



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**
 - 9.1 School Council Minutes: SES
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- 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 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.

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
AGENDA**

April 14, 2025 7PM

- I. CALL TO ORDER**
- II. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**
- III. SPECIAL REPORTS AND RECOGNITION**
 - 3.1 2025 Spelling Bee Contest Winner
 - 3.2 2024-25 Regional Literacy Days Competition – Grades 3rd-5th & Grades 6th-8th
 - 3.3 2025 Griffin RESA Regional Young Georgia Authors Writing Competition Winners
 - 3.4 10th Congressional District Winner – Spring 2025 Stock Market Game
 - 3.5 2025 JHS Wrestling – Adrian Fish
 - 3.6 2025 JHS Literary – Taylor Colwell
 - 3.7 Aspiring Leaders Recognition
- IV. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**
- V. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**
 - 5.1 Regular School Board Meeting, March 11, 2025
- VI. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT**
 - 6.1 Personnel Report
 - 6.2 SNP SY2026 Salary Schedules
 - 6.3 Election Results Resolution
- VII. CONSENT AGENDA**
 - 7.1 Service Contracts for Student Support Services SY2025-26
 - (a) Achievement Inc
 - (b) Care Staff Partners
 - (c) Center for Social Dynamics
 - (d) Dumas Therapy
 - (e) Jennifer Jenkins
 - (f) Rachel Meeks
 - (g) USA Staffing
 - (h) Job Ready. Life Ready
 - 7.2 Approval for Purchase of 1 New 48-Passenger “SPED” Bus
 - 7.3 Approval for Purchase of New MFSAB (“Mini-Bus”)
 - 7.4 Approval for Purchase of 5 New 72-Passenger Buses
 - 7.5 Approval To Use ESPLOST Funds to Purchase Network Equipment
 - 7.6 Approval To Use ESPLOST Funds to Purchase Teacher Chromebooks
 - 7.7 Benchmark – SY2025-2026
 - 7.8 SAVVAS – SY2025-2026
 - 7.9 Use of Facilities
 - (a) Request from the Crowned Creations to Rent the Performing Arts Center – PAC for the Butts County Beauty Pageant, November 1st, 2025
 - (b) Request from the Healing Intercessory Ministries to Rent the PAC Conference Room for the Living Free Training Conference, June 27-28, 2025
 - (c) Request from the T&K Studios to Rent the Multipurpose Room @ the PAC for the Mini Student Recital & Reception, May 3, 2025
 - (d) Request from the T&K Studios to Rent the PAC for the Fall Recital – T&K On Broadway (Rehearsals & Performances), November 15, 18 – 22, 2025
 - (e) Request from the T&K Studios to Rent the PAC for the Spring Musical – Seussical the Musical (Rehearsal & Performance), April 30 & May 2, 2026
 - (f) Request from the T&K Studios to Rent the PAC for the Spring Dance Recital, May 17, 26-31, 2026
 - (g) Request from the Miss Georgia Sash Sisters to Rent the PAC for the Miss GA Sash Sisters Beauty Pageant, September 13 & 14, 2025
 - 7.10 Surplus Property and Textbooks
 - 7.11 Out of District Travel
 - (a) Request from JHS NJROTC to Attend the NJROTC Drone (Aerial) National Championship for the 2024-2025 School Year, Annapolis, Maryland, April 24-27, 2025
 - (b) Request from JHS Healthcare to Travel to Edinburgh, Scotland, & London, England, June 2 -10, 2026
 - (c) Request from HMS Cheerleading Program to Attend the Universal Cheer Association Cheerleading Camp at the Great Wolf Lodge, LaGrange, Georgia, June 26-29, 2025
- VIII. OTHER BUSINESS**
 - 8.1 Financial Report, Expenditures and SPLOST VI Revenue Collections for March, 2025
- IX. INFORMATION ITEMS**
 - 9.1 Monthly Tribunal Report
 - 9.2 Monthly Operations Report
 - 9.3 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 request by the superintendent, **item 9.4 House Bill 581** was added to the agenda under **IX. INFORMATION ITEMS**. On a motion by Clifford Marshall, seconded by Laura English, the board unanimously 5-0 approved the agenda with the addition. 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 Certificate to the 2024-2025 BCSS Spelling Bee Contest District Level winner *Tomiya Neal/JES 4th grade*. *Tomiya Neal* was congratulated by the superintendent and the board. This is in correction to the February 11, 2025, board meeting. Winner was announced in error.

Director of Teaching and Learning Leonora Clarkson recognized and presented certificates of star excellence to the winners of the 2024-2025 Regional Literacy Days Competition for the Ready Writing and Drama 5th – 8th grades. All winners were not present and congratulated by the superintendent and the board. ***A complete list of winners and Ms. Mary Wright's HMS 7th grade drama class will be placed in the minute's attachment notebook.***

Director of Teaching and Learning Leonora Clarkson recognized and presented certificates of star achievement to the winners of the 2025 Griffin RESA Regional Young Georgia Authors (YGA) Writing Competition: (Jackson High School) Hanna Harmon/9th grade – “That Anxious Feeling”, Kendall Strevel/10th grade – “Ink Therapy”, and Mia Martin/12th grade – “Saturday Morning”. This writing contest, sponsored by the Georgia Language Arts Supervisors and the Georgia RESA Network with support from the Georgia Department of Education, is open to students in grades K-12 and includes all types of writing such as short stories, poetry, essays, research, and other forms. The purpose of the YGA writing competition is to encourage students to develop enthusiasm for and expertise in their writing, to provide a context their writing successes and to recognize student achievement in arts and academics. All winners were not present and congratulated by the superintendent and the board.

Director of Teaching and Learning Leonora Clarkson recognized and presented certificate awards of leadership achievement to the 10th Congressional District - Spring 2025 Stock Market Game Winners: (Henderson Middle School – 8th grade) Lilly Patterson, Zehra Waddell, Alyssa White, and Natalia Johnson. They finished as the top placing team within their region. All winners were congratulated by the superintendent and the board.

Superintendent Brent Lowe recognized and presented the Outstanding Performance Award Certificate for the 2025 JHS Wrestling to Adrian Fish – Jackson High School 12th grade. Adrian Fish is the 150# Region Champion, the Top 8 in State 2AA, and the 2x Region 2AA Area 2. Adrian Fish was congratulated by the board. ***A copy of the blurb about Adrian Fish and his wrestling career will be placed in the minute's attachment notebook.***

Superintendent Brent Lowe recognized and presented a certificate award of leadership achievement to the 2025 JHS Literary Domestic Extemporaneous Speaking winner *Taylor Colwell – 11th grade*. Taylor Colwell is the Region 2AA Champion, the Georgia High School Association-GHSA State Qualifier, and

3rd Place in Class AA. Taylor Colwell's teacher is Mrs. Greta Thomas. He was not present and was congratulated by the board.

Superintendent Brent Lowe, Director of Human Resources Caressa Gordon, and Dr. Jolie DeLoreto Hardin of Responsive Leadership, LLC, Fayetteville, Georgia, recognized and presented Leadership Recognition Awards to the 2024-2025 Aspiring Leaders candidates: **Daughtry Elementary School:** *Kelly Van Wyck-Smith*; **Jackson Elementary School:** *Melissa Spann*; **Stark Elementary School:** *Rosemary Boone (not in attendance), and Kaitlin Collins*; **Henderson Middle School:** *Jacob Bishop (not in attendance), Leigh Anne Cook, Alicia Gentle, and Sarah Glover*; and **Jackson High School:** *Adrian Bailey, Dr. Laquesha Brooks, Rachel Popham, Taquita Smith, and Eddie Snell*. Facilitator Dr. Jolie DeLoreto Hardin informed the board about the Aspiring Leaders Program. The program is designed to develop, coach and prepare aspiring leaders for possible future leadership positions. The framework of this cohort is directly aligned to the District's Strategic Plan. Throughout the duration of the program, the cohort engaged in Core Leadership, Climate and Culture, Organizational Management, and Professionalism, Communication and Community Relations sessions (Building & Developing Responsive Leaders in Education). All were congratulated by the board.

On a motion by Brandy Phillips, seconded by Clifford Marshall, the board unanimously 5-0 approved the minutes from the Regular Monthly School Board Meeting held March 11, 2025. 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 recommendation by the superintendent, a motion was made by Laura English, seconded by Clifford Marshall, the board unanimously 5-0 approved the SNP SY2026 Salary Schedules. Said approval of SNP SY2026 Salary Schedules is hereby made a part of these minutes by reference.

On recommendation by the superintendent, a motion was made by Danny Smith, seconded by Laura English, the board unanimously 5-0 approved the Election Results Resolution. ***A copy of the resolution, the Consolidated Municipal/County Certification of Returns, and the election summary report will be placed in the minute attachment notebook.*** Said Election Results Resolution 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 line items under the Consent Agenda: Service Contracts for Student Support Services SY2025-26 (Achievement, Inc., Care Staff Partners, Center for the Social Dynamics, Dumas Therapy, Jennifer Jenkins, Rachel Meeks, USA Staffing, and Job Ready – Life Ready), approval for purchase of 1 (one) new 48-passenger "SPED" bus, approval for purchase a new MFSAB (Multifunction School Activity Bus) "mini-bus", approval for purchase of 5 (five) new 72-passenger buses, approval to use ESPLOST funds to purchase network equipment, approval to use ESPLOST funds to purchase teacher chromebooks, Benchmark (ELA elementary schools and Mainstay) SY2025-2026, SAVVAS (ELA secondary/middle & high schools and Mainstay) SY2025-2026, request from the Crowned Creations to rent the Performing Arts Center-PAC for the Butts County Beauty Pageant, November 1, 2025, request from the Healing Intercessory Ministries to rent the PAC multipurpose/conference room for the Living Free Training Conference, June 27-28, 2025, request from the T&K Studios to rent the PAC multipurpose room for the Mini Student recital & reception, May 3, 2025, request from the T&K Studios to rent the PAC for the Fall Recital - T&K On Broadway (rehearsals & performances), November 15, 18-22, 2025, request from the T&K Studios to rent the PAC for the Spring

Musical – Seussical the Musical (rehearsal & performance), April 30 & May 2, 2026, request from the T&K Studios to rent the PAC for the Spring Dance Recital, May 17, 26-31, 2026, request from the Miss Georgia Sash Sisters to rent the PAC for the Miss GA Sash Sisters Beauty Pageant, September 13 & 14, 2025, list of surplus property & textbooks, request from JHS NJROTC to attend the NJROTC Drone (Aerial) National Championship for the 2024-2025 School Year, Annapolis, Maryland, April 24-27, 2025, request from JHS Healthcare to travel to Edinburgh, Scotland, & London, England, June 2-10, 2026, and request from HMS Cheerleading Program to attend the Universal Cheer Association Cheerleading Camp at the Great Wolf Lodge, LaGrange, Georgia, June 26-29, 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 Laura English, the board unanimously 5-0 approved the Financial Report, Expenditures, and the SPLOST VI Revenue Collections for March 2025. Said Financial Report, Expenditures and SPLOST VI Revenue Collections for March 2025 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 April, 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 April, 2025.

Superintendent Brent Lowe informed and updated the board about the House Bill 581.

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**

April 22, 2025 5:00 p.m.

- I. CALL TO ORDER**
- II. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**
- III. DISCUSSION ABOUT SEMI TRUCK**
- IV. SALARY SCHEDULE REVISIONS**
- V. BUDGET DISCUSSION**
- VI. EXEMPLARY BOARD REQUIREMENTS**
- VII. ADJOURNMENT**

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

Kelly Strickland-King called the work session to order at 5:00 p.m.

On request by the superintendent, there were an adjustment and additions to the agenda. **Adjournment was moved to agenda item IX and VII. Discussion of Honor Graduate Qualifications and VIII. Discussion of Adapted Classroom Locations** were added to the agenda. On a motion by Danny Smith, seconded by Brandy Phillips, the board unanimously 3-0 approved the agenda with the adjustment and the additions. Said agenda is hereby made part of these minutes by reference.

Laura English joined the work session at 5:02 p.m.

Superintendent Brent Lowe opened the session with the purpose of presenting and discussing about the Semi Truck, Salary Schedule Revisions, the Budget, Exemplary Board Requirements, Honor Graduate Qualifications, and Adapted Classroom Locations.

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**

April 24, 2025 8:00 a.m.

- I. CALL TO ORDER**
- II. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**
- III. APPROVAL of ESTIMATED Rollback of 12.5**
- IV. ADJOURNMENT**

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

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

On a motion by Danny Smith, seconded by Brandy Phillips, the board unanimously 3-0 approved the agenda. Said agenda is hereby made part of these minutes by reference.

On recommendation by the superintendent, a motion was made by Danny Smith, seconded by Brandy Phillips, the board unanimously 3-0 approved to certify the **ESTIMATED Rollback of 12.5**. Said ESTIMATED Rollback of 12.5 is hereby made a part of these minutes by reference.

There being no other business to be considered, on a motion by Brandy Phillips, seconded by Danny Smith, the board voted unanimously 3-0 to adjourn.

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING
AGENDA**

May 13, 2025 7pm

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

III. SPECIAL REPORTS AND RECOGNITION

- 3.1 2025 Georgia National Fair “Fair Bear Creative Writing Competition” Winners
- 3.2 Extra Mile
- 3.3 Recognition of Retirees

IV. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

V. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

- 5.1 Regular School Board Meeting, April 14, 2025
- 5.2 Special Called Board Work Session, April 22, 2025 5PM
- 5.3 Special Called Board Meeting, April 24, 2025 8AM

VI. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

- 6.1 Personnel Report
- 6.2 Recommendation for Approval of Salary Schedules
- 6.3 FY26 Tentative General Fund Budget
- 6.4 Approval of Board Norms

VII. CONSENT AGENDA

- 7.1 Amendment to SY24-25 Blazerworks/Sunbelt Staffing LLC
- 7.2 Amendment to SY24-25 Dumas Therapy
- 7.3 SY25-26 Blazerworks/Sunbelt Staffing LLC
- 7.4 SY25-26 Stepping Stones Group
- 7.5 SY25-26 eLuma Physical Therapy
- 7.6 SY25-26 iSTEEP
- 7.7 Approval of Interior & Exterior Painting of Jackson High School
- 7.8 Recommendation to Update JHS Intercom System
- 7.9 Purchase of Services for 3 Buses A/C Retrofit
- 7.10 Approval of Red Devil Hill Baseball Lights
- 7.11 Use of Facilities
 - (a) Request from the Small Town and Rural Language Teachers to Rent the Performing Arts Center – PAC for the 4th Annual STaRLT Semina, September 18, 2025
 - (b) Request from the Jackson First Baptist Church to Rent the Jackson Elementary School Front Field for the Community Block Party, June 7, 2025
 - (c) Request from the Henderson High “All Classes” Reunion Committee to Rent the Henderson Middle School Cafeteria for the Henderson High Class Reunion Dinner & Dance, July 11 & 12, 2025
 - (d) Request from the Unite 2 Fight Inc. to Use the Henderson Middle Football/Track Field for the Childhood Cancer Awareness Walk, September 27, 2025
- 7.12 Surplus Property and Textbooks
- 7.13 Out of District Travel
 - (a) Request from JHS Wrestling to Attend the FCA Wrestling Camp at the Emmanuel College, Franklin Springs, Georgia, June 2-5, 2025
 - (b) Request from JHS Yearbook to Travel to the Jostens Printing Plant, Clarksville, Tennessee, August 18-19, 2025
 - (c) Request from JHS Varsity & JV Cheerleaders to Attend the Collegiate Cheerleading Camp at the Embassy Suites by Hilton Atlanta Cobb Galleria, Atlanta, Georgia, June 9-13, 2025
 - (d) Request from JHS Volleyball to Attend the Berry College Volleyball Camp, Mt. Berry,

VIII. OTHER BUSINESS

8.1 Financial Report, Expenditures and SPLOST VI Revenue Collections for April 2025

IX. INFORMATION ITEMS

9.1 School Council Minutes: DES, SES

9.2 Monthly Tribunal Report

9.3 Monthly Operations Report

9.4 Monthly Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment Report

9.5 Summer Transition Dates

9.6 Semi Purchase

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, Danny Smith, Superintendent Brent Lowe, and members of the staff. Laura English was absent.

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

On a motion by Clifford Marshall, seconded by Brandy Phillips, the board unanimously 4-0 approved the agenda as presented. 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 Certificate to the system winners of the 2025 Georgia National Fair “Fair Bear Creative Writing Competition” – **“Fair Bear Is A First Responder”**: Sadie Murry – DES 4th grade (Ms. Kim Fowler), Kylie McGinnis – DES 5th grade (Mrs. Pamela Chester), and Jimira Simmons – 6th grade (Ms. Heather Brannon). The winners were congratulated by the superintendent and the board.

On behalf of the board, Danny Smith congratulated Christina Wallace, BCSS Bus Driver, as the winner of the May 2025 Extra-Mile Award. Danny Smith read the excerpt for and presented the award to Christina Wallace who was nominated by Lindsey Peavy, JHS Data Clerk.

On behalf of the Board of Education, Superintendent Brent Lowe recognized and congratulated the **2025 BCSS Retiring Staff Members: Daughtry Elementary School:** Martha “Becky” Earnhart (teacher); **Jackson Elementary School:** Vicki Hayes (school nutrition – not in attendance - NIA), Julie Leverett (teacher), and Sallie Sidney (school nutrition – NIA); **Henderson Middle School:** Kristy Campbell (teacher) and Lurline Head (school nutrition – NIA); **Jackson High School:** Dollie Goodman (school nutrition – NIA), Karla Howell (teacher – NIA), and Vickie Messex (teacher – NIA); and **Central Office:** Janet Dahlin (finance specialist/payroll – NIA) and Tametha Sheppard (administrative assistant/secretary). Each retiring staff member was presented a special trophy award of recognition in appreciation of their years of service to the Butts County School System. All were congratulated by the board.

On a motion by Clifford Marshall, seconded by Danny Smith, the board unanimously 4-0 approved the minutes from the Regular Monthly School Board Meeting held April 14, 2025, the Special Called Board Work Session, April 22, 2025, at 5 p.m., and the Special Called Board Meeting, April 24, 2025, at 8 a.m. Said minutes are hereby made a part of these minutes by reference.

On a motion by Danny Smith, seconded by Brandy Phillips, the board unanimously 4-0 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 Danny Smith, seconded by Clifford Marshall, the board unanimously 4-0 approved the Salary Schedules. Said approval of Salary Schedules is hereby made a part of these minutes by reference.

On recommendation by the superintendent, a motion was made by Danny Smith, seconded by Brandy Phillips, the board unanimously 4-0 approved the FY26 Tentative General Fund Budget. Said FY26 Tentative General Fund Budget 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 4-0 approved the Board Norms. Said Board Norms are hereby made a part of these minutes by reference.

On recommendation by the superintendent, a motion was made by Clifford Marshall, seconded by

Brandy Phillips, the board unanimously 4-0 approved the line items under the Consent Agenda: amendment to SY24-25 Blazerworks/Sunbelt Staffing LLC, amendment to SY24-25 Dumas Therapy, SY25-26 Blazerworks/Sunbelt Staffing LLC, SY25-26 Stepping Stones Group, SY25-26 eLuma Physical Therapy, SY25-26 iSTEEP, approval of Interior & Exterior Painting of Jackson High School, recommendation to update JHS Intercom System, purchase of services for 3 (three) buses A/C Retrofit, approval of Red Devil Hill baseball lights, request from the Small Town and Rural Language Teachers to rent the Performing Arts Center – PAC for the 4th Annual STaRLT Semina, September 18, 2025, request from the Jackson First Baptist Church to rent the Jackson Elementary School front field for the Community Block Party, June 7, 2025, request from the Henderson High “All Classes” Reunion Committee to rent the Henderson Middle School cafeteria for the Henderson High Class Reunion dinner & dance, July 11 & 12, 2025, request from the Unite 2 Fight Inc to use the Henderson Middle Football/Track Field for the Childhood Cancer Awareness Walk, September 27, 2025, list of surplus property & textbooks, request from JHS Wrestling to attend the FCA Wrestling Camp at the Emmanuel College, Franklin Springs, Georgia, June 2-5, 2025, request from JHS Yearbook to travel to the Jostens Printing Plant, Clarksville, Tennessee, August 18-19, 2025, request from JHS Varsity & JV Cheerleaders to attend the Collegiate Cheerleading Camp at the Embassy Suites by Hilton Atlanta Cobb Galleria, Atlanta, Georgia, June 9-13, 2025, and request from JHS Volleyball to attend the Berry College Volleyball Camp, Mt. Berry, Georgia, July 21-23, 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 4-0 approved the Financial Report, Expenditures, and the SPLOST VI Revenue Collections for April 2025. Said Financial Report, Expenditures and SPLOST VI Revenue Collections for April 2025 are hereby made a part of these minutes by reference.

School council minutes were submitted by Daughtry Elementary School and Stark Elementary School.

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

Mr. Brent Lowe informed the board about the summer transition dates.

Mr. Brent Lowe informed and updated the board about the system semi-truck purchase.

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

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

May 23, 2025 6:45 p.m.

- I. CALL TO ORDER**
- II. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**
- III. PERSONNEL**
- IV. USE OF FACILITIES**
- V. ADJOURNMENT**

BUTTS COUNTY

May 23, 2025

JACKSON, GEORGIA

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

Kelly Strickland-King called the meeting to order at 6:45 p.m.

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

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

On recommendation by the superintendent, a motion was made by Danny Smith, seconded by Laura English, the board unanimously 5-0 approved the request from the Powerhouse Talent Dance Studio to Rent the Performing Arts Center-PAC for the Spring Dance Recital, June 8, 2025.

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

**BUTTS COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION
BOARD RETREAT / SPECIAL CALLED BOARD MEETING
HOMEWOOD SUITES RIVERFRONT / SAVANNAH HISTORIC DISTRICT
611 East River Street, Savannah, Georgia 31401
The Gibraltar Conference Meeting Room**

June 5, 2025 8:30 a.m.

- I. CALL TO ORDER & ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**
- II. WELCOME & OBJECTIVES**
- III. TEAM SELF ASSESSMENT**
- IV. BOARD CODE OF ETHICS**
- V. STRATEGIC PLAN DATA**
- VI. COGNIA**
- VII. FINALIZATION of the TENTATIVE BUDGET**
- VIII. OPERATIONS REPORT**
- IX. CAPITAL PROJECTS – What is Next for BCSS**
- X. EXECUTIVE SESSION**
 - 10.1 Personnel**
- XI. ADJOURN**

The Butts County Board of Education held a Board Retreat School Board Meeting at the Homewood Suites Riverfront – Savannah Historic District, 611 East River Street, Savannah, GA, with the following members present: Kelly Strickland-King, Clifford Marshall, Laura English, Brandy Phillips, Danny Smith, Superintendent Brent Lowe, and Assistant Superintendent Will Rustin.

Kelly Strickland-King called the meeting to order at 8:30am.

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

Mr. Lowe and Mr. Rustin shared information and discussed BCBOE Code of Ethics, BCSS Strategic Plan Data, Cognia, finalization of the budget, year in operations, and capital projects. No action by the board was taken.

The board recessed for lunch.

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 Danny Smith, seconded by Laura English, the board voted unanimously 5-0 to move out of Executive Session.

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 the meeting.

Kelly Strickland-King, Madam Chair

Brent Lowe, Superintendent

BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING AGENDA

June 10, 2025 7pm

I. CALL TO ORDER

II. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

III. SPECIAL REPORTS AND RECOGNITION

- 3.1 HMS Boys Soccer Team
- 3.2 JHS Boys Soccer Team
- 3.3 JHS Boys & Girls Golf Team
- 3.4 JHS Boys & Girls Track & Field Team

IV. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC

V. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

- 5.1 Regular School Board Meeting, May 13, 2025
- 5.2 Special Called Board Meeting, May 23, 2025, 6:45pm

VI. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- 6.1 Personnel Report
- 6.2 Superintendent Contract

VII. CONSENT AGENDA

- 7.1 FY2026 RESA Annual Membership Contracts
- 7.2 RoboKind Subscription Renewal
- 7.3 CBR Therapy Consultants SY25-26 – Speech Therapy
- 7.4 e-Luma SY25-26 – Speech Language Therapy
- 7.5 Care Staff Partners SY25-26 – Behavior Support
- 7.6 SNP Yearly Bid Approval SY2025-26
- 7.7 Imagine Learning (Edgenuity) Renewal FY2026
- 7.8 Reading Horizons
- 7.9 Amendment – Updating & Replacement of Security Camera System
- 7.10 Use of Facilities
 - (a) Request from the Southern Crescent Technical College to Rent the Performing Arts Center - PAC for the College-Wide Employee Meeting, September 25, 2025
 - (b) Request from the LET – Life Enrichment Team to Use the Ernest Battle Professional Learning Room for Monthly Family Connection Collaborative Meetings on a Variety of Dates from August 18, 2025, to June 15, 2026
- 7.11 Surplus Property and Textbooks
- 7.12 Out-of-District-Travel
 - (a) Request from JHS American Exchange to Travel for the American Exchange Project to Multiple Destinations in Jackson, Covington, Macon, & Atlanta, Georgia, June 25 – July 2, 2025
 - (b) Request from JHS Football to Attend the University of West Georgia Football Camp, Carrollton, Georgia, July 10-12, 2025

VIII. OTHER BUSINESS

- 8.1 Financial Report, Expenditures and SPLOST VI Revenue Collections for May 2025

IX. INFORMATION ITEMS

- 9.1 Monthly Tribunal Report
- 9.2 Monthly Operations Report
- 9.3 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, Laura English, Brandy Phillips, Danny Smith, Superintendent Brent Lowe, and members of the staff.

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

On request by the superintendent, under VII. Consent Agenda, agenda item 7.10 a - facility request was removed from the agenda. On a motion by Clifford Marshall, seconded by Laura English, the board unanimously 5-0 approved the agenda with the amendment of agenda item 7.10 a - removal. Said agenda is hereby made a part of these minutes by reference.

On behalf of the board, Superintendent Brent Lowe and Coach Robert O'Brien recognized and presented certificates of Outstanding Performance to the Henderson Middle School Tigers – Boys Soccer Team and coaches. A huge shout out to the HMS boys soccer team for bringing home the MGMSAL – Middle Georgia Middle School Athletic League Championship. Coaches Jordan Spruill and RJ Smith were present ***A detailed blurb will be placed in the minute attachment notebook as well as a complete list of the names of the team.*** The team was congratulated by the board.

On behalf of the board, Superintendent Brent Lowe and Coach Shaun Guillory recognized and presented certificates of Outstanding Performance to the Jackson High School Red Devils – Boys Soccer Team and coaches. Not all coaches and team members were present. ***A detailed blurb about the JHS Boys Soccer season will be placed in the minute attachment notebook as well as a complete list of the names of the team.*** The team was congratulated by the board.

On behalf of the board, Superintendent Brent Lowe and Coach Randall Wilder recognized and presented certificates of Outstanding Performance to the JHS Red Devils – Boys & Girls Golf Team. Coach Beau Garrett and some of the players were not present. ***A detailed blurb about the JHS Boys & Girls Golf season will be placed in the minute attachment notebook as well as a complete list of the names of the team.*** The team was congratulated by the board.

On behalf of the board, Superintendent Brent Lowe and Coach Malik DungeeAli recognized and presented certificates of Outstanding Performance to the JHS Red Devils – Boys & Girls Track and Field Team. Not all coaches and team members were present. ***A detailed blurb about the JHS Boys & Girls Track and Field season will be placed in the minute attachment notebook as well as a complete list of the names of the team and coaches.*** The team was congratulated by the board.

On a motion by Danny Smith, seconded by Brandy Phillips, the board unanimously 5-0 approved the minutes from the Regular Monthly School Board Meeting held May 13, 2025, and the Special Called Board Meeting, May 23, 2025, at 6:45 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 Laura English, seconded by Clifford Marshall, the board unanimously 5-0 approved the superintendent contract. Said approval of the superintendent contract 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 line items under the Consent Agenda: FY2026 Griffin RESA annual membership contracts, RoboKind subscription renewal, CBR Therapy Consultants SY25-26 – speech therapy, e-Luma SY25-26 – speech language therapy, Care Staff Partners SY25-26 – behavior support, SNP yearly bid approval SY2025-26, Imagine Learning (Edgenuity) renewal FY2026, Reading Horizons, amendment-updating & replacement of security camera system, request from the LET-Life Enrichment Team to use the Ernest Battle Professional Learning room for monthly Family Connection Collaborative meetings on a variety of dates from August 18, 2025, to June 15, 2026, list of surplus property & textbooks, request from JHS American Exchange to travel for the American Exchange Project to multiple destinations in Jackson, Covington, Macon, and Atlanta, Georgia, June25 – July 2, 2025, and request from JHS Football to attend the University of West Georgia football camp, Carrollton, Georgia, July 10-12, 2025. Said Consent Agenda is 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 June, 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 June, 2025.

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.

Kelly Strickland-King, Madam Chair

Brent Lowe, Superintendent

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
AGENDA**

Meeting held at 218 Woodland Way, Jackson, GA

June 19, 2025 6:00 PM

- I. CALL TO ORDER**
- II. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**
- III. BUDGET HEARING**
- IV. ADJOURNMENT**

BUTTS COUNTY

June 19, 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 Laura English, seconded by Danny Smith, the board unanimously 5-0 approved the agenda.

Superintendent Brent Lowe provided FY26 Budget presentation.

The board opened the floor for public commentary on the proposed FY2026 Budget.

There were public comments.

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

Kelly Strickland-King, Madam Chair

Brent Lowe, Superintendent

**BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL CALLED MEETING
AGENDA**

Meeting held at 218 Woodland Way, Jackson, GA

June 26, 2025 8:00 AM

- I. CALL TO ORDER**
- II. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**
- III. BUDGET HEARING**
- IV. APPROVAL OF 26 BUDGET OR SPENDING RESOLUTION**
- V. PERSONNEL**
- VI. GSBA RMS**
- VII. MAY FINANCIAL REPORT**
- VIII. STUDENT CHROMEBOOK PURCHASE**
- IX. APPROVAL OF REPLACEMENT CARPET AT DES AND SES**
- X. APPROVAL OF YONDR BAGS FOR HMS AND J**
- XI. ADJOURNMENT**

The Butts County Board of Education held a Special Called Meeting on June 26, 2025 at 8:00 A.M. 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 adoption of the agenda.

Superintendent Brent Lowe presented the budget information for the SY 25/26 budget.

Superintendent Brent Lowe opened the floor for public comment. Two stakeholders spoke.

On a motion by Clifford Marshall, seconded by Danny Smith, the board 5-0 unanimously approved the SY 25/26 budget.

On recommendation by the Superintendent, a motion was made by Clifford Marshall, seconded by Laura English, the board unanimously 5-0 approved the personnel report.

On recommendation by the superintendent, a motion was made by Laura English, seconded by Danny Smith, the board unanimously 5-0 approved the GSBA RMS.

On recommendation by Superintendent Brent Lowe, a motion was made by Laura English, seconded by Danny Smith, the board unanimously approved the May 2025 financial report.

On recommendation by Superintendent Brent Lowe a motion was made by Danny Smith, seconded by Clifford Marshall, the board unanimously 5-0 approved the student chrome book purchase.

On recommendation by Superintendent Brent Lowe, a motion was made by Clifford Marshall, seconded by Laura English, the board unanimously 5-0 approved the replacement of carpet at DES and SES.

On recommendation by Superintendent Brent Lowe, a motion was made by Clifford Marshall, seconded by Laura English, the board unanimously 5-0 approved the purchase of Yondr bags for HMS and JHS.

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

Kelly Strickland-King, Chairman

Brent Lowe, Superintendent