



Gadsden City Board of Education
February Special Called Meeting
02/20/2025 12:00 PM
Central Office Board Room

MEETING MINUTES

Attendees

Voting Members

Hon. Allen Millican, Board Chairman-District 7
Ms. Adrienne Reed, Board Member – District 1
Mrs. Rita Smith, Board Member – District 2
Mr. Mike Haney, Board Member – District 4

Absent Voting Members

Rev. Z. Andre' Huff, Board Member – District 3
Mr. Mark Dayton, Vice Chairman – District 5
Mrs. Nancy Stewart, Board Member – District 6

Non-Voting Members

Mr. Keith Blackwell, Superintendent
Mr. Ed Howard, Attorney
Mrs. Kelly Swafford, Superintendent Administrative Assistant

A. Call to Order, Opening Prayer, Pledge of Allegiance

1. Chairman Millican called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m. Mrs. Rita Smith led with prayer, followed by the pledge of allegiance to the flag. Chairman Millican declared a quorum was present.

B. Approval of Agenda

The meeting agenda was presented for approval.

Motion made by: Mr. Mike Haney

Motion seconded by: Mrs. Rita Smith

Voting:

Hon. Allen Millican – Yes

Ms. Adrienne Reed – Yes

Mrs Rita Smith – Yes

Mr. Mike Haney – Yes

C. Board Action

1. Approval of the Gadsden City Board of Education's resolution regarding mill ad valorem taxes

- a. Superintendent Blackwell discussed the Gadsden City Board of Education's resolution regarding mill ad valorem taxes, which will be voted on by the public on May 20, 2025. This tax is renewed every twenty years. Gadsden City Schools receives ten mills of collected property taxes. The resolution will be signed and submitted to support placing the renewal on the ballot in May. Superintendent Blackwell emphasized the importance of this tax, noting that it serves as an important funding source for Gadsden City Schools.

**RESOLUTION
of the
Gadsden City Board of Education**

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED, by the Gadsden City Board of Education, on this the 20th day of February, 2025, that the Gadsden City Board of Education officially and respectfully requests and petitions the Etowah County Commission to call a special election for the purpose of voting upon the extension and/or renewal of the Etowah County School District No. 35 six (6) mill ad valorem tax, and of the Etowah County School District No. 35 four (4) mill ad valorem tax.

W. Allen Millican, Chairman
Gadsden City Board of Education

I hereby certify that this resolution was duly adopted by the Gadsden City Board of Education at a public meeting held on the 20th day of February, 2025.

Keith Blackwell, Superintendent

2. Executive Session to discuss matters relating to the reputation, character, and professional competence of certain individuals.

The Superintendent recommended that the Board go into executive session to discuss matters relating to the reputation, character, and professional competence of certain individuals.

D. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 12:22 p.m. on motion by Mrs. Rita Smith

Secretary/Superintendent

Date