



BUTTS COUNTY SCHOOL SYSTEM



2025

School Board Meeting Minutes

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**BUTTS COUNTY SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL CALLED BOARD MEETING
AGENDA**

January 7, 2025 5:00 p.m.

- I. CALL TO ORDER**
- II. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**
- III. SENIOR EXEMPTION RESOLUTION**
- IV. ESPLOST RESOLUTION**
- V. DATES for HB 581 MEETINGS**
- VI. ADJOURNMENT**

The Butts County Board of Education held a Special Called School Board Meeting with the following members present: Clifford Marshall, Kelly Strickland-King, Brandy Phillips, Laura English, Danny Smith, and Superintendent Brent Lowe.

Clifford Marshall called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

On a motion by Kelly Strickland-King, seconded by Laura English, the board unanimously 5-0 approved the agenda as presented. Said agenda is hereby made a part of these minutes by reference.

On recommendation by the superintendent, a motion was made by Danny Smith, seconded by Kelly Strickland-King, the board unanimously 5-0 approved the Senior Exemption Resolution.

On recommendation by the superintendent, a motion was made by Kelly Strickland-King, seconded by Brandy Phillips, the board unanimously 5-0 approved the ESPLOST Resolution.

Superintendent Brent Lowe provided and discussed dates for the HB581 meetings with the board.

There being no other business to be considered, on a motion by Laura English, seconded by Kelly Strickland-King, the board voted unanimously 5-0 to adjourn the meeting.

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
AGENDA**

January 14, 2025 7pm

- I. CALL TO ORDER**
- II. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**
- III. ELECTION OF 2025 BOARD OFFICERS**
- IV. SPECIAL REPORTS AND RECOGNITION**
 - 4.1 JHS Cross Country
 - 4.2 Athletic Director of the Year
 - 4.3 GSBA 2024 Distinguished School Board
- V. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**
- VI. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**
 - 6.1 Regular School Board Meeting, December 10, 2024
 - 6.2 Special Called Board Work Session, December 17, 2024, 5PM
 - 6.3 Special Called Board Meeting, January 7, 2025, 5PM
- VII. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**
 - 7.1 Personnel Report
 - 7.2 GMP Metal Structure for Maintenance and Transportation
- VIII. CONSENT AGENDA**
 - 8.1 Bus Purchase – SPED Replacement Bus
 - 8.2 Use of Facilities
 - (a) Request from the Randy's Baby Grand to Rent the Performing Arts Center-PAC for the Motown and More, April 12, 2025
 - (b) Request from the Randy's Baby Grand to Rent the Performing Arts Center-PAC for the Motown and More Mother's Day Concert, May 11, 2025
 - (c) Request from the Jazz Matters Inc to Rent the Performing Arts Center-PAC for the the Jazz Concert to Celebrate April Jazz Appreciation Month, April 19, 2025
 - (d) Request from the Eleve' Dance Studio to Rent the Performing Arts Center-PAC for the Dance Rehearsal & Recital, June 6 & 7, 2025
 - 8.3 Surplus Property and Textbooks
 - 8.4 Out of District Travel
 - (a) Request from JHS NJROTC to Attend the Naval Flight Academy, Pensacola, Florida, March 14 – 16, 2025
 - (b) Request from JHS NJROTC to Attend the Navy Bootcamp, Naval Base, Great Lakes, Illinois, April 16-19, 2025
 - (c) Request from JHS FBLA to Attend the 2025 FBLA State Leadership Conference, Hyatt Regency Hotel, Atlanta, Georgia, March 14-15, 2025
 - (d) Request from JHS Honor Band to Attend the Reinhardt High School Honor Band Clinic, Reinhardt University, CNAfME-College National Association for Music Education, Waleska, Georgia, January 16-18, 2025
- IX. OTHER BUSINESS**
 - 9.1 Financial Report, Expenditures and SPLOST VI Revenue Collections for December, 2024
- X. INFORMATION ITEMS**
 - 10.1 Monthly Tribunal Report
 - 10.2 Monthly Operations Report
 - 10.3 Monthly Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment Report
- XI. EXECUTIVE SESSION**
 - 11.1 Personnel
- XII. ADJOURNMENT**

The Butts County Board of Education held and live stream to YouTube its regular monthly School Board Meeting with the following members present: Kelly Strickland-King, Clifford Marshall, Brandy Phillips, Laura English, Danny Smith, Superintendent Brent Lowe, and members of the staff.

Clifford Marshall called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance.

On request by the superintendent, agenda item 10.4 Information from January 7, 2024, Special Called Meeting was added to the agenda under the **X. INFORMATION ITEMS** line item. On a motion by Danny Smith, seconded by Brandy Phillips, the board unanimously 5-0 approved the agenda as presented. Said agenda is hereby made a part of these minutes by reference.

Board 2024 Chairman Clifford Marshall turned the meeting over to Superintendent Brent Lowe for election of 2025 Board Officers. Superintendent Lowe opened the floor for nominations for Board Chairman. Danny Smith nominated Kelly Strickland-King. Mr. Lowe asked if there were any additional nominations. With no more nominations, Danny Smith moved to close the floor for nominations and seconded by Brandy Phillips, the board unanimously 5-0 approved to close the floor for nominations. Kelly Strickland-King was elected Board Chairman for 2025 with a 4-0 vote and Mrs. King abstaining.

Superintendent Brent Lowe turned the meeting over to Kelly Strickland-King who then opened the floor for nominations for Vice-Chairman. Laura English nominated Clifford Marshall. Mrs. King asked if there were any additional nominations. With no more nominations, Danny Smith moved to close the floor for nominations and seconded by Laura English, the board unanimously 5-0 approved to close the floor for nominations. Clifford Marshall was elected Vice-Chairperson for 2025 with a 4-0 vote and Mr. Marshall abstaining.

Kelly Strickland-King called regular monthly meeting of the Butts County Board of Education to order.

On behalf of the board, Superintendent Brent Lowe recognized and presented certificate awards for the 2024 Qualifying Season to the 2024 JHS Cross Country Team and coaches. Coaches Travis Elrod and Maja Milam were present along with some of the team members. ***A more detailed blurb about the JHS Cross Country season will be placed in the minute attachment notebook as well as a complete list of the names of the team.***

Superintendent Brent Lowe recognized and honored JHS Athletic Director Thomas “Tom” Gochenour for being named as the 2024 Region 2AA Athletic Director of the Year by the GHSA-Georgia High School Association/GADA-Georgia Athletic Director Association. Thomas “Tom” Gochenour was congratulated by the board.

Superintendent Brent Lowe recognized and presented the 2024 GSBA-Georgia School Boards Association Distinguished Board award plaque to Butts County Board of Education in recognition to honor achievement and the pursuit of higher standards in the local governance of public schools.

On a motion by Clifford Marshall, seconded by Laura English, the board unanimously 5-0 approved the minutes from the Regular Monthly School Board Meeting, December 10, 2024, the Special Called Board Work Session, December 17, 2024, at 5PM, and the Special Called Board

Meeting, January 7, 2025, at 5PM. Said minutes are hereby made a part of these minutes by reference.

On a motion by Danny Smith, seconded by Clifford Marshall, the board unanimously 5-0 approved the monthly personnel report. Said monthly personnel report is hereby made a part of these minutes by reference.

On recommendation by the superintendent, a motion was made by Clifford Marshall, seconded by Laura English, the board unanimously 5-0 approved the GMP Metal Structure for Maintenance and Transportation departments.

On recommendation by the superintendent, a motion was made by Laura English, seconded by Clifford Marshall, the board unanimously 5-0 approved the line items under the Consent Agenda: Bus Purchase – SPED replacement bus, request from the Randy's Baby Grand to rent the Performing Arts Center-PAC for the Motown and More, April 12, 2025, request from the Randy's Baby Grand to rent the Performing Arts Center-PAC for the Motown and More Mother's Day Concert, May 11, 2025, request from the Jazz Matters Inc to rent the Performing Arts Center-PAC for the Jazz Concert to Celebrate April Jazz Appreciation Month, April 19, 2025, request from the Eleve' Dance Studio to rent the Performing Arts Center-PAC for the Dance rehearsal and recital, June 6 & 7, 2025, list of surplus property, request from JHS NJROTC to attend the Naval Flight Academy, Pensacola, Florida, March 14-16, 2025, request from JHS NJROTC to attend the Navy Bootcamp, Naval Base, Great Lakes, Illinois, April 16-19, 2025, request from JHS FBLA to attend the 2025 FBLA State Leadership Conference, Hyatt Regency Hotel, Atlanta, Georgia, March 14-15, 2025, and request from JHS Honor Band to attend the Reinhardt High School Honor Band Clinic, Reinhardt University, CNAfME-College National Association for Music Education, Waleska, Georgia, January 16-18, 2025. Said Consent Agenda is hereby made a part of these minutes by reference.

On recommendation by the superintendent, a motion was made by Clifford Marshall, seconded by Danny Smith, and the board unanimously 5-0 approved the Financial Report, Expenditures, and the SPLOST VI Revenue Collections for December 2024. Said Financial Report, Expenditures and SPLOST VI Revenue Collections for December 2024 are hereby made a part of these minutes by reference.

Mr. Will Rustin, Assistant Superintendent of Operations, provided the board with the Tribunal Report for the month of January, 2025.

Mr. Will Rustin, Assistant Superintendent of Operations, submitted a monthly operations report for review by the board.

Mrs. Leonora Clarkson, Director of Teaching and Learning, provided the board with the Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment Report for the month of January 2025.

Mr. Brent Lowe did a recap of Special Called Board Meeting, January 7, 2025, and thanked the board for their consistent work for the BCBOE-Butts County Board of Education and BCSS-Butts County School System.

On a motion by Clifford Marshall, seconded by Brandy Phillips, the board voted unanimously 5-0 to move into Executive Session for the purpose to discuss personnel.

On a motion by Brandy Phillips, seconded by Laura English, the board voted unanimously

5-0 to move out of Executive Session with no action taken in executive session.

On a motion by Danny Smith, seconded by Laura English, the board voted unanimously 5-0 approved the personnel action discussed in executive session.

There being no other business to be considered, on a motion by Brandy Phillips, seconded by Laura English, the board voted unanimously 5-0 to adjourn.

**BUTTS COUNTY SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL CALLED BOARD MEETING
AGENDA**

January 28, 2025 6:00 p.m.

- I. CALL TO ORDER**
- II. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**
- III. HB 581 DISCUSSION and PUBLIC INPUT**
- IV. ADJOURNMENT**

BUTTS COUNTY

January 28, 2025

JACKSON, GEORGIA

The Butts County Board of Education held a Special Called School Board Meeting for a Public Hearing at the Ernest Battle Professional Development Center with the following members present: Kelly Strickland-King, Clifford Marshall, Laura English, Brandy Phillips, Danny Smith, and Brent Lowe.

Kelly Strickland-King called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

On a motion by Danny Smith, seconded by Clifford Marshall, the board unanimously 5-0 approved the agenda.

The board opened the floor for public commentary on the HB 581 Discussion.

There were comments from the public.

There being no other business to be considered, on a motion by Brandy Phillips, seconded by Laura English, the board voted 5-0 to adjourn the meeting.

**BUTTS COUNTY SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL CALLED BOARD WORK SESSION
AGENDA**

February 3, 2025 5:30 p.m.

- I. CALL TO ORDER**
- II. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**
- III. HB 581 DISCUSSION**
- IV. ADJOURNMENT**

BUTTS COUNTY

February 3, 2025

JACKSON, GEORGIA

The Butts County Board of Education held a Special Called School Board Work Session with the following members present: Kelly Strickland-King, Laura English, Brandy Phillips, Danny Smith, and Superintendent Brent Lowe. Clifford Marshall was absent.

Kelly Strickland-King called the work session to order at 5:31 p.m.

On a motion by Danny Smith, seconded by Brandy Phillips, the board unanimously 4-0 approved the agenda.

Clifford Marshall joined the work session at 5:32 p.m.

Superintendent Brent Lowe opened the session with the purpose of discussion of the HB 581.

Clifford Marshall excused himself during the discussion at 5:48 p.m.

There being no other business to be considered, on a motion by Laura English, seconded by Danny Smith, the board voted unanimously 4-0 to adjourn.

**BUTTS COUNTY SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL CALLED BOARD MEETING
AGENDA**

February 4, 2025 8:00 a.m.

- I. CALL TO ORDER**
- II. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**
- III. HB 581 DISCUSSION and PUBLIC INPUT**
- IV. ADJOURNMENT**

BUTTS COUNTY

February 4, 2025

JACKSON, GEORGIA

The Butts County Board of Education held a Special Called School Board Meeting for a Public Hearing at the Ernest Battle Professional Development Center with the following members present: Kelly Strickland-King, Laura English, Brandy Phillips, Danny Smith, Superintendent Brent Lowe, and members of the staff. Clifford Marshall was absent.

Kelly Strickland-King called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

On a motion by Laura English, seconded by Brandy Phillips, the board unanimously 4-0 approved the agenda.

Superintendent Brent Lowe provided HB 581 presentation.

The board opened the floor for public commentary on the HB 581.

There were public comments.

There being no other business to be considered, on a motion by Laura English, seconded by Brandy Phillips, the board voted 4-0 to adjourn the meeting.

**BUTTS COUNTY SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL CALLED BOARD MEETING
AGENDA**

February 4, 2025 6:00 p.m.

- I. CALL TO ORDER**
- II. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**
- III. HB 581 DISCUSSION and PUBLIC INPUT**
- IV. ADJOURNMENT**

BUTTS COUNTY

February 4, 2025

JACKSON, GEORGIA

The Butts County Board of Education held a Special Called School Board Meeting for a Public Hearing at the Ernest Battle Professional Development Center with the following members present: Kelly Strickland-King, Laura English, Brandy Phillips, Danny Smith, Superintendent Brent Lowe, and members of the staff. Clifford Marshall was absent.

Kelly Strickland-King called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

On a motion by Laura English, seconded by Danny Smith, the board unanimously 4-0 approved the agenda.

Superintendent Brent Lowe provided HB 581 presentation.

The board opened the floor for public commentary on the HB 581.

There were public comments.

There being no other business to be considered, on a motion by Danny Smith, seconded by Brandy Phillips, the board voted 4-0 to adjourn the meeting.

BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING AGENDA

February 11, 2025 7PM

- I. CALL TO ORDER**
- II. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**
- III. SPECIAL REPORTS AND RECOGNITION**
 - 3.1 Spelling Bee Contest Winner
 - 3.2 DAR Essay Contest Winners
 - 3.3 2024-25 Middle School Math Contest Winners
 - 3.4 HMS Wrestling
 - 3.5 HMS Basketball
- IV. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**
- V. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**
 - 5.1 Regular School Board Meeting, January 14, 2025
 - 5.2 Special Called Board Meeting, January 28, 2025, at 6PM
 - 5.3 Special Called Board Work Session, February 3, 2025, at 5:30PM
 - 5.4 Special Called Board Meeting, February 4, 2025, at 8AM
 - 5.5 Special Called Board Meeting, February 4, 2025, at 6PM
- VI. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**
 - 6.1 Personnel Report
 - 6.2 Transportation and Maintenance Facility GMP
 - 6.3 HB 581 Decision
- VII. CONSENT AGENDA**
 - 7.1 Use of Facilities
 - (a) Request from the Creative Focus Studios to Rent the Performing Arts Center – PAC for the Love Lifted Me Stage Play, June 12, 13, & 14, 2025
 - (b) Request from the Butts Acting Guild to Rent the Performing Arts Center – PAC for the Mary Poppins Musical, August 8 – 10, 2025
 - (c) Request from the Butts Acting Guild to Rent the PAC for the Clue Live Theatre, January 9 – 11, 2026
 - (d) Request from the Butts Acting Guild to Rent the PAC for the Shrek the Musical Live Theatre, April 10 – 12, 2026
 - 7.2 Surplus Property and Textbooks
 - 7.3 Out of District Travel
 - (a) Request from JHS SkillsUSA to Attend the SkillsUSA State Conference, the Georgia World Congress Center, Atlanta, Georgia, February 20 – 22, 2025
- VIII. OTHER BUSINESS**
 - 8.1 Financial Report, Expenditures and SPLOST VI Revenue Collections for January, 2025
- IX. INFORMATION ITEMS**
 - 9.1 School Council Minutes: DES
 - 9.2 Monthly Tribunal Report
 - 9.3 Monthly Operations Report
 - 9.4 Monthly Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment Report
- X. ADJOURNMENT**

The Butts County Board of Education held and live stream to YouTube its regular monthly School Board Meeting with the following members present: Kelly Strickland-King, Clifford Marshall, Brandy Phillips, Laura English, Danny Smith, Superintendent Brent Lowe, and members of the staff.

Kelly Strickland-King called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance.

On a motion by Clifford Marshall, seconded by Laura English, the board unanimously 5-0 approved the agenda. Said agenda is hereby made a part of these minutes by reference.

Director of Teaching and Learning Leonora Clarkson recognized and presented the Star Achievement Award to the 2024-2025 BCSS Spelling Bee Contest District Level winner – Sea’Kari Watts/SES 5th grade. Sea’Kari Watts was not present and was congratulated by the board. Stark Elementary School Principal received the award on behalf of Sea’Kari Watts.

Mrs. Sue Oglesby, representing the William McIntosh Chapter of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution, recognized the 5th – 8th grade winners of the DAR American History Essay Contest: Andrew Yater/DES 5th grade, Ameerah Bidmus/HMS 7th grade, and Kaylynn Arnold/HMS 8th grade (not in attendance), title of essay was ***“Enjoying a New Kind of Tea Party”***. All received a certificate, a DAR Excellence medal, and a cash award from the DAR. All were congratulated by the board.

Superintendent Brent Lowe and HMS Principal recognized and presented certificate awards to the 2024-2025 Griffin RESA Regional Middle School Math Contest winners for the Division II (Medium Schools). The Griffin RESA Middle School Math Contest is a regional competition among middle schools in the Griffin RESA region which consists of eight counties. Over 21 middle schools and 105 students participated. Henderson Middle School 8th grade team earned 2nd place at the Division II level. The HMS team sponsored by HMS Teacher Shaquille Zellner was congratulated by the board. The HMS team was Ka’maria Council (was not in attendance), Landen Johnson, Maddox Powell, Levi Whitten (was not in attendance), and Samantha Yater.

On behalf of the board, Superintendent Brent Lowe and HMS Head Coach Elrica Henderson recognized and presented certificate awards for the 2024-25 MGMSAL – Middle Georgia Middle School Athletic League Girls Basketball Championship to the HMS Girls Basketball Team. In a thrilling championship game against Upson Lee, the Lady Tigers rose to the occasion, securing a hard-earned victory and cementing their place at the top. The assistant coaches are Joshua Smith and Jazzton Williams. The team was highly commended by the board. ***A more detailed blurb about the basketball season will be placed in the minute attachment notebook as well as a complete list of the names of the HMS girls basketball team with managers.***

On behalf of the board, Superintendent Brent Lowe and HMS Head Coach Kevin McGonigle recognized and presented certificate awards for the 2024-25 MGMSAL – Middle Georgia Middle School Athletic League Wrestling Championship to the HMS Wrestling Team. Henderson Middle School Wrestling team successfully completed the 2024-25 season by winning the league championship at Clifton Ridge Middle School on December 10, 2024. The team was highly commended by the board. ***A more detailed blurb about the wrestling season and place winnings will be placed in the minute attachment notebook as well as a complete list of the names of the wrestling team and coaches.***

On a motion by Clifford Marshall, seconded by Laura English, the board unanimously 5-0 approved the minutes from the Regular Monthly School Board Meeting held January 14, 2025, the Special Called Board Meeting, January 28, 2025, the Special Called Board Work Session, February 3, 2025, at 5:30 p.m.,

the Special Called Board Meeting, February 4, 2025, at 8 a.m., and the Special Called Board Meeting, February 4, 2025, at 6 p.m. Said minutes are hereby made a part of these minutes by reference.

On a motion by Laura English, seconded by Danny Smith, the board unanimously 5-0 approved the monthly personnel report. Said monthly personnel report is hereby made a part of these minutes by reference.

On recommendation by the superintendent, a motion was made by Clifford Marshall, seconded by Danny Smith, the board unanimously 5-0 approved the Transportation and Maintenance Facility GMP. Said Transportation and Maintenance Facility GMP is hereby made a part of these minutes by reference.

On recommendation by the superintendent, a motion was made by Danny Smith, seconded by Clifford Marshall, the board unanimously 5-0 approved **the Butts County Board of Education's decision NOT to proceed with opting out of HB 581.**

On recommendation by the superintendent, a motion was made by Laura English, seconded by Clifford Marshall, the board unanimously 5-0 approved the line items under the Consent Agenda: request from the Creative Focus Studios to rent the Performing Arts Center – PAC for the Love Lifted Me Stage Play, June 12, 13, & 14, 2025, request from the Butts Acting Guild to rent the PAC for the Mary Poppins Musical, August 8–10, 2025, request from the Butts Acting Guild to rent the PAC for the Clue Live Theatre, January 9–11, 2026, request from the Butts Acting Guild to rent the PAC for the Shrek the Musical Live Theatre, April 10-12, 2026, list of surplus property, and request from JHS SkillsUSA to attend the SkillsUSA State Conference at the World Congress Center, Athens, GA, February 20-22, 2025. Said Consent Agenda is hereby made a part of these minutes by reference.

On recommendation by the superintendent, a motion was made by Danny Smith, seconded by Clifford Marshall, the board unanimously 5-0 approved the Financial Report, Expenditures, and the SPLOST VI Revenue Collections for January 2025. Said Financial Report, Expenditures and SPLOST VI Revenue Collections for January 2025 are hereby made a part of these minutes by reference.

School Council minutes were submitted by Daughtry Elementary School.

Mr. Will Rustin, Assistant Superintendent of Operations, provided the board with the Tribunal report for the month of February, 2025.

Mr. Will Rustin, Assistant Superintendent of Operations, submitted a monthly operations report for review by the board.

Mrs. Leonora Clarkson, Director of Teaching and Learning, provided the board with the Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment report for the month of February 2025.

There being no other business to be considered, on a motion by Clifford Marshall, seconded by Brandy Phillips, the board voted unanimously 5-0 to adjourn.

**BUTTS COUNTY SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL CALLED BOARD WORK SESSION
AGENDA**

February 25, 2025 5:30 p.m.

- I. CALL TO ORDER**
- II. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**
- III. DISCUSS HIRING PROCEDURES and PROTOCOLS**
- IV. BOARD RECOGNITION**
- V. BOARD RETREAT**
- VI. ADJOURNMENT**

The Butts County Board of Education held a Special Called School Board Work Session with the following members present: Kelly Strickland-King, Clifford Marshall, Brandy Phillips, Laura English, Danny Smith, and Superintendent Brent Lowe.

Kelly Strickland-King called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

On request by the superintendent, Executive Session was added to the agenda, after agenda item V. BOARD RETREAT. On a motion by Clifford Marshall, seconded by Danny Smith, the board unanimously 5-0 approved the agenda as presented. Said agenda is hereby made a part of these minutes by reference.

Superintendent Brent opened the session with the purpose of presenting and discussing Hiring Procedures & Protocols, Board Recognition, and Board Retreat.

On a motion by Clifford Marshall, seconded by Danny Smith, the board voted unanimously 5-0 to move into Executive Session to discuss Personnel.

On a motion by Laura English, seconded by Clifford Marshall, the board voted unanimously 5-0 to move out of Executive Session with no action taken in executive session.

There being no other business to be considered, on a motion by Danny Smith, seconded by Brandy Phillips, the board voted unanimously 5-0 to adjourn the work session.

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
AGENDA**

March 11, 2025 7PM

- I. CALL TO ORDER**
- II. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**
- III. SPECIAL REPORTS AND RECOGNITION**
 - 3.1 2024-25 Regional Science & Engineering Fair Contest – Grades 6th – 12th
 - 3.2 Extra Mile Award
 - 3.3 School Board Appreciation Week – March 10-14, 2025
- IV. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**
- V. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**
 - 5.1 Regular School Board Meeting, February 11, 2025
 - 5.2 Special Called Work Session, February 25, 2025 5:30 PM
- VI. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT**
 - 6.1 Personnel Report
 - 6.2 Approval of Certified Contracts for SY25-26
- VII. CONSENT AGENDA**
 - 7.1 Georgia Parent Mentor Partnership Grant
 - 7.2 Request to Apply for the SY25-26 for the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program Grant
 - 7.3 Approval of Student Chromebooks Purchase – Title I Funds
 - 7.4 Approval of Timekeeping Solution for FY26
 - 7.5 Approval to Change April 15th Board Meeting to April 14th
 - 7.6 Use of Facilities
 - (a) Request from the Rock Creek Missionary Baptist Church to Rent the Hall of Fame Room for the Boots & Pearls Youth Department Ball, March 29, 2025
 - (b) Request from the Crowned Creations to Rent the Performing Arts Center – PAC for the Butts County Beauty Pageant, June 14, 2025
 - (c) Request from the Butts Acting Guild to Rent the PAC for the Steel Magnolias Show, January 14, 2026
 - (d) Request from the UNM – USA National Miss Georgia State Pageant to Rent the PAC for the UNM Georgia State Pageant, January 17-18, 2026
 - (e) Request from the Greater Butts County Lions Club to Rent the Red Devil Hill for the St. Patrick’s Day Diabetic Dash 5K in Memory of Tyler Prine, March 15, 2025
 - 7.7 Surplus Property and Textbooks
 - 7.8 Out of District Travel
 - (a) Request from JHS FFA to Attend the FFA State FFA Convention, Macon Coliseum, Macon, Georgia, April 24-26, 2025
 - (b) Request from JHS FFA to Attend the FFA/FCCLA Summer Leadership Camp, Covington, Georgia, June 2 – 6, 2025
 - (c) Request from JHS Varsity & JV Cheerleaders to Attend and Compete at the National Cheerleaders Association – NCA Cheer Camp, St. Simons Island, Georgia, June 12-14, 2025
 - (d) Request from JHS Red Devils Abroad to Travel to Japan: Land of the Rising Sun, February 7-15, 2027
- VIII. OTHER BUSINESS**
 - 8.1 Financial Report, Expenditures and SPLOST VI Revenue Collections for February, 2025
- IX. INFORMATION ITEMS**
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- X. ADJOURNMENT**

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Kelly Strickland-King called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance.

On request by the superintendent, a “Comment from the Public was added to the agenda. On a motion by Clifford Marshall, seconded by Laura English, the board unanimously 5-0 approved the agenda. Said agenda is hereby made a part of these minutes by reference.

Director of Teaching and Learning Leonora Clarkson recognized and presented certificate awards to the winners of the 2025 Griffin RESA Regional Science & Engineering Fair Competition for the Senior Division 9th-12th grades and the Junior Division 6th-8th grades. All were congratulated by the board. Not all winners were present. ***A complete list of winners and special awards winners will be placed in the minute’s attachment notebook.***

On behalf of the board, Brandy Phillips congratulated Greta Thomas, JHS Chorus Director, as the winner of the March 2025 Extra-Mile Award. Brandy Phillips read the excerpt for and presented the award to Greta Thomas who was nominated by JHS Curriculum & Instruction Specialist Brandi Lowe.

March 10-14, 2025, was set aside for the School Board Appreciation Week by the Governor of the State of Georgia Brian Kemp with the Georgia School Board Association. The Board was award a Certificate of Appreciation. In recognition of their dedication and service to public education and the students of Butts County School System. The board leadership, vision, and commitment play a vital role in shaping the future of our schools and community. The Georgia School Board Association appreciate the board hard work and unwavering support.

Ms. Teresa Hampton, citizen of Butts County, addressed the board with concerns she has about and with the Butts County Board of Education and Butts County School System.

On a motion by Danny Smith, seconded by Laura English, the board unanimously 5-0 approved the minutes from the Regular Monthly School Board Meeting held February 11, 2025, and the Special Called Board Work Session, February 25, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. Said minutes are hereby made a part of these minutes by reference.

On a motion by Clifford Marshall, seconded by Danny Smith, the board unanimously 5-0 approved the monthly personnel report. Said monthly personnel report is hereby made a part of these minutes by reference.

On a motion by Clifford Marshall, seconded by Laura English, the board unanimously 5-0 approved the Certified Contracts for SY2025-26. Said approval of the Certified Contracts for SY2025-26 is hereby made a part of these minutes by reference.

On recommendation by the superintendent, a motion was made by Clifford Marshall, seconded by Danny Smith, the board unanimously 5-0 approved the line items under the Consent Agenda: Georgia Parent Mentor Partnership grant, request to apply for the SY25-26 for the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program grant, approval of student chromebooks purchase – Title I funds, approval of Timekeeping Solution for FY26, approval to change April 15th board meeting to April 14th, request from the Rock Creek

Missionary Baptist Church to rent the Hall of Fame - HoF room for the Boots & Pearls Youth Department Ball, March 29, 2025, request from the Crowned Creations to rent the Performing Arts Center – PAC for the Butts County Beauty Pageant, June 14, 2025, request from the Butts Acting Guild to rent the PAC for the Steel Magnolias Show, January 14, 2026, request from the UNM – USA National Miss Georgia State Pageant, January 17-18, 2026, request from the Greater Butts County Lions Club to rent the Red Devil Hill for the St. Patrick's Day Diabetic Dash 5K in memory of Tyler Prine, March 15, 2025, list of surplus property, and request from JHS FFA to attend the State FFA Convention, Macon Coliseum, Macon, Georgia, April 24-26, 2025, request from JHS FFA to attend the FFA/FCCLA Summer Leadership Camp, Covington, Georgia, June 2-6, 2025, request from JHS Varsity & JV Cheerleaders to attend and compete at the National Cheerleaders Association – NCA Cheer Camp, St. Simons Island, Georgia, June 12-14, 2025, and request from JHS Red Devils Abroad to travel to Japan: Land of the Rising Sun, February 7-15, 2027. Said Consent Agenda is hereby made a part of these minutes by reference.

On recommendation by the superintendent, a motion was made by Laura English, seconded by Clifford Marshall, the board unanimously 5-0 approved the Financial Report, Expenditures, and the SPLOST VI Revenue Collections for February 2025. Said Financial Report, Expenditures and SPLOST VI Revenue Collections for February 2025 are hereby made a part of these minutes by reference.

School Council minutes were submitted by Stark Elementary School.

Mr. Will Rustin, Assistant Superintendent of Operations, provided the board with the Tribunal report for the month of March, 2025.

Mr. Will Rustin, Assistant Superintendent of Operations, submitted a monthly operations report for review by the board.

Mrs. Leonora Clarkson, Director of Teaching and Learning, provided the board with the Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment report for the month of March, 2025.

There being no other business to be considered, on a motion by Danny Smith, seconded by Brandy Phillips, the board voted unanimously 5-0 to adjourn.