



**Clayton County Board of Education
Board Work Session
April 28, 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, Dr. Anthony W. 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 6:01 pm.

II. Executive Session

Motion Made: For the Board to enter into Executive Session to discuss, Personnel, Land, and Litigation.

Motion: Mr. Christmas

Second: Ms. Williams

Vote: Unanimous

III. Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Straker 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 April 28, 2025 Board Work Session Agenda with moving the Student Support Services Update prior to the Superintendent's Update.

Motion: Ms. Tellis Cooper

Second: Ms. Baker

Vote: Unanimous

VI. Recommendations from Executive Session

1. Coordinator – Position Control

Motion Made: For the Board to approve the Superintendent's recommendation of Ms. Flor Perry as Coordinator of Position Control

Motion: Ms. Tellis Cooper

Second: Mr. Christmas

Voter: Unanimous

2. Central Office Contract List #103

Motion Made: For the Board to approve Central Office Contract List #103

Motion: Dr. Goree

Second: Ms. Williams

Vote: Yes-5, 4-Abstentions

NOTE: At the end of the meeting, it was brought to our attention that the Contract List # is 102 and NOT #103.

3. Clayton County Water Authority, CCPS Convocation Center

Motion Made: For the Board to approve the Clayton County Water Authority Easement at the CCPS Convocation Center as submitted.

Motion: Dr. Haney

Second: Dr. Goree

Vote: Unanimous

4. Clayton County Water Authority, Forest Park Middle School

Motion Made: For the Board to approve the Clayton County Water Authority at Forest Park Middle School as submitted.

Motion: Ms. Williams

Second: Ms. Tellis Cooper

Vote: Unanimous

VII. Board Members' Update

Each Board member shared highlights with staff and community from their respective District.

VIII. Updates to the Board

A. Superintendent's Update

- The Superintendent congratulated Mrs. Rice and team for an awesome Retirement Celebration for all retirees
- The Superintendent congratulated Dr. Simpson, Deputy Superintendent, on his son been move up to the major baseball league and is doing a phenomenal job with the Tampa Bay Reyes.

1. Tentative SY26 Budget

Ms. Ramona Bivins, CFO, presented the Tentative SY26 Budget to the Board and Community

2. Student Support Services – Dr. April Crawford

Prior to the Student Services Update, Ms. Carrington Mannus, Ms. GA Teen-USA gave a presentation on her initiative on Dyslexia.

That was followed by Ms. Cheri Ann Taylor who updated the Board and Community on Dyslexia in Clayton County Public School

IX. Proposed Agenda from the Superintendent and Chair

A. Business Services - Ms. Ramona Bivins

1. Financial Report - Consent Agenda

Ms. Ramona Bivins, Chief Financial Officer, presented the monthly Financial Report to the Board and Community

2. SPLOST Revenue Report - Consent Agenda

Ms. Ramona Bivins, Chief Financial Officer, presented the monthly SPLOST Revenue Report to the Board and Community.

3. Purchasing Report - Consent Agenda

Ms. Ramona Bivins, Chief Financial Officer, presented the monthly Purchasing Report to the Board and Community.

4. Budget Amendment from CCPS Foundation - Consent Agenda

Ms. Ramona Bivins, Chief Financial Officer, presented to the Board and Community a budget amendment from the CCPS Foundation.

B. Capital Improvement - Mr. Ronick Joseph

1. Capital Improvement/SPLOST Report - Consent Agenda

Mr. Ronick Joseph, Chief, Capital Improvement Officer, presented the monthly Capital Improvement/SPLOST Report.

2. Capital Purchasing Report - Consent Agenda

Mr. Ronick Joseph, Chief, Capital Improvement Officer, presented the monthly Capital Purchasing Report.

3. RFP 014-25 Convocation Center Management - Consent Agenda

The RFP 014-25 Convocation Center Management was presented to the Board and Community by Dr. Ralph Simpson, Deputy Superintendent, Administrative Services

C. Human Resources - Ms. Alisha Albritten

1. Personnel Changes Report - Consent Agenda

Ms. Alicia Albritten, Chief, Human Resources, presented the monthly Personnel Changes Report to the Board and Community.

D. Board Matters

1. K-12 Social Studies and 9-12 Language Arts Textbook Adoption - Action Agenda

The K-12 Social Studies and 9-12 Language Arts each made presentation on their subject regarding Textbook Adoption.

2. Policy Series J - Third Read - Action Agenda

Policy Series J will be voted on at the May 5, 2025 Board Meeting

3. Policy Series I - First Read

X. The Business Agenda (for Action)

A. Tentative Adoption of SY26 Budget

Motion Made: For the Board to approve the Tentative Adoption of the SY26 Budget as submitted.

Motion: Ms. Tellis Cooper

Second: Dr. Goree

Vote: 7-Yes, 1-No, 1-Not Present

B. Approval of the Proposed Board Meeting Agenda for May 5, 2025

Motion Made: For the Board to approve the Proposed Board Meeting Agenda for May 5, 2025 as submitted.

Motion: Ms. Tellis Cooper

Second: Ms. Baker

Vote: Unanimous

XI. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm

NOTE: This is a summary of the April 28, 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 of Education and will be made available to the public thereafter.