

**Regular Meeting**  
**May 13, 2025**

The meeting was called to order by President Tolesia Smith-Davis at 6:00 pm.

Members in attendance were Rusty Mauldin, Michael Williams, Tolesia Smith-Davis, Leah Cooper, Joey Romano, and Kirstin Johnson. Jason Bonner was absent.

District personnel present were Michael Walker, Clint Coyne, Mike Wood, Lynn Phillips, Jay Patrick, Tim Phy, Terry Johnson, Mitzi Neely, John Marsh, Ty Taylor, Kristie Mauldin, Kimberly McDonald, Brenda Barrett, Anita Bowie, Ann Chandler, Renard Harris, Diann Harvey, Peggy Holt, Cecil Moore, Jack Smith, Rayanna Walker, Elnora Phillips, Amanda Cloninger, Josh Robinson, Stephanie McCurry, Bettie Duffie, and Rebecca Pearl. Others present included Azure West, Michelle Morales, Olivia Cathey, Mason Trumps, Jane Strother, several friends, families and other community members supporting retirees as well as several elementary students and their families.

Ms. Smith-Davis gave the invocation.

Ms. Smith-Davis led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.

As part of a non-action item, recently elected board members, Lauren Glover, Christopher McCurry, Joey Romano, and Kirstin Johnson, were sworn in. At this point, Lauren Glover and Christopher McCurry took their spots replacing Jason Bonner and Michael Williams, respectively.

As a part of the reorganization of the Board Officers, Mr. Romano made a motion for Ms. Davis to continue serving as President of the board. Ms. Cooper seconded the motion; motion carried 7-0. Mr. Romano then made a motion to have Kirstin Johnson serve as Vice President of the board. Motion was seconded by Mr. Mauldin; motion carried 7-0. Mr. Romano made a motion for Ms. Cooper to continue serving as Secretary of the board. Motion seconded by Mr. Mauldin; motion carried 7-0.

No one was present to speak during the Public Comment agenda item.

Campus and administrative reports were given at this time. Mr. Walker recognized this year's retirees, Diann Harvey, Anita Bowie, Ann Chandler, Renard Harris, Jack Smith, Cecil Moore, Rayanna Walker, Peggy, Holt, and Brenda Barrett. He then recognized former trustee members Jason Bonner and Michael Williams thanking them for their years of service on the board of trustees. Mr. Walker introduced the new Special Services Director, Michelle Morales. Mr. John Marsh introduced Olivia Cathey and Mason Trumps as new band staff member candidates. Coach Taylor and Coach Mauldin introduced employee candidate Jane Strother. Mr. Terry Johnson introduced students of the month; Dhenim Quada, Kairo Rushing, Blair Lester, Trey-

Veyonte Swinson, Laney Cotton, Zayden Rosado, E'lexha Jones, Khance Williams, and Brylee Griffin. Mr. Johnson then presented an Honorary Student of the Month token to the family of recently passed first grader, Emmie Peralta. Dr. Phillips recognized high school student, Ezra Phillips, who scored a perfect score on the English portion of the ACT for an overall composite score of 34. Mr. Coyne gave a facilities update stating the junior high roof project is still on going. Other recently tackled projects included a bee removal, with help from a local bee expert, at the high school, and the closing of all new tickets for the month of April. Future projects include painting projects, gate access points, and groundskeeping. Mr. Coyne then outlined the plan for the campus moves to help make sure things go smoothly. This concluded the reports agenda item.

Dr. Phillips reported on the implementation of the LASO Grant. A portion of this grant must be spent on a provider to assist with implementation of curriculum. The district used Region VIII for the current year and will use them again in the coming year.

Following an explanation from Mr. Wood concerning the bid process and analysis, Mr. Romano made a motion to approve the gas/diesel bid from Pete McCarty. Motion was duly seconded by Mr. Mauldin. Motion carried, 7-0.

Mr. Walker then requested the board approve a lease agreement with Blessings of Grace Food Pantry. Blessings of Grace would lease the annex at the W.F. Lockett Education Center to use for collection and distribution of food to the community. Blessings of Grace workers would be allowed to use the facility during school hours following a background check. Food distribution for the public would be during non-school hours. Motion by Ms. Cooper, seconded by Ms. Johnson to approve the lease agreement with Blessings of Grace. Motion carried, 7-0.

Mr. Wood explained the depository contract extension with Verabank. This would extend the contract with Verabank for an additional 2 years. Motion by Mr. Romano, seconded by Ms. Cooper to approve the agreement as presented. Motion carried, 7-0.

Mr. Patrick explained the need for a renewed agreement with Collected-ED services for the 2026-2027 school year. Collect-ED assists the district in getting refunds for network and technology related purchases and projects. Motion by Mr. Romano, seconded by Ms. Johnson to approve the agreement with Collect-ED. Motion carried, 7-0.

Next on the agenda was a discussion of the need for improvements to the high school band hall and outside practice area. Mr. Walker mentioned a few ideas Mr. Marsh had come up with that would require board approved budget amendments. The board was supportive of the idea of improving band spaces at the high school.

Ms. Cooper made a motion to approve the purchase of new band uniforms for the upcoming school year. The current uniforms are 9 years old and in need of replacement. Mr. Mauldin seconded the motion, motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Walker outlined the need for updates to the current high school gym. Improvements include taking out the drop ceiling and painting the exposed ceiling, painting the walls and getting graphics, and painting and wraps on the existing bleachers. Mr. Romano made a motion to approve the high school gym updates. Motion was seconded by Mr. Mauldin, motion carried 7-0.

Mr. Wood explained several budget amendments as part of the consent agenda. Budget amendments included additional funds for teacher incentive allotment, band area updates, gym updates, and additional career and technology allotment funds. Ms. Cooper made a motion to approve the consent agenda, which also included previous minutes. Motion was duly seconded by Mr. Romano. Motion carried, 7-0.

The board entered into executive session at 7:04 pm.

The board reconvened into open session at 8:19pm.

Mr. Walker recommended the board approve the personnel needs as presented. Mr. Romano made a motion to approve the personnel needs as presented. Ms. Johnson seconded the motion. Motion carried, 7-0.

Due to no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

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President's Signature

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Secretary's Signature