



Shelby County Schools

School Board Meeting

Thursday, July 23, 2026, 5:00 PM

Central Office, Auditorium, Columbiana

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Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 5:04 PM, by Mr. David Bobo, Board President. The following board members were in attendance: Mrs. Amber Polk, Vice President, Dr. Ji Ji Davis, Ms. Peg Hill, and Mr. Billy Holliday.

Mr. David Calhoun gave the Invocation, and Mr. John Gwin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Ms. Hill, seconded by Mr. Holliday, and unanimously approved the July 23, 2026, Board Meeting Agenda, as presented.

Public Comments –There were none.

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Mrs. Polk, seconded by Dr. Davis, and unanimously approved the July 9, 2026, Shelby County Schools Board Meeting Minutes, as presented.

Superintendent's Report — Dr. Lewis Brooks began his report by saying “Back To School” Admin Meetings had taken place over the last two days, and they were very exciting and productive! School and district leaders are geared up for the 2026-27 school year. Our exceptional division leaders presented in their respected areas of expertise to our principals and assistant principals in preparation of the upcoming opening our doors to welcome students back to class.

Dr. Brooks also mentioned all Shelby County Schools employees will gather at the University of Montevallo on August 11th for our District-Wide Institute Day, before students arrive on August 13th to begin the first semester. Superintendent Brooks said several of our school leaders were grateful to have attended the Visible Learning Conference recently in Nashville, TN, and he shared the new books that will be the focus of some of our professional development this year: Teacher Clarity, Visible Learning, and Consequential Leadership. Everyone is excited to focus on these instructional practices, and Dr. Brooks offered to get all board members a copy of Consequential Leadership for their own review. This concluded the Superintendent's Report.

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Mr. Holliday, seconded by Mrs. Polk, and unanimously approved the SY2026-27 Code of Conduct Revisions, as presented.

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, the board members ACKNOWLEDGED there were “NO BIDDERS” for CNP Bid #26-23, “CNP Supplemental Grocery”, as presented.

Chief School Financial Officer & Assistant Superintendent of Finance, Mr. John Gwin, introduced State Examiner Taylor Carter, who presented the FY2025 Audited Financial Statement. Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Mrs. Polk, seconded by Dr. Davis, and unanimously approved the FY2025 Audited Financial Statement, as presented.

Mr. Gwin then shared detailed information regarding this month's Financial Statement, Bank Reconciliation Statement, as well as the Local Revenue Statement.

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Mr. Holliday, seconded by Ms. Hill, and unanimously approved the Payroll & Monthly Expenditures for the Month of June, 2026, as presented.

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Ms. Hill, seconded by Dr. Davis, and unanimously approved the Personnel Actions, as presented. Dr. Lewis Brooks then recognized the following administrative and leadership appointments: Ms. Cardella Walker, Assistant Principal for Montevallo Middle School; Mrs. Natalie Landrum, Principal for Helena Elementary School; and Mrs. Kiesha LeRoux, Technology Supervisor. In addition, Mr. Gabe Robinett, Assistant Principal for Vincent Middle/High School, who was board approved at our July 9th board meeting and Mrs. Holly Laney, Student Services Supervisor, who was board approved at our June 25th board meeting, were also in attendance tonight. Each one came forward to greet the board and received well wishes from all!

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Mrs. Polk, seconded by Dr. Davis, and unanimously approved the TEAMS Contracts, Contingent on All Criteria and Legal Requirements Being Met, as presented.

Architect & Construction Report — Mrs. Barbara Snyder, Coordinator of Facilities & Maintenance, began her report with some pictures from Montevallo High School's gym and classroom addition. This site had a final inspection last Tuesday, with only a few things needing attention. There will be a "final, final" this coming Friday, but teachers were allowed to begin moving things into their new classroom space.

At Helena High School, there will be another meeting about matching the new brick color with the existing brick Friday morning, as every effort is being made to make the new addition appear to have always been a part of the original campus. Several pictures were shown of the work taking place there, including a beautiful circular window that goes perfectly with the architectural design of Helena High.

At Chelsea High, masonry work is happening, as well as some initial plumbing and AC groundwork. We have had so much rain this summer, it has hampered our progress, but we are looking to making up some time in the coming weeks.

At Elvin Hill, one of Mrs. Snyder's "non-negotiables" was having the existing car rider line back up and ready for business by the first day of school. Mrs. Snyder proudly shared a picture of the newly paved car rider line that will indeed be ready to receive students on August 13th!

Vincent Middle/High's construction site for 6 new classrooms and a storm shelter has also been a bit delayed by all of the rain, but everyone was happy to see the footings pad complete. The foundation and block work will be completed soon as well.

Finally, at Oak Mountain High, the soccer field's turf project is a muddy mess at the moment, with a projected completion date of September 1st. Mrs. Snyder said there is a planning meeting Tuesday morning to get back on path to completion. As soon as the turf is completed on the soccer field, the softball and baseball fields will follow. At Oak Mountain Elementary School, Indian Springs Village partnered with us to turf and landscape Phase 2 of the playground area. Before and after pics were shared as Mrs. Snyder concluded her report.

Mr. Bobo announced the next proposed meeting will take place at Central Office, in Columbiana, on August 6th at 5:00 PM. The meeting adjourned at 5:38 PM.

Mr. David Bobo, President

Dr. Lewis Brooks, Superintendent