/26/2026

Declined Position:

Cindi Rainey, w/f, Adams Elementary School, School Counselor, #2627.044, effective 06/09/2026

(Part A) Reemployment:

(A-1) Adrienne Champion, w/f, Floyd Elementary School, Office of School Readiness (OSR) Lead Teacher #2627.027, effective 08/06/2026

(A-2) Erin Lockridge, w/f, Eura Brown Elementary School, OSR Auxiliary Aide #2627.028, effective 08/06/2026

(A-3) Brigitte Connally, o/f, Eura Brown Elementary School, OSR Auxiliary Aide #2627.029, effective 08/06/2026

(A-4) Shannon Arledge, w/f, Floyd Elementary School, OSR Auxiliary Aide #2627.029, effective 08/06/2026

(A-5) Tina Morgan, w/f, Mitchell Elementary School, OSR Auxiliary Aide #2627.030, effective 08/06/2026

(A-6) Crystal Cleere, w/f, Thompson Elementary School, OSR Auxiliary Aide #2627.031, effective 08/06/2026

(A-7) Lori Burton, b/f, Striplin Elementary School (*formerly Thompson Elementary*), Classroom Teacher #2627.074, effective 08/06/2026

(Part B) Transfers:

(B-1) Catina Wadley, b/f, From Gadsden Middle School, Assistant Principal, to Emma Sansom Middle School, Assistant Principal #2627.035, effective 07/20/2026

(B-2) Ali Sullivan, b/m, from Adams Elementary School, Principal, to Litchfield Middle School, Assistant Principal #2627.042, effective 07/01/2026, 12-month

contract

(Part C) New Employees:

(C-1) Matthew Monson, w/m, Gadsden City High School, Principal #2627.011, effective 07/01/2026

(C-2) Brandon Williams, b/m, Gadsden City High School, Classroom Teacher-Physical Education #2627.063, effective 08/06/2026

(C-3) Amanda Gilbert, w/f, Floyd Elementary School, Classroom Teacher #2627.017, effective 08/06/2026

(C-4) Taylor Holder, w/f, Donehoo Elementary School, Kindergarten Teacher #2627.045, effective 08/06/2026

(C-5) Cheyenne Redditt, w/f, Gadsden Middle School, Social Studies Teacher #2627.065, effective 08/06/2026

(C-6) Teryn Hill, w/f, Floyd Elementary School, Classroom Teacher #2627.046, effective 08/06/2026

(C-7) Elizabeth O'Clair, w/f, Eura Brown Elementary School, Lunchroom Worker #2627.191, effective 08/06/2026

(C-8) Jennifer Burgess, w/f, Mitchell Elementary School, Lunchroom Worker #2627.037, effective 08/06/2026

Updates/Corrections:

Jerresa McGee-Transfer Donehoo Elementary, Math Coach, to Eura Brown Elementary, Math Coach

Add Deborah Alford, Special Education Teacher, Summer Camp, Floyd Elementary School

Contracts:

Transportation Employees:

Summer School Districtwide Drivers: *(no less than 5 hours per day) June 1 – June 30, 2026*

Lorrie Beck, Daryl Douthard, Reginald Thomas, Alina Wood

Bus Trainer and Driver, when needed: *May 1, 2026—April 30, 2027*

Sam Farr

Accounting Department Assistant Central Office:

Tonya Vice, June 1, 2026 — Open, *20 hours or less per week*

Technology:

Central Office—June 1, 2026, July 30, 2027, Part-Time

Lenora Neal, Instructional Technical Support Services, PowerSchool Data Management, 101 days over 12 months

Jenny Moon, PowerSchool Data Management/Ambit Phone System/E-Rate Support Average of 10 days per month, not to exceed 120 days for the year.

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Motion seconded by: Mr. Mike Haney

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Yes: Rev. Z. Andre' Huff

Yes: Hon. Allen Millican

Yes: Ms. Adrienne Reed

Yes: Mrs. Nancy Stewart

Yes: Mrs. Rita Smith

Superintendent Blackwell announced the names of the new personnel and welcomed Mr. Matthew Monson as the new principal for Gadsden City High School. Mr. Monson expressed his gratitude to the board and hiring committee for their support and shared his excitement about joining the Titan community.

Chairman Millican announced that the next board meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 7, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. at the Central Office.

Each board member expressed their enthusiasm for the new employees, the upcoming school year, and the progress being made. They welcomed Mr. Monson to the Gadsden City family and offered their support. Board Member Rev. Huff and Superintendent Blackwell requested prayers for the family of an employee who recently passed away.

D. Adjourn

With no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned on motion by Adrienne Reed at 4:15 p.m.

Voting results: Unanimously Approved

Date

Superintendent/Secretary