CHEROKEE COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT

Thursday, October 15, 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, October 15, 2020 in the Dr. Frank R. Petruzielo Educational Services Facility, 1205 Bluffs Parkway, Canton, Georgia. The meeting was conducted in person 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 Chair Kyla Cromer.

A brief inspirational story was shared by Patsy Jordan.

Approval of Agenda

On a motion by Kelly Poole seconded by Mike Chapman 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 Patsy Jordan and carried, the Board approved the minutes from the September 17, 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 Patsy Jordan seconded by Mike Chapman and carried, to approve the Consent Agenda, for the remaining items - identified by asterisks *(7-0 vote).*

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

One member of the public signed up to address the School Board.

A. RESOLUTIONS/RECOGNITIONS/PARTNERSHIPS

A-1. School Board Recognition of Cherokee County School District's 2020 Support Staff Employee of the Year Honorees

(Recognized)

A-2. School Board Recognition of Cherokee County School District's 2020 Partner of the Year Honorees

(Recognized)

***A-3. School Board Approval of Proclamation in Honor of Retired Educators Day**

(Approved)

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

School Board Member Comments:

- Remarked on the recent ribbon cutting at Mountain Ed Charter HS and shared that students now have an additional school choice as well as another avenue to graduate.
- Thankful for the continuation of the free lunch program for students and shared how some parents have offered to help in this regard.
- Commented about the recent School Board Luncheon at L.R. Tippens and recognized several of the staff (cafeteria manager, bus driver, bookkeeper and principal) for their readiness to meet the needs of these students.
- Reminded Board members that the Georgia School Boards Association will meet virtually on December 3 and 4. Training will be available on December 2.

C. SCHOOL BOARD POLICIES

***C-1. School Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation for Approval of Modification to School Board Policy JCAC regarding Harassment and Consideration of New School Board Policy JCAC II regarding Sexual Harassment under Title IX -- on First Reading**

(Approved)

D. FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

***D-1. School Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation for Approval of September 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)

***F-2. School Board Consideration of Superintendent's Recommendation for Approval to Release Easements for Abandoned Sewer Outfall Line at Free Home ES**

(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

ADJOURNMENT

Motion was made by Kelly Poole seconded by John Harmon and carried to adjourn to Executive Session to discuss a Student Discipline Matter *(O.C.G.A. Section 20-2-757)*, a Personnel Matter and a Real Estate Matter *(O.C.G.A. Section 50-14-3 (4))* at 7:33 p.m. *(7-0 vote).*

Upon return to open session, motion was made by Kelly Poole, seconded by Mike Chapman and carried to Uphold the findings and Disposition of the Discipline Tribunal Panel for Tribunal #20-185044 *(7-0 vote).*

The School Board adjourned at 8:19 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 October 15, 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 15th day of October, 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

Tyler Cooper

Tasha Jordan