



Clayton County Board of Education

**Board Meeting
February 3, 2025
6:00 PM**

1058 Fifth Avenue
Jonesboro, GA 30236

“Building a Better Tomorrow, Today”

Members Present: Mr. Benjamin Straker, Board Chair, Ms. Mary Baker, Vice Chair, Ms. Jasmine Bowles, Mr. Mark Christmas, Ms. Joy Tellis-Cooper, Dr. Jessie Goree, Dr. Deatrice Haney, Ms. Sabrina Hill, Ms. Victoria Williams, and Dr. Anthony Smith, Superintendent/CEO

Summary

Executive Session (5:00 PM - 6:00 PM / Closed to Public)

I. Call to Order

Mr. Straker, Board Chair called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm.

II. Executive Session

Motion Made: For the Board to enter into Executive Session to discuss Personnel and Legal Matters.

Motion: Ms. Hill

Second: Ms. Baker

Vote: Unanimous

III. Pledge of Allegiance

In recognition of Black History Month and Lunar New Year, the following students participated in the Board Meeting:

- Aubri Nuynh, 10th Grade, Martha Ellen Stilwell, Sang the Negro National Anthem.
- Taylor Moore, 12 Grade, Martha Ellen Stilwell, a Recitation.
- Sophia Nguyen, 12th Grade, Elite Scholars Academy, Pledge of Allegiance.

IV. Board Recognitions

The Board and Superintendent stepped down for Board Recognition

V. Ethics Statement

Mr. Straker read the Ethics Statement.

Mr. Straker asked for a moment of silence for the following:

- Brian Ellis, 1989 Morrow HS Alumnus, killed in a plane crash in Washington, DC
- Ms. Shay Harrison, Retired Employee
- Mr. Sam Coger, who lost his mother
- Ms. Monique Drewry, who lost her mother

VI. Public Participation

The following persons signed up for Public Participation:

- Ms. Za'nyah Harris
- Mr. Terrell Mitchell
- Mr. Eddie Boyd
- Ms. Tamarra Lewis-Johnson
- Ms. Akira Eiland-Sharp
- Ms. Brenda Harrison
- Mr. Winston McKenzie

VII. Executive Session Recommendations

Motion Made: For the Board to approve the Superintendent's recommendation of the Contract list for all certified employees, AP, Principals, and Central Office Staff minus #77 and #102 of the Central Office List

Motion: Ms. Baker

Second: Ms. Hill

Vote: 8-Yes, 1 Abstention

VIII. Announcements

Members of the Board made individual announcements followed by students from Point South MS students sharing the monthly announcements

IX. Approval of Minutes

There were no corrections or objections to the minutes below, therefore Mr. Straker declared the minutes approved as submitted.

A. Minutes - Board Work Session / Meeting January 13, 2025

X. The Consent Agenda (for action)

Motion Made: For the Board to approve the Consent Agenda as submitted minus Item I and J for a separate vote.

Motion: Ms. Tellis Cooper

Second: Mr. Christmas

Vote: Unanimous

A. Financial Report

B. Budget Amendments

C. SPLOST Revenue Report

D. Purchasing Report

E. SPLOST Construction Report

F. Capital Purchasing Report

G. Tara Stadium Field House Bid

H. Lease Agreement - Junior Achievement

I. Lease Agreement - Chamber of Commerce-Pulled

After Board discussion, this Lease Agreement will be voted on at the next Board Meeting.

J. Lease Agreement - Clayton County Foundation

Motion Made: For the Board to approve the Lease Agreement with the Clayton County Foundation as submitted.

Motion: Ms. Tellis Cooper

Second: Mr. Christmas

Vote: 8-Yes, 1-Abstention

K. Personnel Changes Report

XI. The Business Agenda (for action)

A. Policy Series F – Vote

This Policy Series was pulled to allow Board Members to review new revisions received.

B. Policy Series K – Vote

Motion Made: For the Board to approve Policy Series K as submitted.

Motion: Ms. Baker

Second: Dr. Goree

Vote: Unanimous

C. Policy Series L – Vote

Motion Made: For the Board to approve Policy Series L as submitted.

Motion: Dr. Goree

Second Ms. Baker

Vote Unanimous

D. HB 581 Option

Motion Made: For the Board to approve opting out of HB 581 as submitted.

Motion: Dr. Goree

Second: Ms. Williams

Vote: Unanimous

XI. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:49 pm.

Note: This is a summary of the February 3, 2025, Board Meeting of the Clayton County Board of Education. The official minutes will be voted on at the next regular business meeting of the Board and will be made available to the public thereafter.