

## Board Meeting Summary March 9, 2026

The Board of Education met for the regular monthly meeting on Monday, March 9, 2026. 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 Superintendent, Vice Chair Kari Maddux, Members Darriel Broome and Laura Chesley. Beth Pelham, Jason Lanham, and Mandy Taylor were also in attendance. Chair Randy Henderson and member Johnny Brimer were not present for the meeting.

### Old Business

- The 2026-2027 Trion City Schools Calendar was approved by the board.

### New Business

- Board members received and approved the ESPLOST and the system financial reports.
- The board approved the following administrators for 2026-2027: Christian Brock, Eric Brock, Lauren Mason, Bryan Edge, Jennifer Patterson, Angie Bowman, Rozellyn Evans, Jessica Bramlett, and Joey Connell. *With only three board members present and one abstention, approval of Beth Pelham will be finalized at the April board meeting.*
- The board approved FCCLA overnight field trip to the Columbus Convention Center.

### Other Business

Student Enrollment report was submitted as an information item. As of March 2, 2026, the student population is reported at 1,245 with breakdown as follows: TES - 636; TMS - 262; THS – 347.

The board received the Bulldog Athletic Club financial report as an information item. The BAC reports \$34,852.98 as the closing balance. The band booster club reports a balance of \$9,388.22 with \$7,839.51 in savings.

Dr. Hughes discussed the Spring 2026 Comprehensive Needs Assessment (CNA) Survey Results with board members. The survey is given to K-12 teachers in order to obtain perception data which is used in constructing the District Improvement Plan and each school's School Improvement Plan.

### Superintendent Report

Trion City Schools was awarded the GAEL Vision Award 2025-2026. The GAEL Vision Award recognizes school districts that demonstrate a commitment to supporting and encouraging professional development opportunities for educators at all levels.

Beth Pelham, Principal of Trion Elementary School, presented the elementary school's 2025 CCRPI results. She explained how performance is measured in four areas—Content Mastery, Progress, Closing Gaps, and Readiness. Trion Elementary School has much to celebrate with the **2025 CCRPI results**, earning an outstanding **overall score of 95.2** from the Georgia Governor's Office of Student Achievement. Mrs. Pelham explained, "Our students demonstrated exceptional **growth**, earning a perfect **100 in Progress**, which reflects how much students improved in English language arts and mathematics throughout the year. We also achieved a **perfect 100 in Closing Gaps**, showing that all groups of students are making meaningful academic gains. In addition, our **Readiness score of 93.9** highlights strong attendance, grade-level reading, and opportunities beyond the core classroom. With a **Content Mastery score of 88.1**, our students continue to show solid achievement across subjects." Mrs. Pelham stated, "These results reflect the hard work of our students, the dedication of our teachers and staff, and the incredible support from our families. Together, our Bulldog community continues to make Trion Elementary a place where students grow, succeed, and shine." Congratulations Trion Elementary!!

The required whole board training is scheduled for April 13, 2026. This training will be conducted by Dr. Brian Otott, NW GA RESA director, in conjunction with the Chickamauga City Board of Education.

Dr. Hughes informed the board of fund raising projects that have been approved 1) TES/TMS Counselor Christy Brown to sell spectator blankets; 2) Tashia Knapp, THS Cheer, and GA Elite Allstars to host cheer competition March 22<sup>nd</sup> at THS gym and Auxillary gym; 3) THS Football team to sponsor a Lift-A-Thon to raise money for the football program.

#### Personnel

The following personnel recommendations were submitted and approved:

#### Certified Recommendations:

Katie Adams – Elementary Teacher

Erin Maples – TCS Speech Pathologist

#### Certified Resignations:

Shane Ramsey – High School Teacher

Madison Blaschke – Middle School Teacher

#### Substitute Employees:

Heather Wilson – Teacher

Tennie Jennings – Teacher

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

The next board meeting will be held Monday, April 13, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. in the board room.