



**Clayton County Board of Education
Board Work Session
May 27, 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, Board Vice Chair, Ms. Jasmine Bowles, 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 6:11 pm.

II. Executive Session

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

Motion: Ms. Baker

Second: Ms. Tellis-Cooper

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 May 27, 2025 Board Work Session Agenda minus the approval of the FY26 Budget.

Motion: Ms. Baker

Second: Ms. Tellis Cooper

Vote: Unanimous

VI. Recommendations from Executive Session

There were no recommendations from the Executive Session.

VII. Board Members' Update

Board Members took this opportunity to share with the staff and community highlights from their respective districts.

Each board member congratulated all graduating scholars and wished them well.

- Ms. Joy Tellis Cooper congratulated the two recipients of the Joy Tellis Cooper Scholarship
- Ms. Hill reminded staff and community of the Free Homebuyer (NACA) Workshop, June 7, 2025
- Dr. Goree asked for a moment of silence for the passing of a Morrow HS student and a teacher at the Perry Career Acad

VIII. Updates to the Board

A. High Risk Designation Plan Board Training - Ms. Sara McLeod

Ms. Sara McLeod of the GADOE provided High Risk Training to the Board

B. Superintendent's Update

1. Tapestry Public Charter School Update – Dr. Chantara Rumph-Carter

Dr. Rumph-Carter provided an update to the Board and Community on Tapestry Public Charter School

C. Teaching and Learning & Strategic Improvements – Dr. Delphia Young

Dr. Young and staff provided the Board and Community with an end of the school year update

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 - Consent Agenda

a. Cooper Carry Inc. and Andrews, Hammock & Powell Inc.

Ms. Ramona Bivins, Chief Financial Officer, presented to the Board and Community a budget amendment from Cooper Carry Inc. and Andrews, Hammock & Powell.

5. High Risk Designation Corrective Action Plan – Consent Agenda

Ms. Ramona Bivins, Chief Financial Officer, presented to the Board and Community the High-Risk Designation Corrective Action Plan that Ms. Sarah McLeod of the GADOE presented.

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. Fountain Elementary School Demolition Bid – Consent Agenda

Mr. Ronick Joseph, Chief, Capital Improvement Officer, presented the Fountain Elementary School Demolition Bid.

D. Human Resources - Ms. Alisha Albritten

Ms. Alisha Albritten, Chief, Human Resources, presented the monthly

1. Personnel Changes Report - Consent Agenda

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

D. Board Matters

1. Policy Series I - Second Read / Vote

The Board will vote at the June 2, 2025 Board Meeting

X. The Business Agenda (for Action)

A. Utopian Elementary Charter School

Motion Made: For the Board to approve the Superintendent's recommendation of Utopian Elementary Charter School Five-Year

Motion: Ms. Williams

Second: Dr. Goree

Vote: (4-Yes, 4-Abstentions) Motion failed

Vote #2 – Utopian Elementary School Charter Three-Year Renewal

Motion Made: For the Board to approve a 3-year Charter Renewal for Utopian Elementary School

Motion: Ms. Tellis Cooper

Second: Ms. Baker

Vote: (4-Yes, 1-Abstention, 2-No, 1 Not Present)

B. Approval of FY26 Budget

The vote for the approval of the FY26 Budget will be on Monday, June 2, 2025, or at a special-called board meeting if needed.

C. Approval of the Proposed Board Meeting Agenda for June 2, 2025

Motion Made: To approve the Proposed Board Meeting Agenda for June 2, 2025 as submitted.

Motion: Ms. Hill

Second: Ms. Baker

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

XI. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:56 pm.

NOTE: This is a summary of the May 27, 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.