



Shelby County Schools

School Board Meeting

Thursday, June 25, 2026, 5:00 PM

Central Office, Auditorium, Columbiana

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Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 5:03 PM, by Mr. David Bobo, Board President. The following board members were in attendance: Dr. Ji Ji Davis, Ms. Peg Hill, and Mr. Billy Holliday. Mrs. Amber Polk, Vice President, was absent.

Mr. Joel Dixon gave the Invocation, and Mr. John Gwin led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Mr. Holliday, seconded by Dr. Davis, and unanimously approved the June 25, 2026, Board Meeting Agenda as presented.

Public Comments –There were none.

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Dr. Davis, seconded by Mr. Holliday, and unanimously approved the June 11, 2026, Shelby County Schools Board Meeting Minutes as presented. Ms. Hill abstained from this vote, as she was absent from the June 11th board meeting.

Superintendent's Report – Dr. Brooks began his report by recognizing our Superintendent-elect, Mr. Andrew Gunn and welcoming him to Central Office. He said he would be joining the team during the next week or so and spending a lot of time with him during the next few months to ensure a smooth transition of leadership.

Next, Dr. Brooks welcomed Regions' Bank Vice President and Commercial Card Account Manager, Cedric Hunter, and Mr. John Gwin, our CSFO, to come forward as this year's annual virtual credit card rebate check was presented to the board. Mr. Hunter presented SCS with \$47,016.82, along with his appreciation for our business on behalf of Regions' Bank. This concluded the Superintendent's Report.

Instruction Report — Dr. Lynn Carroll came forward to comment on the erroneous al.com article that was recently published regarding our 3rd grade reading scores. She wanted to assure board members that 91.87% of our 3rd graders are reading sufficiently due to the great work our instructional leaders and teachers are doing every day. She also gave a brief overview of the cut scores before introducing Mrs. Jan Curtis, Director of Instruction. Mrs. Curtis shared some Professional Development opportunities being offered this summer.

This week, we had our *For Teachers By Teachers* Summer Conference, where 150 plus teachers attended 30 teacher-led sessions, focused on teacher clarity and visible learning. In addition, we will have 74 administrators and teachers attending the 2026 Annual Visible Learning Conference in Nashville on July 14 -16th. These are only two of the exciting learning opportunities offered our professionals this summer! This concluded the Instruction Report.

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Ms. Hill, seconded by Mr. Holliday, and unanimously approved the SY26-27 Fleet Insurance Renewal, as presented.

Upon recommendation of the Superintendent, a motion was made by Mr. Holliday, seconded by Ms. Hill, and unanimously approved the Personnel Actions, as presented. Dr. Lewis Brooks then recognized the following administrative and leadership appointments approved by the board: Mrs. Sadie Kinlecheenie, Assistant Principal for Calera Middle School; Mr. Ed Wright, Assistant Principal for Calera High School; Mrs. Kasey Hollington, Principal for Oak Mountain High School; Mrs. Shellie Little, Transportation Supervisor; and Mrs. Holly Laney, Student Services Supervisor. Each one came forward to greet the board, with the exception of Mrs. Laney who was out of town. She will attend a future board meeting and address the board at a later date. All received congratulations and well wishes from board members!

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

Architect & Construction Report — Mrs. Barbara Snyder began her report by thanking those who made it possible to hire the young men on the summer moving crew. She said they had worked so hard and proved to be an invaluable part of their team this summer! Her first slide was the beautiful new tile work in the restrooms at Montevallo High School. She also showed some hallways and floors that will need to be restripped and waxed, as the new construction is awaiting final inspection. The beautiful new gym expansion, with the freshly painted gym walls, new floor, ceiling and LED lighting received great praise! The ground work has also begun for the new gym addition.

At Helena High School, we have had a dilemma matching the new brick with the existing color. We are now trying the “stain process” to see what luck we might have. Slides were shown at Chelsea High, where the new gym has 3 walls up, and they are able to work on some of the interior spaces as well. We saw an aerial view of Elvin Hill’s construction site, as the rain has inhibited progress quite a bit lately.

Mrs. Snyder reported when working in some of older buildings, we sometimes run into unforeseen opportunities. Such was the case when we discovered a 10,000 gallon septic tank no one knew about at Vincent Middle/High while digging out the foundation for their new classrooms. Our civil engineers tell us this will have to be remedied to the tune of \$35,000. Our last stop on our tour was Oak Mountain High School, where demo work has begun for the new turf project on the soccer field. This concluded the Architect & Construction Report.

Mr. Bobo announced the next proposed meeting will take place at Central Office, in Columbiana, on July 9th at 5:00 PM. The meeting adjourned at 5:40 PM.