



Clayton County Board of Education
Board Work Session
February 24, 2025
6:00 PM

1058 Fifth Avenue
Jonesboro, GA 30236

“Building a Better Tomorrow, Today”

Members Present: Mr. Benjamin Straker (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, Dr. Anthony Smith, Superintendent/CEO

Summary

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

I. Call to Order

Mr. Straker called the meeting to order at 6:19 pm.

The Board and Superintendent stepped down for a special recognition to Mr. Derrick Manning, who is retiring from Clayton County Public Schools.

II. Executive Session

Motion Made: For the Board to enter into Executive Session to discuss Personal, Legal, and Land matters.

Motion: Mr. Christmas

Second: Ms. Baker

Vote: Unanimous

III. Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Charles White led the Pledge of Allegiance

IV. Ethics Statement

Mr. Straker read the Ethics Statement

V. Adoption of Agenda

Motion Made: For the Board to adopt the February 24, 2025 Board Work Session Agenda as submitted.

Motion: Mr. Christmas

Second: Ms. Tellis-Cooper

Vote: Unanimous

VI. Recommendations from Executive Session

A. Assistant Principal – Sequoyah Middle School

Motion Made: For the Board to approve the Superintendent’s recommendation of Mr. Steven Dennis as Assistant Principal of Sequoyah Middle School.

Motion: Dr. Goree

Second: Ms. Williams

Vote: Unanimous

B. Assistant Principal, Lake Ridge Elementary School

Motion Made: For the Board to approve the Superintendent’s recommendation of Ms. Nichole McCoy as Assistant Principal of Lake Ridge Elementary School

Motion: Mr. Christmas

Second: Dr. Goree

Vote: Unanimous

C. Assistant Principal, Smith Elementary School

Motion Made: For the Board to approve the Superintendent’s Recommendation of Ms. Tanzania Grant as Assistant Principal, at Smith Elementary School.

Motion: Ms. Tellis Cooper

Second: Mr. Straker

Vote: Unanimous

D. Coordinator, Business Information Systems

Motion Made: For the Board to approve the Superintendent's Recommendation of Ms. Tamika King as Coordinator of Business Information Systems

Motion: Ms. Baker

Second: Dr. Haney

Vote: Unanimous

E. Acting Assistant Superintendent, High Schools

Motion Made: For the Board to approve the Superintendent's Recommendation of Dr. Eldrick Horton Acting Assistant Superintendent of High Schools

Motion: Dr. Goree

Second: Mr. Christmas

Vote: Unanimous

F. Central Office List, Contract No. 77

Motion Made: For the Board to approve Central Office List, Contract No. 77 as resubmitted by the Superintendent

Motion Made: Dr. Goree

Second: Mr. Straker

Vote: 6-Yes, 3-Abstentions)

VII. Updates to the Board

A. Teaching and Learning & Strategic Improvement - Dr. Delphia Young

- 2025 Summer School – Dr. Delphia Young provided an update on 2025 Summer School to the Board and Community
- Grants and Governmental Funding – Dr. Monika Wiley provided an update on Federal governmental grants to the Board and Community

B. Safety & Security - Dr. Reynard Walker will present at the next Work Session

VIII. Proposed Agenda from the Superintendent and Chair

The below departments provided updates to the Board and Community

A. Business Services - Ms. Ramona Bivins

1. Financial Report - Consent Agenda
2. Budget Amendments
 - a. Melan Financial Services
 - b. Georgia Department of Education
 - c. Community Engagement Grant
3. SPLOST Revenue Report - Consent Agenda
4. Purchasing Report - Consent Agenda

B. Capital Improvement - Mr. Ronick Joseph

1. Capital Improvement/SPLOST Report - Consent Agenda
2. Capital Purchasing Report - Consent Agenda

C. Human Resources - Ms. Alisha Albritten

1. Personnel Changes Report - Consent Agenda

D. Board Matters

1. Policy Series F- Third Read / Vote

After Board discussion, it was decided that this Policy Series F will be voted on at the March 3, 2025 Board Meeting

2. Policy Series J - First Read

No action needed

3. 2025-2026 School Calendar

No action taken

4. GSBA Board Recognition - Action Agenda

Motion Made: For the Board to apply for Exemplary Board Recognition at the GSBA Conference

Motion: Ms. Baker

Second: Mr. Straker

Vote: (8-Yes, 1-Abstention, 1 Not Present)

5. Board Vision Resolution - Action Agenda

Action will be taken at the March 3, 2025 Board Meeting

IX. The Business Agenda (for Action)

A. Lease Agreement - Chamber of Commerce

Motion Made: For the Board to approve the Lease Agreement for the Chamber of Commerce as submitted.

Motion: Ms. Baker

Second: Ms. Tellis Cooper

Vote: (6-Yes, 1-Abstention, 1-No, 1-Not Present)

B. GSBA Delegates

After much discussion, the Board decided that the Board Vice Chair, Ms. Baker, will be the GSBA Delegate and the Board Chair, Mr. Straker will be the backup.

C. Approval of the Proposed Board Meeting Agenda for March 3, 2025

Motion Made: For the Board to approve the Proposed Board Meeting Agenda for March 3, 2025 as submitted.

Motion: Ms. Tellis Cooper

Second: Dr. Goree

Vote: (8-Yes, 1 Not Present)

X. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:52 pm

Note: This is a summary of the February 24, 2025, Board Work Session 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.