CHEROKEE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Thursday, March 21, 2019

MINUTES OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING
7:00 p.m.

The Cherokee County Board of Education called its regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 21, 2019 in the School Board Auditorium at the Dr. Frank R. Petruzielo Educational Services Facility, 1205 Bluffs Parkway, Canton, Georgia. Present were: School Board Chair Kyla Cromer; Vice-Chair Kelly Poole; Members Mike Chapman, John Harmon, Patsy Jordan, Clark Menard and Robert Rechsteiner; Superintendent Dr. Brian V. Hightower; and, Attorney Tom Roach.

Call to Order

The call to order by Kyla Cromer was followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, led by Sequoyah High School students Christian Small and Carson Throne.

A brief inspirational story and video was shared by Clark Menard.

Approval of Agenda

On a motion by Mike Chapman seconded by Patsy Jordan and carried, the Board unanimously adopted the Superintendent's recommended agenda *(7-0 vote)*.

Minutes for Approval

On a motion by Clark Menard seconded by Kelly Poole and carried, the Board approved the minutes from the February 14, 2019 School Board Meeting *(7-0 vote)*.

Consent Agenda

Following identification of those agenda items, Board Members and members of the public indicated they would like considered separately, a motion was made by Kelly Poole seconded by Mike Chapman and carried, to approve the Consent Agenda, for the remaining items - identified by asterisks *(7-0 vote)*.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No members of the public signed up to address the School Board.

A. RESOLUTIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PARTNERSHIPS

A-1. School Board Recognition of School Board Members During School Board Member Appreciation Week

(Recognized)

A-2. School Board Recognition of Four Woodstock High School Seniors as Economics State Champions in the Georgia Council of Economic Education's Georgia Personal Finance Challenge

(Recognized)

A-3. School Board Recognition of CCSD Students Selected for All-State Band, Chorus, Orchestra, Reading Chorus, Treble Choir and Jazz Ensemble

(Recognized)

A-4. School Board Recognition of CCSD Overall Winners of 2019 Support Staff Employee of the Year Awards

(Recognized)

A-5. School Board Recognition of Cherokee County School District 2019 Media Specialist of the Year: Anne Thiers of Creekview High School

(Recognized)

A-6. School Board Recognition of the Girls and Boys Middle School Basketball County Champions

(Recognized)

A-7. School Board Recognition of Georgia High School Association County Champions

(Recognized)

A-8. School Board Recognition of Georgia High School Association State and Regional Champions

(Recognized)

A-9. School Board Recognition of Cherokee High School and Sequoyah High School Speech and Debate Teams as 2019 National Speech and Debate Tournament Qualifiers

(Recognized)

A-10. School Board Recognition of the Cherokee County School District Police Department in Celebration of 20 Years of Exemplary Service

(Recognized)

B. SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS/STUDENT ADVISOR TO THE SCHOOL BOARD

B-1. School Board Approval of Application for Georgia School Boards Association (GSBA) Governance Team Recognition -- Distinguished Board Level II

(Approved)

Motion was made by Clark Menard, seconded by John Harmon and carried to Approve the Application for Georgia School Boards Association (GSBA) Governance Team Recognition -- Distinguished Board Level II *(7-0 vote)*.

B-2. School Board Approval of Delegate and Alternate for 2019 Georgia School Boards Association (GSBA) Delegate Assembly

(Approved)

Nomination was made by Patsy Jordan to appoint Robert Rechsteiner as Delegate and Kelly Poole as Alternate for 2019 Georgia School Boards Association (GSBA) Delegate Assembly. No other nominations were proposed.

Motion was made by Clark Menard, seconded by Patsy Jordan and carried to Name Robert Rechsteiner as Delegate and Kelly Poole as Alternate for 2019 Georgia School Boards Association (GSBA) Delegate Assembly *(7-0 vote)*.

School Board Member Comments:

- School Board Members will review the GSBA 2019 Legislative Positions adopted by the Delegate Assembly and submit any suggested changes by April 9, 2019
- Recognized Sequoyah HS and Creekview HS for recent musical theater performances
- Shared this week's School Board luncheon experience at Sequoyah HS and commended the school on its recent work in its Advanced Placement program
- Discussed the possibility of GSBA providing onsite School Board training and/or regional summits for Cherokee and surrounding school districts
- Comments on other states' effort to curtail vaping in schools

C. SCHOOL BOARD POLICIES

D. FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

***D-1. School Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation for Approval of February 2019 Financial Report and Sales Tax Update**

(Approved)

E. CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

***E-1. School Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation for Approval of Out of State Travel**

(Approved)

***E-2. School Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation for Approval of Out of State Travel and Overnight Field Trips**

(Approved)

F. SUPPORT SERVICES

***F-1. School Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation for Approval of Update on Capital Outlay Projects**

(Approved)

***F-2. School Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation for Approval of Special Lease Agreements**

(Approved)

G. HUMAN RESOURCES

***G-1. School Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation for Approval of Recommendations, Resignations, Terminations of Employment and Transfers for Certified and Classified Personnel**

(Approved)

H. SCHOOL BOARD ATTORNEY

***H-1. School Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation to Approve the Termination of a Declaration of Easements on the Property Containing the Dr. Frank R. Petruzielo Educational Services Facility**

(Approved)

I. SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Informational Items

- 2019 CCSD High School Graduation Ceremonies
- Inclement Weather Make-Up Day
- Annual Report of District Progress
- School Board Meetings, 2019-20

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Kelly Poole, seconded by Patsy Jordan and carried to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss two Student Discipline Matters (O.C.G.A. Section 20-2-757) at 8:13 p.m. *(7-0 vote).*

Motion was made by Kelly Poole, seconded by Clark Menard and carried to return to Open Session at 8:30 p.m. *(7-0 vote).*

Motion was made by Clark Menard, seconded by John Harmon and carried to Uphold the Findings and Disposition of the Discipline Tribunal panel for Tribunal #19-106741, *(7-0 vote*).

Motion was made by Mike Chapman, seconded by Robert Rechsteiner and carried to Modify select items within the Tribunal Panel Findings and to Uphold the Disposition of the Discipline Tribunal panel for Tribunal #19-144326, *(7-0 vote*).

The School Board adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

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School Board Chair Secretary

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AFFIDAVIT

The undersigned members of the Cherokee County Board of Education, under oath, certify that an Executive Session of the Board of Education was duly called and approved by majority vote in open session in accordance with O.C.G.A. §50-14-4 on March 21, 2019. The only matter(s) considered or discussed during the closed executive session of its meeting is/are as checked below:

X To review an appeal from a Student Disciplinary Tribunal [Hearing Officer, Panel]; (O.C.G.A. Section 20-2-757)

_____ To consider a matter involving the disclosure of personally identifiable information from a student's educational records; (20 U.S.C. Section 1232g.)

_____ To discuss the future acquisition of real estate; (O.C.G.A. Section 50-14-3 (4))

_____ To discuss or deliberate upon appointment, employment, compensation, hiring, disciplinary action or dismissal, or periodic evaluation or rating of a public officer or employee; (O.C.G.A. Section 50-14-3 (6))

_____ To consult and meet with legal counsel pertaining to pending or potential litigation, settlement, claims, administrative proceedings, or other judicial actions brought or to be brought by or against the school district or an officer or employee or in which the officer or employee may be directly involved; (O.C.G.A. Section 50-14-2).

The members of the Board Of Education present for the executive session further certify and acknowledge that all discussions and proceeding conducted in executive session shall remain strictly confidential.

This 21 day of March, 2019.

Renee Coleman

Sworn to and subscribed before
me on the above indicated date:

Notary Public
My Commission Expires: December 6, 2021

RENEE COLEMAN NOTARY PUBLIC CHEROKEE COUNTY, GEORGIA MY COMMISSION EXPIRES DECEMBER 06, 2021

Kyla Cromer

Kelly Poole