

# **SWD Track Renaming Committee Meeting**

## **Call to Order**

A virtual meeting of the Southwest DeKalb High School Track Renaming Committee was held on June 16, 2025, at 9:00 a.m.

## **Attendees**

- Mr. Marcus Kimber – Culture and Climate Coordinator
- Dr. Tiffany Hogan – Board Member, District Five
- Mr. Brandon Thompson – Principal
- Dr. Yvonne Isom – Assistant Principal
- Mrs. Damita Jackson – PAC Chair
- Mrs. Veselda Tasby – PAC Secretary
- Mr. Douglas Ward – Assistant Principal
- Mr. Larry J – Community Member

## **Action Items**

- Mrs. Damita Jackson – Prepare a brief draft power point presentation for the renaming proposal.
- Mrs. Damita Jackson & Mrs. Veselda Tasby – Coordinate with community stakeholders to gather feedback and finalize presentation materials.

## **Meeting Overview**

The committee convened to review and discuss the proposal to rename the Southwest DeKalb High School track and field in honor of Coach Cobb. Attendees provided additional feedback, shared community perspectives, and confirmed next steps. Key topics included the impact of the renaming, estimated costs, and the final preparation required for board submission.

## **Discussion**

Mr. Kimber began the meeting with a review of the minutes from the meeting held on May 20, 2025.

Dr. Hogan restated the reason for the third meeting. She stressed the importance of board policy. The goal of the meeting was to initiate the process to secure DCSD Board

approval to rename the track at Southwest DeKalb High School. Dr. Hogan opened the meeting to allow an opportunity for committee members to provide support for or against the renaming of the SWD track.

**Mrs. Damita Jackson:** Mrs. Jackson shared that Coach Napoleon Cobb is well-known and recognized around the nation. She provided numerous reasons why Coach Cobb deserved to have the track renamed in his honor. She suggested we should consider placing a score board on the field to honor his name.

**Mrs. Veselda Tasby:** Mrs. Tasby shared feedback she received from the community on why the track should be renamed in Coach Cobb's honor. Based on community feedback, she proposed we should consider renaming the track and a future score board in his honor.

**Dr. Tiffany Hogan:** Dr. Hogan raised the question, "Should we consider renaming the track and score board?"

**Mr. Marcus Kimber:** Mr. Kimber brought up cost and maintenance of the score board as a potential concern.

A discussion was held amongst committee members to consider the pros and cons of renaming track. Everyone was offered the opportunity to speak.

**Dr. Tiffany Hogan:** Dr. Hogan inquired about the cost of refreshing the track to add proper branding.

**Mr. Marcus Kimber:** Mr. Kimber inquired about the current and future cost of renaming the track and possible score board, as well as the cost associated with maintenance to ensure high-quality, care and visibility.

After discussion, Dr. Hogan made the motion to have a formal vote if the track should be renamed in honor of Coach Napoleon Cobb. Everyone was asked to give a verbal vote for their pleasure. A summary of the vote follows below:

### **Voting Results**

A motion was presented and seconded to approve the renaming proposal. The following members voted "Yes":

- Mr. Marcus Kimber
- Dr. Tiffany Hogan
- Mr. Brandon Thompson
- Dr. Yvonne Isom

- Mrs. Damita Jackson

- Mr. Douglas Ward

- Mrs. Veselda Tasby

**The motion carried with a unanimous majority vote.**

### **Next Steps**

The committee agreed to finalize the formal renaming proposal and presentation and submit it for inclusion on the August board agenda.

Dr. Hogan stated that a follow-up virtual meeting will be scheduled to prepare for the dedication ceremony following board approval.

Dr. Hogan stated that she will work with Dr. Glanton and Mr. Kimber to get this item on the August agenda

Dr. Hogan advised that all committee members must be present at the DCSD Board meeting in support of this agenda item.

The meeting was adjourned by Mr. Kimber