Douglas County Board of Education Board Meeting 08/21/2023 - 07:00 PM

11490 Veterans Memorial Highway Douglasville, GA 30134

MEETING MINUTES

Attendees

Voting Members

Ms. Tracy Rookard, Chair

Mr. Devetrion Caldwell, Vice Chair

Mr. D.T. Jackson, Board Member & Deputy Legislative Liaison

Ms. Michelle Simmons, Board Member

Mr. Glenn Easterwood, Board Member & Legislative Liaison

Non-Voting Members

Mr. Trent North, Superintendent

Dr. Michelle Ruble, Associate Superintendent of General Administration

Dr. Chris Small, Executive Director of Operations

Chelsie Goodman, Assistant Superintendent

Tracey Whaley, Chief of Police

Shawnta Jones, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent

I. Executive Session

II. Call to Order

III. Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

- IV. Moment of Silent Reflection
- V. Mission, Vision, and Beliefs
- VI. District Strategic Goals

VII. Setting of Agenda

Motion made by: Mr. D.T. Jackson

Motion seconded by: Mr. Glenn Easterwood

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

VIII. Board Recognition

IX. Election of Vice Chair

A motion was made to nominate Mr. D.T. Jackson for Vice Chair.

Motion made by: Mr. Devetrion Caldwell Motion seconded by: Mr. Glenn Easterwood

Voting:

Ms. Tracy Rookard - Yes Mr. Devetrion Caldwell - Yes

Mr. D.T. Jackson - Yes

Ms. Michelle Simmons - No

Mr. Glenn Easterwood - Yes

X. 3rd Public Hearing on Tax Millage Rate

XI. Audience Participation

There was one audience participant, Sharon Bachtel, who spoke on the subject of the graduation rate and the millage rate.

XII. Setting of Tax Millage Rate

XIII. New Business

XIV. Consent Agenda

Motion made by: Mr. D.T. Jackson

Motion seconded by: Mr. Glenn Easterwood

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

- A. July 17, 2023 Work Session/Board Meeting Minutes
- B. Board Policy JBC(4): Awarding Units and Transferring Credit
- C. FY 2025 State Capital Outlay Projects Application
- D. FY 24 21st Century Community Learning Center Grant Awards

XV. Action Item

A. Board Norms and Protocols

Motion made by: Mr. D.T. Jackson

Motion seconded by: Mr. Devetrion Caldwell

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

B. Classified Personnel Report

Motion made by: Mr. D.T. Jackson

Motion seconded by: Mr. Devetrion Caldwell

Voting:

Unanimously Approved

C. Certified Personnel Report

Motion made by: Mr. D.T. Jackson Motion seconded by: Mr. Devetrion Caldwell Voting: Unanimously Approved

XVI. Information Only

XVIII. Adjournment

XVII. Board Member Comments and Announcements

- Mr. Glenn Easterwood had no additional comments.
- Mr. D.T. Jackson thanked Superintendent North and the staff while also expressing his gratefulness for all the work that they do.
- Mr. Devetrion Caldwell informed everyone that this was his last meeting as Vice Chair of the BOE. He added that he has enjoyed this work and it's been a great process. Mr. Caldwell stated to his colleagues that "it's certainly been a joy." He expressed his appreciation for Superintendent North and thanked the staff for all the work they continue to do.
- Ms. Michelle Simmons expressed that it's been a pleasure working with Mr. Caldwell.
- Ms. Tracy Rookard expressed her gratefulness to Mr. Caldwell who has shown dignity, strength and courage.
- Superintendent North stated that each year the Board has chosen to roll back. This year is no different as the Board has chosen to roll back again. In addition, Mr. North thanked Mr. Caldwell for his service and for his "voice". He expressed that it's been nice to have a millennial voice on the Board. Mr. North added, "Mr. Caldwell makes sure that our expectations are high and that we do not waver. He is an advocate for students and teachers."

A. Next Board Meeting: September 5, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

| There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:21 p | .m. |
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| Superintendent | Chairperson |
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