CLAYTON COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Board Meeting
09/03/2025 - 06:00 PM
Performing Arts Center
2530 Mt. Zion Parkway
Jonesboro, GA 30236

"Building a Better Tomorrow, Today"

Vision/Aspiration Statement

The vision of Clayton County Public Schools is to prepare ALL graduates to have the skills to pursue and accomplish college, post-secondary training, and/or career opportunities in order to live and compete successfully in a global society.

Mission Statement

The mission of Clayton County Public Schools is to empower scholars to achieve academic, professional, and personal goals by providing equitable access and experiences that build skills in literacy, creativity, critical thinking, and collaboration.

Summary

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

I. Call to Order

Mr. Straker called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm.

II. Executive Session

A Motion was made for the Board to enter into Executive Session to discuss Land, Legal and Personnel.
Motion: Made: Ms. Tellis Cooper
Second: Ms. Hill
Vote: 5-Yes, 4-Not Present

III. Board Recognitions

The Board and Superintendent stepped down for Board Recognitions.

IV. Pledge of Allegiance

Mr. Straker led the Pledge of Allegiance.

V. Board Roll Call

Members Present: Mr. Benjamin Straker, Jr., Board Chair, Ms. Jasmine Bowles, Mr. Mark Christmas, Dr. Jessie Goree, Dr. Deatrice Haney, Ms. Sabrina Hill, Ms. Victoria Williams, Dr. Anthony Smith Superintendent/CEO. Absent: Ms. Mary Baker

VI. Ethics Statement

Mr. Straker read the Ethics Statement.

VII. Public Participation

The following signed up to speak:

- Ms. Maria Moreno – Unidos
- Ms. Christina McCollough – Camera footage for Special Needs Classrooms
- Ms. Linda Jones – Community Educational Outreach

VIII. Executive Session Recommendations

A. Principal, Perry Career Academy

Motion Made: For the Board to approve the Superintendent's recommendation of Dr. Cynthia Freeman-Smalls as Principal of the Perry Career Academy.
Motion: Mr. Christmas
Second: Ms. Hill
Vote: Unanimous

B. Principal, Church Street Elementary

Motion Made: For the Board to approve the Superintendent's recommendation of Dr. Frances Thomas as Principal, Church Street Elementary.
Motion: Dr. Goree
Second: Mr. Christmas
Vote: Unanimous

C. Assistant Principal, East Clayton Elementary

Motion Made: For the Board to approve the Superintendent's recommendation of Ms. Brandy Roman as Assistant Principals, East Clayton Elementary.
Motion: Ms. Tellis-Cooper
Second: Mr. Straker
Vote: Unanimous

D. Administrative Reassignment

Motion Made: For the Board to approve the Administrative Reassignment of Dr. Eldrick Horton from Acting – Assistant Superintendent – High Schools to Assistant Superintendent – High Schools, School Leadership and Improvement Division.
Motion: Dr. Goree
Second: Ms. Bowles
Vote: Unanimous

E. Employee Tribunal 2025-2026-01

Motion Made: For the Board to uphold the Tribunal Panels decision on Employee Tribunal 2025-2026-01.
Motion: Dr. Goree
Second: Ms. Hill
Vote: (Yes-4; No-4). The motion failed

IX. Announcements

Students from Rex Mill Middle School read the announcements. After the announcements, Superintendent, Dr. Smith gave shout outs to the following, Inside Clayton:

- Dr. Ralph Simpson, Deputy Superintendent, whose son, Mr. Chandler Simpson, baseball player for the Tampa Bay Rays is listed as one of the Top Ten players on Sports Center
- Mr. Gary Townsend, Executive Director, Athletics whose daughter, Taylor Townsend, a professional Tennis Player has advanced to the finals
- Thanks to all of the male teachers who showed up for a photo at the Performing Arts Center

X. 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 July 28, 2025

B. Minutes - Board Meeting August 4, 2025

XI. The Consent Agenda (for vote tonight)

Motion Made: For the Board to approve the Consent as submitted.
Motion: Dr. Goree
Second: Mr. Christmas
Vote: Unanimous

A. Financial Report

B. SPLOST Revenue Report

C. Purchasing Report

D. Budget Amendments

E. SPLOST Construction Report

F. Capital Purchasing Report

G. Personnel Changes Report

XII. The Business Agenda (for vote tonight)

A. District's annual GADOE CTAE Budget

A motion was made for the Board to approve the District's annual GADOE CTAE Budget as submitted.
Motion: Ms. Bowles
Second: Ms. Hill
Vote: Unanimous

XIII. Adjournment

The Meeting adjourned at 6:44 pm

Note: This is a summary of the September 3, 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.