CHEROKEE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Thursday, April 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, April 16, 2020 in the Dr. Frank R. Petruzielo Educational Services Facility, 1205 Bluffs Parkway, Canton, Georgia. The meeting was conducted online/virtually and available to the public via live Internet streaming. 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 School Board Member Robert Rechsteiner.

A brief inspirational story was shared by Mike Chapman.

Approval of Agenda

Motion was made by Patsy Jordan, seconded by Mike Chapman and carried, to suspend the public participation segment of the agenda, as described in School Board Policy BCBI, for this and future meetings conducted online. (*7-0 vote*).

On a motion by Kelly Poole seconded by Patsy Jordan and carried, the Board unanimously adopted the Superintendent's amended 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 March 19, 2020 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 Kelly Poole 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 Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation to Approve Renewal of Partnership Agreement with The Children's Haven**

(Approved)

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

***B-1. School Board Adoption of Cancellation of Field Trips Resolution**

(Approved)

School Board Member Comments:

- School Board Members stated that they appreciated the determination exhibited by teachers, parents and students to make digital learning a success, and remarked that past Education SPLOST funds allocated to Technology have greatly benefitted our Digital Learning program.
- Superintendent and staff were also thanked for their part in helping to make digital learning successful and for keeping the School Board Members up to date through frequent and timely communications.
- Graduation plans were discussed.

C. SCHOOL BOARD POLICIES

D. FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

***D-1. School Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation for Approval of March 2020 Financial Report and Sales Tax Update**

(Approved)

E. CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

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

I-1. School Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation for Authorization to Extend Continuance of Regular Compensation for Eligible Employees During the COVID-19 Closure

(Approved)

Motion was made by Kelly Poole, seconded by John Harmon and carried to Approve the Superintendent's Recommendation for Authorization to Extend Continuance of Regular Compensation for Eligible Employees During the COVID-19 Closure *(7-0 vote).*

I-2. School Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation for Approval of Modified 2019-20 School Year Calendar

(Approved)

Motion was made by Clark Menard, seconded by Patsy Jordan and carried to Approve the Superintendent's Recommendation for the Modified 2019-20 School Year Calendar *(7-0 vote)*.

Informational Items:

- GaDOE Cross-Functional Monitoring: Results were very positive and indicate that Federal funds received are being used to supplement the needs of our most challenged students.
- CCSD Annual Report of Progress
- Budget Revenue Update/Stimulus Monies (CARES Act)
- COVID-19 Update (Status of School Calendar; Status of State Budgeting; Update on Federal and State Actions; CCSD Operational Plans and Next Steps)
- CCSD Feeding Program Update
- Summer Projects (Facility/Bus/Technology Maintenance and Cleaning)
- Additional Notes: Plans are in development for Summer School, Extended School Year, Kindergarten/Summer Registration and Graduation Ceremonies; Update on Creekview HS Agri-Science Building
- Two construction contracts are likely to be on the May School Board meeting agenda

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Kelly Poole, seconded by Clark Menard and carried to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss a Student Discipline Matter *(O.C.G.A. Section 20-2-757)* and a Real Estate Matter *(O.C.G.A. Section 50-14-3 (4))* at 8:22 p.m. (*7-0 vote)*.

Upon return to open session, motion was made by Patsy Jordan, seconded by Clark Menard and carried to Uphold the findings and Disposition of the Discipline Tribunal Panel for Tribunal #19-117442 *(7-0 vote)*.

The School Board adjourned at 8:40 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 April 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 16th day of April, 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

Kayla Cromer

Patsy Jordan

Kelley Poore