



July Special Called Meeting
07/23/2026 04:00 PM
Gadsden City Board of Education
Central Office

MEETING MINUTES

Attendance

Voting Members

Mr. Mark Dayton, Board Member - District 5 - **Absent**
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. Kelly Swafford, Superintendent Administrative Assistant

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

Chairman Millican called the meeting to order at 4:02 p.m. Board Member Andre' Huff led the meeting with prayer. Roll was called and Chairman Millican declared a quorum was present.

B. Approval of Agenda

The agenda 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

C. Action Agenda

1. Approval of Personnel Recommendation

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

Resignations:

Eve Thornton, Striplin Elementary, Systemwide Special Education Aide, effective date 05/26/2026

Shaquoria Garrett, Thompson Elementary, Math Coach, effective 05/26/2026

Haley Jackson, Litchfield Middle, Band Director, effective 05/26/2026

Haley Stansky, Gadsden City High, Assistant Band Director, effective 07/09/2026

Madison Reynolds-Dirr, Gadsden City High, Family and Consumer Science Teacher, effective 06/04/2026

Andrew Laughlin, Gadsden City High, Districtwide EL Resource Teacher, effective 05/26/2026

Declined Position:

Alison Williams, Floyd Elementary, Classroom Teacher, #2627.097, effective 07/13/2026

Melissa Jones, Donehoo Elementary, Classroom Teacher, #2627.075, effective 07/20/2026

Cheyenne Redditt, Gadsden Middle, Social Studies Teacher, #2627.065, effective 07/09/2026

(Part A) Reemployment:

(A-1) Laura Biggio, Striplin Elementary, ARI Interventionist, effective 08/06/2026, one year only

(A-2) Samantha Sullivan, Adams Elementary, Classroom Teacher, #2627.023, effective 08/06/2026

(A-3) Ron Lancaster, Donehoo Elementary, Custodian, #2627.098, effective 07/29/2026

(A-4) Anthony Entrekin, Litchfield Middle, English Language Arts Teacher, #2627.092, effective 08/06/2026

(Part B) Transfers:

(B-1) Ebony Pearson, from Downtown Educational Center, 10-Month English Teacher/Assistant Alternative School Coordinator to Alternative School Principal, 10-Month, effective 07/27/2026

(B-2) Antonin Watson, from Thompson Elementary, Classroom Teacher, to Litchfield Middle, Science Teacher, #2627.101, effective 08/06/2026

(B-3) Sonya Sanders, from Mitchell Elementary, Classroom Teacher, to Mitchell Elementary, Counselor, #2627.093, effective 08/06/2026

(B-4) William Shell, from Gadsden City High, 10-Month Assistant Band Director, to Gadsden City High, 12-Month Assistant Band Director, #2627.107, effective 08/01/2026

(Part C) New Personnel:

(C-1) Kimberly Richey, Districtwide-Donehoo Elementary (home school), Districtwide Math Coach, #2627.009, effective 07/22/2026, pending board approval

- (C-2) Madison Tankersley, Floyd Elementary, Classroom Teacher, #2627.097, effective 08/06/2026
- (C-3) Melissa Campbell, Districtwide-Mitchell Elementary (home school), Districtwide Math Coach, #2627.009, effective 08/01/2026
- (C-4) Wittney McCarter, Thompson Elementary, Classroom Teacher, #2627.111, effective 08/06/2026
- (C-5) Michael Anne Crane, Gadsden Middle School, 8th Grade English Language Arts Teacher, #2627.079, effective 08/06/2026
- (C-6) Lucas Ford, Gadsden Middle, 7th Grade Social Studies Teacher, #2627.065, effective 08/06/2026
- (C-7) Calvin Norris, Litchfield Middle, Band Director, #2627.085, effective 08/06/2026
- (C-8) Brian Matias, Gadsden City High, Science Teacher, #2627.094, effective 08/06/2026
- (C-9) Johnathan Clutts, Gadsden City High, Assistant Band Director, 10-Months, #2627.108, effective 07/27/2026
- (C-10) Brittany Burtram, Gadsden City High, Social Studies Teacher, #2627.103, effective 08/06/2026
- (C-11) Alyssa Steele, Gadsden City High, CTE Family & Consumer Science Teacher, #2627.109, effective 07/27/2026
- (C-12) John Owen Westcott, Secondary Systemwide-Gadsden City High, Special Education Teacher, #2627.099, effective 08/06/2026
- (C-13) Amara Mauricio, Walnut Park Elementary, OSR Pre-K Auxiliary Aide, #2627.084, effective 08/06/2026

Contracts:

Maegan Little, Districtwide Adams Elementary, Speech Pathologist Services, 08/12/2026-05/30/2027

Courtney Upshaw, Gadsden City High School, Strength and Conditioning, 07/20/2026 – 05/28/2027

Correction/Updates:

Bus Driver/Aides Start Dates

Carlton Baise, Bus Driver, Updated Start Date from 08/12/2026 to 08/10/2026

Cody Owens, Bus Driver, Updated Start Date from 08/12/2026 to 08/10/2026

Brian Brock, Bus Driver, Updated Start Date from 08/12/2026 to 08/10/2026

Wilma Patterson, Bus Driver, Updated Start Date from 08/12/2026 to 08/10/2026

Lorrie Beck, Bus Driver, Updated Start Date from 08/12/2026 to 08/10/2026

Earl Davis, Bus Driver, Updated Start Date from 08/12/2026 to 08/10/2026

Angela Gray, Special Ed Bus Aide, Updated Start Date from 08/12/2026 to 08/10/2026

Motion made by: Mrs. Nancy Stewart

Motion seconded by: Rev. Z. Andre' Huff

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

Superintendent Blackwell welcomed Ms. Michelle Scott, the new principal of Oscar Adams Elementary School. Ms. Scott was approved at the July Regular Board Meeting.

D. Informational Items

- 1. Next Regular Board Meeting is Tuesday, August 04, 2026, at Gadsden City Board of Education-5:00 p.m.**

E. Adjourn

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:13 p.m. on motion by Board Member Rev. Andre' Huff.

Date

Superintendent/Secretary