CHEROKEE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Thursday, December 12, 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, December 12, 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 Patsy Jordan, and Robert Rechsteiner; Superintendent Dr. Brian V. Hightower; and, Attorney Linwood Gunn. School Board Members Mike Chapman, John Harmon and Clark Menard were not in attendance.

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 preschool student Ridge Simpson.

A brief inspirational story was shared by Kelly Poole.

Approval of Agenda

On a motion by Kelly Poole seconded by Patsy Jordan and carried, the Board unanimously adopted the Superintendent's recommended agenda (*4-0 vote).*

Minutes for Approval

On a motion by Patsy Jordan seconded by Robert Rechsteiner and carried, the Board approved the minutes from the November 21, 2019 School Board Meeting *(4-0 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 Patsy Jordan seconded by Robert Rechsteiner and carried, to approve the Consent Agenda, for the remaining items - identified by asterisks (*4-0 vote).*

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Two members of the public signed up to address the School Board.

A. RESOLUTIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PARTNERSHIPS

A-1. School Board Recognition of Creekview High School Sophomore Callahan Pace for Being Selected to Serve on Georgia School Board Association Youth Advisory Council

(Recognized)

A-2. School Board Recognition of 2019-20 Reinhardt University/CCSD Mathematics Tournament Winners

(Recognized)

A-3. School Board Recognition of Clark Creek Elementary School STEM Academy for Being Named a Georgia Title I Distinguished School

(Recognized)

A-4. School Board Recognition of Georgia High School Association State and Regional Champions

(Recognized)

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

B-1. School Board Adoption of Georgia Education Coalition (GEC) 2020 Legislative Priorities

(Approved)

Motion was made by Patsy Jordan, seconded by Kelly Poole and carried to discuss, then adopt the Georgia Education Coalition (GEC) 2020 Legislative Priorities *(4-0 vote).*

School Board Member Comments:

- As noted in their Legislative Priorities, the School Board opposes School Vouchers

C. SCHOOL BOARD POLICIES

D. FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

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

(Approved)

***D-2. School Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation for Approval of Financial Consultants to Prepare, Price and Tentatively Market the Sale of General Obligation Bonds for Voter-Approved Special Purpose Local Option Sales Tax for Education (Ed SPLOST) Projects**

(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 and Overnight Field Trips**

(Approved)

F. SUPPORT SERVICES

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

(Approved)

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

(Approved)

F-3. School Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation for Approval of Proposals for the New Construction of the Creekview HS Agri-Science Lab

(Approved)

Motion was made by Kelly Poole, seconded by Patsy Jordan and carried to adopt a resolution to award CBI General Contractors, Inc. the construction contract for the Creekview HS Agri-Science Lab *(4-0 vote)*.

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

I. SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Informational Items:

- CCSD participation in Leading Ed Solutions Webinar
- School Nutrition received four donation checks totaling over $2500 that paid off lunch charges owed
- In partnership with MUST Ministries, CCSD opened a 2nd food pantry at Oak Grove ES; 3rd food pantry will open at Cherokee HS in January.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Patsy Jordan, seconded by Robert Rechsteiner and carried to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss two Real Estate Matters *(O.C.G.A. Section 50-14-3 (4))* at 7:53 p.m. *(4-0 vote).*

Motion was made by Kelly Poole, seconded by Robert Rechsteiner and carried to exit Executive Session at 8:16 p.m. *(4-0 vote).*

Motion was made by Kelly Poole, seconded by Patsy Jordan and carried to return to open session at 8:19 p.m. *(4-0 vote).*

Motion was made by Patsy Jordan, seconded by Robert Rechsteiner and carried to authorize the Superintendent to enter into a real estate contract on property, denoted as 19-A, at an undisclosed location and amount *(4-0 vote).*

The School Board adjourned at 8:21 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 DEC. 12, 2019. The only matter(s) considered or discussed during the closed executive session of its meeting is/are as checked below:

_____ 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 12th day of December, 2019.

Renee Coleman

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

Notary Public
My Commission Expires: Dec 6, 2021

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

Kyla Comer

Kelly Poole

Jordan