

## Board Awards



## About Meetings

The Houston County Board of Education typically meets twice a month. The formal session is held the second Tuesday of the month at 1:00 p.m. at the central office located at 1100 Main Street in Perry. The work session is held the Monday evening prior to the second Tuesday unless that Monday falls on a holiday. Work sessions are held at 6:00 p.m. at various schools or the central office. In addition, special meetings are called as needed. Community meetings are held occasionally to keep residents informed about issues and to give citizens the opportunity to comment on Board initiatives. Meetings are announced in advance through the local media and on the school district's website, [hcbe.net](http://hcbe.net). In addition, meetings are [broadcast live](#) online and videos are posted afterward.



Eric P. Staples Building, Central Office, Perry, Georgia

## Get Involved

The Houston County Board of Education is responsible to the citizens of Houston County. To effectively represent and reflect the opinions of the community, it is imperative that parents, citizens, and business leaders take an active interest in the school district. Suggestions and open dialogue help the Board make decisions and assist in setting the course of education.

## Community Input

Individuals are encouraged to attend any and all Board meetings. Anyone who desires may address the Board.

## Addressing the Board

The Board includes time on the agenda for individuals to address the Board. One may address Board members privately during executive session regarding student, personnel, attorney/client or land matters.

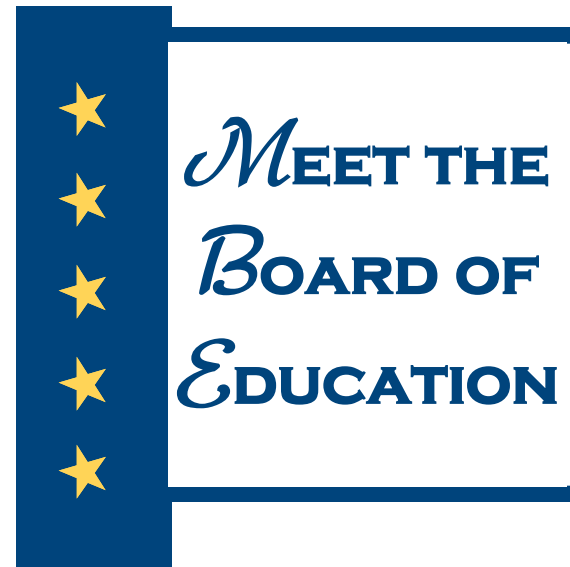
Agendas for the Board meetings are prepared in advance by the Superintendent. To be included on the agenda, one must submit an "Address the Board" form to the Superintendent's office at least 24 hours prior to the meeting. Forms are available on the district's website, [hcbe.net](http://hcbe.net), or from the Superintendent's office. A speaker is allowed five minutes. When an issue is going to be addressed by several speakers, time is limited to three minutes. For called meetings, topics are limited to the agenda items for that particular meeting.

**For more information, contact the  
HOUSTON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION  
COMMUNITY RELATIONS DEPARTMENT**

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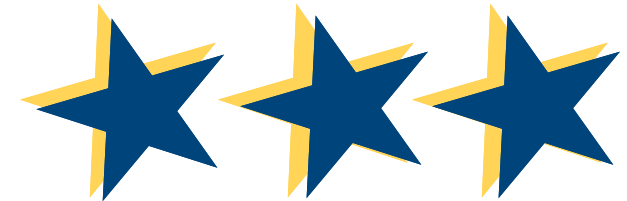
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## Duties & Responsibilities

Board of Education members set policy, approve educational goals and curriculum changes, evaluate the educational program, and act on recommendations of the Superintendent of Schools. The Board also approves the annual budget and maintains a balanced budget at the end of the year. In addition, board members plan for the improvement and financing of facilities, act as a tribunal at employee and student hearings, and keep the public informed about school issues.



## Terms of

Office

The Houston County Board is comprised of seven members elected to four-year terms. The terms of members from odd-numbered districts will expire December 31, 2024. The terms of members elected from even-numbered districts will expire December 31, 2022.

Every January, Board members elect a Chairperson and Vice Chairperson. The Superintendent serves as an ex-officio member of the Board and acts as the Secretary-Treasurer.

## Mr. Fred Wilson

### Chairman District 4

478-929-0605  
[post4@hcbe.net](mailto:post4@hcbe.net)

Member since January  
1995

Term expires December 31, 2022

## Mrs. Helen Hughes

### Vice Chairman District 5

478-918-3961  
[post5@hcbe.net](mailto:post5@hcbe.net)

Member since June  
2009

Term expires December 31, 2024

## Dr. Rick Unruh

### District 1

478-923-3829  
[post1@hcbe.net](mailto:post1@hcbe.net)

Member since March 2013

Term expires December 31, 2024

## Mrs. Lori Johnson

### District 2

478-284-9547  
[post2@hcbe.net](mailto:post2@hcbe.net)

Member since September  
2015

Term expires December 31, 2022

## Mr. Dave Crockett

### District 3

478-987-4194  
[post3@hcbe.net](mailto:post3@hcbe.net)

Member since September  
2015

Term expires December 31, 2024

## Mr. Hoke Morrow

### District 6, At Large

478-988-4094  
[post6@hcbe.net](mailto:post6@hcbe.net)

Member since January  
2015

Term expires December 31, 2022

## Mr. Bryan Upshaw

### District 7, At Large

478-256-3284  
[post7@hcbe.net](mailto:post7@hcbe.net)

Member since August  
2014

Term expires December 31, 2024

## Dr. Mark Scott

### Superintendent of Schools Ex-Officio Board Member



Our Board  
members  
are  
dedicated to  
providing  
resources to

meet the needs of our  
students. In Houston  
County, we are fortunate to  
have THE BEST Board of  
Education that one could  
find anywhere across the  
nation.

"The Houston County Way"



### Our Values

- ★ Safety is our number one priority.
- ★ Students will graduate college and career ready.
- ★ All students will achieve academic success. All means all!

- ★ Ensure the academic and social-emotional growth of students through a Multi-Tiered System of Supports.
- ★ Support quality learning, by student, by standard.
- ★ Take collective responsibility for teaching, learning and professional development through professional learning communities.
- ★ Use evidence-based, high-leverage practices to meet the needs of all students.

Our mission is to produce high-achieving students. Our vision is that our district will be world class.