



**Clayton County Board of Education
Board Work Session / Meeting
January 3, 2022
6:00 PM**

1058 Fifth Avenue
Jonesboro, GA 30236

Committed to High Performance

Members Present: Ms. Jessie Goree (Chair), Mr. Benjamin Straker (Vice-Chair), Ms. Mary Baker, Ms. Jasmine Bowles, Mr. Mark Christmas, Ms. Joy Tellis Cooper, Dr. Dee Haney, Ms. Sabrina Hill, Ms. Victoria Williams and Dr. Morcease Beasley (Superintendent)

SUMMARY

I. Call to Order

Due to COVID this meeting was held as a ZOOM meeting.
Called to order at 6:00 p.m.

II. Pledge of Allegiance

Led by Ms. Goree

III. Ethics Statement

Read by Ms. Goree

IV. Adoption of the Agenda

Motion Made: To adopt the January 3, 2022 Board Work Session/Board Meeting agenda as submitted.

Motion: Mr. Christmas

Second: Ms. Hill

Vote: Unanimous

V. Public Participation

The following three Individuals signed up and spoke during tonight's meeting:

- Jamesa Richardson – Virtual Learning the remainder of the school year
- Racquel Davis – Students need to be issued laptops for Virtual Learning
- Eralda Elouni-Essalami – Concerns for her student at a Magnet School

VI. Board Recognitions

Due to virtual meeting, there were no Board Recognitions during tonight's meeting.

VII. Election of Board Officer

A. Board Vice-Chair

The nomination was made for Benjamin Straker to remain as the Board Vice Chair. There were no other nominations, Benjamin Straker was voted unanimously as the Board Vice Chair for 2022.

VIII. Executive Session

Purpose: Personnel, Land Acquisitions, Land Matters.

Motion Made: For the Board to enter into executive session for the purpose of Personnel, Land Acquisitions, and Land Matters.

Motion: Ms. Straker

Second: Mr. Christmas

Vote: Unanimous

A. Recommendations from Executive Session

1. Educational Research Scientist

Motion Made: For the Board to approve the Superintendent's recommendation of Lydia Bickham.

Motion: Ms. Hill

Second: Ms. Baker

Vote: 7-Yes, 2-Abstain

2. Grievance Hearing 1

Motion Made: For the Board to approve the decision in Grievance Hearing 1.

Motion: Ms. Baker
 Second: Ms. Goree
 Vote: 5-Yes, 2-No, 2-Abstain

3. Tara Elementary / CCWA Easement Request

Motion Made: For the Board to approve the easement request for Tara Elementary.

Motion: Ms. Goree
 Second: Mr. Christmas
 Vote: Unanimous

IX. Announcements

Mr. Straker made the announcements for upcoming events.

X. Approval of Minutes

The Board had no objections or corrections to the below minutes, therefore, Ms. Goree declared the below minutes approved as submitted.

A. Minutes - Board Work Session November 29, 2021

B. Minutes - Board Meeting December 6, 2021

XI. The Consent Agenda (for action)

The below items were presented prior to the Board voting.

Motion Made: For the Board to approve the consent agenda items below as presented.

Motion: Ms. Baker
 Second: Mr. Christmas
 Vote: Unanimous

- A. Financial Report
- B. SPLOST Revenue Report
- C. Purchasing Report
- D. SPLOST Construction Report
- E. Personnel Changes Report

XII. The Business Agenda (for action)

A. Adoption of 2022 Board Meetings Calendar

Motion Made: For the Board to approve the 2022 Board Meeting Calendar.

Motion: Ms. Baker
 Second: Ms. Tellis Cooper
 Vote: 8-Yes, 1-No

B. Charter Amendments

1. Charter Amendment and Appendix C for 7 Pillars Career Academy.

Motion Made: For the Board to approve the amendment and appendix C for 7 Pillar as presented.

Motion: Mr. Christmas
 Second: Ms. Goree
 Vote: - 6-Yes, 1-No, 2-Abstain

2. Charter Amendment and Appendix C for Utopian Academy for the Arts Elementary.

Motion Made: For the Board to approve the amendment and appendix C for Utopian Academy for the Arts Elementary as presented.

Motion: Ms. Goree
 Second: Mr. Christmas
 Vote: 6-Yes, 1-No, 2-Abstain

XIII. Adjournment

Adjourned at 8:29 PM

NOTE: This is a summary of the January 3, 2022 Board Work Session / 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 and will be made available to the public thereafter.