

MGSD Board of Education

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**MOORESVILLE GRADED SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION  
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The Board of Education of the Mooresville Graded School District met in a duly noticed Special Called Meeting on Monday, July 11, 2022, at the Mooresville High School Performing Arts Center, 659 E. Center Avenue, Mooresville, NC 28115.

Board Members Present: Mr. Roger Hyatt, Chairman; Mr. Greg Whitfield, Vice-Chairman; Mr. Rakeem Brawley; Dr. Debbie Marsh; and Mrs. Kerry Pennell.

Mr. Sam Thorp, NCSBA Representative, was present at the meeting.

Dr. Michael Royal, Interim Superintendent, and Mr. Kevin Donaldson, Board Attorney, were present.

Mrs. Angie Davis, Chief Finance Officer; Dr. Michael Royal, Assistant Superintendent for Secondary Instruction & CTE; Dr. Quinetta Hall Pratt, Assistant Superintendent for Elementary Instruction; Dr. Sandra Albert, Chief Student Services Officer; Mr. Scott Smith, Assistant Superintendent of Auxiliary Services; Dr. Ingrid Medlock, Assistant Superintendent of Human Resources; Mrs. Tanae McLean, Chief Communications Officer and Title IX Coordinator; and Mrs. Sylvia Martinez, Board Clerk, were present.

Present at the meeting: Mrs. Vickie Sawyer, Senator; Mr. Miles Atkins, Mayor; and Mr. Gary West, Commissioner, were present.

Mr. Hyatt called the meeting to order, shared a quote by Dr. Seuss, and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**On a motion by Dr. Marsh, seconded by Mr. Whitfield, the board voted unanimously to approve the meeting agenda as presented.**

**Public Comment: None**

Mr. Hyatt, under G.S. §143-318.11 (a)(1), (a)(3), (a)(6), and G.S. 115C-321, announced the board would go into closed session to discuss confidential personnel matters. **On a motion by Mrs. Pennell, seconded by Mr. Brawley, the board voted unanimously to go into closed session at 5:33 p.m.**

**On a motion by Mr. Whitfield, seconded by Dr. Marsh, the board voted unanimously to adjourn from the closed session.**

**Approval of New MGSD Superintendent:** Mr. Hyatt shared that after the school board's careful review and consideration of over 20 applications from a diverse field of candidates from

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different states, the MGSD Board of Education announced their selection of Dr. Jason Gardner as the new superintendent of the Mooresville Graded School District. Dr. Gardner's tenure as the new MGSD superintendent will commence pending release from his current district. Mr. Hyatt thanked Mr. Sam Thorp, NCSBA representative, for his assistance in the superintendent's search process, and shared that although many qualified candidates applied, the board feels confident that Dr. Gardner's experience, leadership, and dedication to students and staff would best serve MGSD students, employees, and the community for years to come. **On a motion by Mr. Whitfield, seconded by Mr. Brawley, the board voted unanimously to approve Dr. Jason Gardner as the new Superintendent of the Mooresville Graded School District, as presented.**

**Introduction of New MGSD Superintendent:** Dr. Jason Gardner thanked the board for the honor of being selected as the new superintendent of the Mooresville Graded School District and shared his vision as the new superintendent of MGSD. He also shared that he plans to be a leader who is visible and present, and for the district to live out the mission of every child every day. Finally, Dr. Gardner introduced his wife and children.

**There being no further business, on a motion by Dr. Marsh, seconded by Mrs. Pennell, the board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 5:51 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted:

Mr. Roger E. Hyatt, Chairman  
Board of Education

Dr. Michael Royal, Interim Secretary  
Board of Education