

Board Meeting Summary July 13, 2026

The Board of Education met for the regular monthly meeting on Monday, July 13, 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, Randy Henderson Chair, Members Darriel Broome, Johnny Brimer, and Laura Chesley. Jason Lanham and Mandy Taylor were also present for the meeting.

Old Business

The board approved the following revised policies:

- Policy JCDAG: Bullying
- Policy GBRH: Professional Personnel Leaves and Absences
- Policy GARHB: Paid Parental Leave - The Board voted to rescind Policy GARHB, as its content has been incorporated into Policy GBRH
- Policy GCRG: Classified Personal Leaves and Absences

After the proposed budget was tabled for a period of public review, the board took action to approve the FY27 budget as presented.

New Business

- Board members received and approved the ESPLOST and all system financial reports.
- The K-3rd grade reading curriculum was reviewed and approved by board members.
- Pre K, elementary, middle, and high school student handbooks for SY 2026-2027 were submitted and approved by the board.
- The board reviewed and approved the Student Support Services Manuals, Gifted Education Manual, ESOL/Title III handbook, and the Federal Programs Manual.
- The TCS CLIP (Consolidated LEA Improvement Plan) was reviewed and approved by the board members.

Other Business

The board received the Bulldog Athletic Club financial report as an information item. The BAC reports \$12,029.65 as the closing balance. The band booster club reports a balance of \$10,364.78 with \$17,843.45 in savings.

Superintendent Report

Dr. Hughes informed the Board of current facility projects.

- The main entry sidewalk and lighting are expected to be completed before the start of the school year.
- The campus parking areas are being seal coated, restriped, and all parking spaces are being numbered. The work is being completed in sections to minimize disruptions.
- Purchased property is currently being surveyed for future development. The plan is to potentially use the site for a future Healthcare Pathway building

Personnel

The following personnel recommendations were submitted and approved:

Certified Recommendation:

Kim Klouda – Elementary Teacher (49%)

Kristi Whitaker – Elementary Teacher (49%)

Classified Recommendations:

Kelly Cornett – Elementary Paraprofessional

Substitute Employee:

Bradley Barrett – Teacher (Certified Teacher)

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

The next board meeting will be held Monday, August 10, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. in the board room.