CHEROKEE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Thursday, June 18, 2020

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

The Cherokee County Board of Education called its regular meeting to order at 7:02 p.m. on Thursday, June 18, 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 Darrell Caudill.

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 Kelly Poole.

A brief inspiration was shared by Clark Menard.

Approval of Agenda

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

Minutes for Approval

On a motion by John Harmon seconded by Clark Menard and carried, the Board approved the minutes from the May 21, 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 Patsy Jordan and carried, to approve the Consent Agenda, for the remaining items - identified by asterisks *(7-0 vote).*

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Suspended for this online School Board meeting

A. RESOLUTIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PARTNERSHIPS

***A-1. School Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation to Approve the Renewal of the Partnership Agreement with Cherokee Child Advocacy Council, Inc.**

(Approved)

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

School Board Member Comments:

- Recognized the Superintendent and staff for their hard work developing a draft budget that includes the possibility of no furlough days, maintains a 180 instructional-day calendar and keeps CCSD students first
- Noted the alignment of the draft budget with School Board Member priorities
- Supported the hard work and dedication of the CCSD Police Department
- Appreciated the continued presence of Social and Emotional Learning (SEL) initiatives in the draft budget
- Recognized CCSD staff on the success of its Digital Learning program this past Spring
- Reminder to communicate any additional Policy changes for further consideration prior to the July School Board meeting

C. SCHOOL BOARD POLICIES

***C-1. School Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation for Approval of Substantive Modifications to School Board Policies (43) and Rescinded School Board Policies (9) - - on First Reading**

(Approved)

***C-2. School Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation for Approval of Technical Modifications to School Board Policies (42) - - on First Reading**

(Approved)

D. FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

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

(Approved)

E. CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION

***E-1. School Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation for Approval of Local Plan for Improvement of Career, Technical and Agricultural Education/One-Year Funding Application for FY2021**

(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 the 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

I. SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

*I-1. School Board Tabling of Superintendent's Recommended FY2021 Tentative Budget and Approval of Spending Resolution for July 2020

(Approved)

Informational Items:

- Shared Reopening of Schools Advisory Committee Update:
    - Emphasized the purpose of the Reopening of Schools Advisory committee which is to provide feedback on reopening needs
    - Summarized the ability for parents to provide their preferences for reopening, and the committee to provide feedback throughout the process
    - Shared the following about reopening of school planning:
        - parent comments both pro and con
        - CCSD's concerns, priorities and areas of responsibility
        - student/employee safety guidance received from the CDC and GA Dept of Education
        - GA Dept of Education guidance for instructional delivery models including a traditional model, A/B day (hybrid) or all virtual
    - Shared how the Office of Human Resources is tasked with maintaining a safe work environment for employees
    - Shared how CCSD staff is making additional modifications for employees who interact with the public
    - Shared steps to reopen beginning with GHSA's "Return to Play" for athletes, followed by CCSD's "Return to Work" for employees (in phases) and completed by CCSD's "Reopening of Schools" for students
- Thanked our School Board Members for their kind words regarding our teachers and stated how proud CCSD is of the job our teachers did during digital learning days
- Reminded Board Members about upcoming budget hearings in July
- Reminded Board Members that the General Assembly session will likely conclude next week, thus Final budget news coming soon
- Shared that the Leadership Symposium (virtual) planned for summer will include topics such as SEL, COVID-19 and digital learning

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Kelly Poole seconded by Robert Rechsteiner and carried to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss a Personnel Matter (O.C.G.A. Section 50-14-3 (6)) at 7:38 p.m. (*7-0 vote).*

The School Board did not return to Open Session.

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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 Thursday, June 18, 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 18th day of June, 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

Kyle Cromer
Kelly Poole
Debby Jordan