CHEROKEE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Thursday, January 16, 2020

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, January 16, 2020 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 Creekview High School student Caroline Richardson.

A brief inspirational story was shared by Clark Menard.

Organizational Meeting

School Board Attorney Tom Roach presided over a brief organizational meeting for the selection of the 2020 School Board Vice-Chair. Kelly Poole was selected as School Board Vice-Chair.

Approval of Agenda

On a motion by Kelly Poole seconded by John Harmon and carried, the Board unanimously adopted the Superintendent's recommended agenda (*7-0 vote).*

Minutes for Approval

On a motion by Patsy Jordan seconded by Clark Menard and carried, the Board approved the minutes from the December 12, 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 Mike Chapman seconded by Robert Rechsteiner 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 Johnston Elementary School Kindergarten Teacher Olivia Ruggirello as Extraordinary Educators Honoree

(Recognized)

A-2. School Board Recognition of Four Cherokee County School District Schools Honored by the Governor for Academic Success and Progress

(Recognized)

A-3. School Board Recognition of Georgia High School Association State and Regional Champions

(Recognized)

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

School Board Member Comments:

- Recently, GSBA awarded CCSD's VILLA Program the inaugural Leading Edge Award for Community Engagement
- School Board Member Mike Chapman recognized for 15 years of service to CCSD Students
- CCSD Spelling Bee Winners Recognized
- CCEF Reminders:
  - Gala is March 7th at 6:30 p.m. (NH-Cherokee Conference Center)
  - Alumni of the Year Award
- Governor's Budget proposes $2,000 for teacher raises and possible changes to Dual Enrollment Program

C. SCHOOL BOARD POLICIES

D. FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

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

(Approved)

D-2. School Board Approval of the Bond Resolution and Bond Purchase Agreement Relative to Series 2020 General Obligation Bonds (GO Bonds)

(Approved)

Motion was made by Clark Menard, seconded by Kelly Poole and carried to approve the Bond Resolution and Bond Purchase Agreement Relative to Series 2020 General Obligation Bonds (GO Bonds) *(7-0 vote)*.

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)

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 with Staff Presentations:

- Gifted Student Identification
- Middle School Programming

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Mike Chapman, seconded by Patsy Jordan and carried to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss a Student Discipline Matter *(O.C.G.A. Section 20-2-757)* at 8:42 p.m. *(7-0 vote)*.

Motion was made by Clark Menard, seconded by Kelly Poole and carried to exit Executive Session and return to Open Session at 8:53 p.m. *(7-0 vote)*.

Motion was made by Clark Menard, seconded by Mike Chapman and carried to Uphold the findings and Disposition of the Discipline Tribunal Panel for Tribunal #19-169810), *(7-0 vote)*.

The School Board adjourned at 8:53 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 January 16, 2020. 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 16 day of January, 2020.

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

Kelly Poole

Kyle Cromer

Brad Clayton

Tim Mann

Betty Jordan