Regularly Scheduled Board Meeting
11/16/2026 - 05:00 PM
Dade County High School Auditorium
300 Tradition Lane, Trenton GA 30752

AGENDA

I. **Call to Order**
II. **Invocation**
III. **Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America**
IV. **Adoption of Agenda**
V. **Approval of Minutes**
VI. **Superintendent's Report**
    1. Character Strong Recognition for October 19th - November 13th GRATITUDE
    2. Chris Davis - Unified Literacy Plan Presentation
    3. Statement by Dade County Sheriff's Office
    4. Board Attorney, Cory Kirby to Address the Board
    5. Other Updates
VII. **Consent Agenda**
    1. Monthly Financials and General Fund Reports
    2. Deductive Change Order for Paving
    3. Water Leak Repair - DCHS Tradition Lane
VIII. **Public Input**
IX. **Approval of Consent Agenda**
X. **Personnel Report**
XI. **Adjourn**

Regulation BCBI-R(1): Public Participation in Board Meetings

Status: ADOPTED

Original Adopted Date: 07/04/2023 **| Last Reviewed Date:** 07/04/2023

Dade County Board of Education Meetings are meetings of the Board and the public is invited to attend.

Rules of Conduct and Public Participation Procedures
(These procedures are in accordance with Policy BCBI and provide the Rules of Conduct, in accordance with O.C.G.A. 20-2-58, for all Board meetings.)

All attendees shall remember that while the meetings are open to the public, the purpose of the meeting is to conduct business of the school system and members of the public are invited to participate only as allowed by Board policy and these procedures.

Individuals desiring to appear before the Board must first complete a sign-in sheet which shall be available at the beginning of each regularly scheduled (monthly) meeting. The Superintendent or designee will provide these forms to prospective speakers and be available to answer any questions regarding procedures. Any materials the speaker desires the Board to receive related to his/her remarks shall be given to the superintendent or designee at the time of sign-in for distribution to the Board. The speaker will be allowed five (5) minutes to address the board.

Only residents of the School District, representatives of businesses or organizations located in the District, parents or guardians of students attending the school of the District or school system employees may address the Board during public participation. No individual or group will be retaliated against, in any manner whatsoever, for speaking during public participation.

Speakers may offer their opinion and input regarding matters of school operations or policies. Public participation is not intended to address matters involving specific individual employees or students of the District. There exists other policies and procedures within the District and at each school for those purposes.

Items which are excluded from the Open Meetings Act (O.C.G.A.50-14-1 et.seq.) will not be discussed during this session. (This includes certain land or legal matters, individual student cases, and personnel items.)

Procedure for Addressing the Board

In addition to the above, the following rules shall be followed during citizen appearances before the Board:

1. Signs, flags, and banners are prohibited inside the Board meeting room.
2. Only residents of the School District, representatives of businesses or organizations located in the District, parents or guardians of students attending the schools of the District, or school system employees may address the Board during public participation.
3. Each member of the public participating in public comment will be given f**ive minutes** to speak. The speaker shall state their name and address. The Board or its Chair may limit the total time allocated for public participation as well as further limit the length of individual comments during public participation at its discretion for the purpose of the efficient operation of the business of the meeting.
4. If there are numerous requests to address the Board regarding the same issue, the Board may request that select representatives speak on the issue or limit the number of individuals speaking for or against specific issues.
5. The presentation should be as brief as possible yet include all necessary information by the speaker. Unless the Board Chairperson grants an extension of time. The Board requests any supporting materials be given to the Superintendent or Board Chair for them to distribute.
6. The use of physically threatening or hateful racial remarks and other comments conducted by the speaker(s) or members of the audience that results in a disruption of the meeting will not be allowed.
7. Issues involving individual employees or individual students and pending litigation are not subjects for public participation.
8. The public is urged to follow other resolution processes outlined in Board policy or available at individual schools, where those processes are clearly designed to address the issue to be raised. It should again be noted

that public participation is not designed for this purpose, and the Board will not take action based on public participation.

9. The Board may not respond to comments or questions posed by citizens during their presentation but may, instead, take these comments and questions under advisement for response at a later time unless a member of the Board chooses to ask questions. Speakers should remain at the podium while answering questions.

It is hoped that visitors who attend Board of Education meetings will feel that business has been dealt with efficiently and conscientiously. Also, visitor interest and input have been appreciated and encouraged. The education and welfare of students is the sole mission of the Dade County Board of Education.

By reading and acknowledging acceptance prior to speaking during public participation, speakers attest that they understand and will abide by these procedures. Those attending a meeting or speaking during public participation who violate these procedures in such a way as to cause a disruption of the meeting will be warned by the Chair. A continued violation may result in a speaker being asked to sit down. If any person attending a meeting refuses to follow these rules, further disrupting the meeting, they will be asked to leave and if they refuse, be escorted from the meeting room. Such serious or repeated violations of the rules of conduct may result in the individual being prohibited from speaking during a board meeting for an appropriate period of time. Any attendee violating the laws of the State while on District property or attending a meeting of the Board shall be subject to arrest by law enforcement.
