Clayton County Board of Education
Board Meeting
June 2, 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, 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, Legal, and Litigation Matters.
Motion: Dr. Goree
Second: Ms. Baker
Vote: Unanimous

III. Board Recognitions

The Superintendent and Board Stepped down for Board Recognitions.

IV. Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Straker led the Pledge of Allegiance.

V. Ethics Statement

Mr. Straker read the Ethics Statement.

VI. Public Participation

The following persons spoke during Public Participation:

- Ms. Ward – Lactose Menus
- Dr. Miller – Utopian School of the Arts
- Mr. Menefee – Utopian School of the Arts
- Mr. Broadhead – Utopian School of the Arts
- Ms. Smoot – FY26 Budget
- Ms. Shine – NCHS New Building
- Ms. Newhouse – FY26 Budget
- Ms. Moreno – Unidos Dual Language School

After Public Participation, Dr. Goree asked for a moment of silence for the following:

- Dr. Don Jones, transportation employee
- Mr. Melvin Barnes, Jr., Mr. Mark Christmas' Brother
- Mr. Bradford Hadnot, Employee, Eddie White Middle Academy

VII. Executive Session Recommendations

A. Principal, Lovejoy HS

Motion Made: For the Board to approve the Superintendent's recommendation of Dr. Kelvin Griffin, Principal, Lovejoy HS
Motion: Ms. Bowles
Second: Dr. Goree

Vote: Unanimous

B. Principal, Kemp Primary

Motion Made: For the Board to approve the Superintendent's recommendation of Ms. Joy Duncan Harris, Principal, Kemp Primary
Motion: Ms. Bowles
Second: Dr. Goree
Vote: Unanimous

C. Principal, Kilpatrick ES

Motion Made: For the Board to approve the Superintendent's recommendation of Ms. LaDonne Elliott, Principal, Kilpatrick ES.
Motion: Ms. Hill
Second: Ms. Bowles
Vote: Unanimous

D. Principal, Lee Street ES

Motion Made: For the Board to approve the Superintendent's recommendation of Mr. Wendell Span, Principal, Lee Street ES.
Motion: Mr. Straker
Second: Ms. Baker
Vote: Unanimous

Administrative Personnel Change
Dr. Smith shared with the Board that Mr. Samuel Garcia, Interrelated Special Education Teacher at Forest Park HS, will be the Acting Assistant Principal at Unidos Dual Language.

VIII. Announcements

Students from Adamson MS read 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, April 28, 2025
B. Minutes – Board Meeting, May 5, 2025
C. Minutes – Called Board Meeting, May 20, 2025

X. The Consent Agenda (for action)

Motion Made: For the Board to approve the Consent Agenda as submitted.
Motion: Ms. Baker
Second: Ms. Tellis-Cooper
Vote: Unanimous

A. Financial Report
B. SPLOST Revenue Report
C. Purchasing Report
D. Budget Amendment
E. High Risk Designation Corrective Action Plan
F. SPLOST Construction Report
G. Capital Purchasing Report
H. Fountain Elementary School Demolition Bid
I. Personnel Changes Report

XI. The Business Agenda (for action)

A. Policy Series I

Motion Made: For the Board to approve Board Policy Series I as submitted.
Motion: Ms. Baker
Second: Mr. Christmas
Vote: Unanimous

B. Tapestry Public Charter School

Motion Made: For the Board to approve Tapestry Public Charter School as submitted.
Motion: Ms. Baker

Second: Mr. Christmas
Vote: Unanimous

C. Approval of FY26 Budget

Motion Made: For the Board to approve Option 3 of the Superintendent's recommendation of the FY26 Budget as submitted.
Motion: Ms. Hill
Second: Ms. Tellis Cooper
Vote: (Yes-5; 2-No; 2-Abstentions). The motion passed.

XI. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:47 pm.

NOTE: This is a summary of the June 2, 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.