



Clayton County Board of Education
Board Meeting
May 5, 2025
6:00 PM

2530 Mt. Zion Parkway
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, Dr. Jessie Goree, Dr. Deatrice Haney, Ms. Sabrina Hill, Ms. Joy Tellis-Cooper, 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 6:02 pm.

II. Executive Session

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

Motion: Ms. Hill

Second: Ms. Williams

Vote: Unanimous

III. Board Recognitions

The Superintendent and Board Stepped down for Board Recognition.

IV. Pledge of Allegiance

Board Interns Rain Walker and Dorlin Ijale led the Pledge of Allegiance.

V. Ethics Statement

Before reading the Ethics Statement, Mr. Straker requested that the agenda for tonight’s meeting be amended to include the Bond Resolution for voting during the Business Agenda Section.

Mr. Straker read the Ethics Statement

VI. Public Participation

The following people signed up for Public Participation:

- Wakenia Hollman-Tapestry School
- Amy Sims – Tapestry School
- Bradford Hadnot – Proposed Budget
- Angelica Mendez – School Literature

VII. Executive Session Recommendations

A. Director, Instructional Technology

Motion Made: For the Board to approve the Superintendent’s recommendation of Ms. Sharita Slay as Director, Instructional Technology.

Motion: Dr. Goree

Second: Dr. Haney

Vote: Unanimous

B. Employee Tribunal 2024-2025-05

Motion Made: For the Board to uphold the Tribunal Panel’s decision of 2024-2025-05

Motion: Ms. Baker

Second: Ms. Williams

Vote: Unanimous

Dr. Smith took a moment of privilege and asked Dr. Young, Deputy Superintendent, Teaching and Learning to give an update to the Board and Community on GMAS Testing with our scholars.

Mr. Benjamin Straker, Board Chair, shared with the staff and community that the Board will be hosting a virtual conversation to discuss the FY2026 Budget on Wednesday, May 7, 2025, at 7 PM

VIII. Announcements

The monthly announcements were read by students from Eddie White Academy

IX. Approval of Minutes

There were no corrections or objections to the April 14, 2025, Board Work Session/Board Meeting minutes; therefore, Mr. Straker declared the minutes approved as submitted.

A. Minutes - Board Work Session/Board Meeting April 14, 2025

X. The Consent Agenda (for action)

Motion Made: For the Board to approve the Consent Agenda minus Item G, RFP 014-25 Convocation Center Management as submitted.

Motion: Ms. Baker

Second: Mr. Christmas

Vote: Unanimous

It was noted that Item G will be discussed at a Called Board Meeting.

A. Financial Report

B. SPLOST Revenue Report

C. Purchasing Report

D. Budget Amendment

E. SPLOST Construction Report

F. Capital Purchasing Report

G. RFP 014-25 Convocation Center Management

H. Personnel Changes Report

XI. The Business Agenda (for action)

A. K-12 Social Studies and 9-12 Language Arts Textbook Adoption

Motion Made: For the Board to approve the K-12 Social Studies and 9-12 Language Arts Textbook Adoption as presented.

Motion: Ms. Baker

Second: Dr. Goree

Vote: Unanimous

B. Policy Series J

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

Motion: Dr. Goree

Second: Ms. Tellis Cooper

C. Bond Resolution

Motion Made: For the Board to approve the Bond Resolution as presented.

Motion: Mr. Christmas

Second: Ms. Baker

Vote: Unanimous

XI. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:54 PM.

NOTE: This is a summary of the May 5, 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 of Education and will be made available to the public thereafter.