

Board Meeting Summary
January 12, 2025

The Board of Education met for the regular monthly meeting on Monday, January 12, 2025. The meeting was held in the Board Room of the Board of Education office located at 239 Simmons Street, Trion, Georgia.

Present for the meeting were: Dr. Howard Hughes Interim Superintendent, Chair Randy Henderson, Vice Chair Kari Maddux, Members Johnny Brimer, Darriel Broome and Laura Chesley. Jason Lanham and Mandy Taylor were also in attendance.

Chattooga County Probate Judge Gary Woods swore in re-elected board members Randy Henderson, Johnny Brimer, and Darriel Broome.

Old Business

The board approved the following new and revised policies:

- New Policy BHB: Nepotism
- New Policy DJCB: Salary Deductions
- New Policy GBIA: Teacher Evaluation Appeals
- New Policy IDDD: Gifted Student Program
- Revision of Policy IDFA: Equity in Sports
- New Policy JBCCA (2): Unsafe School Option
- Revision of Policy JBCD: Transfers and Withdrawals

New Business

- Board members received and approved the ESPLOST and the system financial reports.
- The schools' quarterly reports were submitted and approved by board members.
- The tuition for 2026/2027 school year was approved at \$200 for out of district students with a \$450 maximum per family. The Town of Trion employees will be exempted from tuition fees.
- The board reviewed and accepted the first reading revision of policies JR: Student Records and JRB: Parents' Bill of Rights.

Other Business

Student Enrollment report was submitted as an information item. As of January 12, 2026, the student population is reported at 1,246 with breakdown as follows: TES - 637; TMS - 261; THS - 348.

The board received the Bulldog Athletic Club financial report as an information item. The BAC reports \$45,258.95 as the end of year closing balance. The band booster club reports a balance of \$14,444.46 with \$7,839.51 in savings.

Superintendent Report

Dr. Hughes updated board members with the progress of several active construction projects on the campus.

Executive Session:

The board entered into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel.

After the executive session, a motion to name Dr. Howard Hughes as the superintendent was made, with a second motion, Dr. Howard Hughes was named the Superintendent of Trion City Schools. Congratulations Dr. Hughes!

Personnel

The following personnel recommendations were submitted and approved:

Certified Recommendation:

Tyler Edgeman – High School Teacher (SY2026-2027)

Disclaimer - All offers of employment are contingent on criminal history report and appropriate PSC certification.

Classified Resignation:

Heather Bennett – Middle School Bookkeeper

Substitute Employee:

Hayley McPhail – Teacher

The next board meeting will be held Monday, February 9, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. in the board room.