

Board Meeting Summary August 10, 2026

The Board of Education met for the regular monthly meeting on Monday, August 10, 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, Kari Maddux Vice Chair, Members Darriel Broome, Johnny Brimer, and Laura Chesley. Jason Lanham and Mandy Taylor were also present for the meeting.

New Business

- Board members received and approved the ESPLOST and all system financial reports.
- Elementary, middle, and high schools' end of year financial reports were reviewed and approved by the board.
- Board members approved the resolution to amend the Capital Outlay Funding.
- The FY27 Local Board Training Plan was approved.
- The board approved middle school's overnight field trips.

Other Business

Student Enrollment report was submitted as an information item. As of August 4, 2026, the student population is reported at 1,225 with breakdown as follows: TES - 623; TMS - 270; THS – 332.

The board received the Bulldog Athletic Club financial report as an information item. The BAC reports \$14,957.45 as the closing balance. The band booster club reports a balance of \$ 2,994.98 with \$17,843.45 in savings.

Dr. Hughes shared a letter by Superior Court Judge Melissa Hise regarding essay contest, Christmas at the Courthouse and Courthouse Field Trips.

Superintendent Report

Dr. Hughes informed the Board of approved field trips.

Dr. Hughes updated the board on the progress of several projects. The seal coating has been completed, and preparations are underway for the Healthcare Pathway building. The new sidewalk and installation of new lighting at the school entrance have also been completed.

The school was struck by lightning, resulting in damage to several cameras and other technology equipment. The Central Office is also in need of a few minor repairs, and updates to the security system are underway.

Personnel

The following personnel recommendations were submitted and approved:

Classified Resignation:

Amber Welles – Food Service

Substitute Employees:

Seth Clark – Teacher (Certified Teacher)

Alan Shepherd – Teacher (Certified Teacher)

Gwendolyn Smitherman –Teacher

Wakeetria Warren - Custodian

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

The next board meeting will be held Monday, September 14, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. in the board room.